



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
22 August 2021**

Hearing Aid Loop is installed in both church centres, St Matthew's only middle 2 sections turn your hearing aid to the T switch

Online Masses, reflections and resources (during lockdown):

South Belconnen Parish Mass: Saturday Vigil 6pm 21/8/21. This is limited to 100 people only. Please do not share before 7pm on 21/8/21.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85892428560?pwd=cTZLUHd5OFo2bIEISUw5ZWxTRGF BZz09>

Meeting ID: 858 9242 8560
Passcode: 051017

Other Online Mass Options:

Mon-Fri 12.15pm & Sunday 11am: <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

Mass for you at Home <https://massforyou.com.au/>

Mass On Demand <https://www.youtube.com/user/cathnews>

Fr Simon Falk's Tour of Pray as You Go

<https://bit.ly/3gaJLyb>
Passcode: ##5qxQsH

Rosary

Every Wednesday & Friday at 4pm via Zoom

<https://bit.ly/3k3bXnB>

**Meeting ID: 850 2245 8332
Passcode: 543675**

This Week:

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Eph 5:21-32

Jn 6:60-69

Entrance Antiphon: *(as ministers gather in courtyard—not said if hymn is sung)*

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

W. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.

The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

M. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth.

The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. **R.**

W. They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**

M. Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him.

He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**

W. Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed.

The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

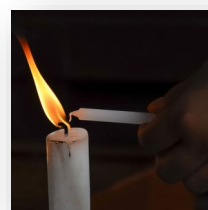
Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: *(not said if hymn is sung)*

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.



Next Week: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8 James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick:

Caroline Aldridge, Michelle Aldridge, Thirvinder Anand, Martin Baker, David Baker, Lisa Baulman, Sue Bartlett, Nancy Biviano, Fr Laurie Blake, Ian Brown, Mary Bryan, George Bulbrook, Vince Burns, Di Carter, John Clerk, Mary Coman, Matthew Darwin, Elizabeth Davis, Jeanette Demetriou, Peter Donnan, June Donnelly, Frances Dyball, Joachim Exell, Ivka Ferinas, Grace Fluitsma, Amy Fogarty, Mick Hay, Wilf Hedley, Christine Hermely, Lorraine Higgins, Max Holmes, Paul Idilton, Graham Jackson, Bert Jacob, Cath Jane Keen, Judith Mahony, Michael Mathias, Jill McDonald, Tanya Mihajlovic, Monica Molloy, Peter Naughton, Cedric Netto, Me con Nguyen Thi No, Noel Noonan, Rita Notte, Geraldine O'Brien, Barry O'Leary, Louise Powell, Kathleen Preece, Dana Riminic, Peter Robbins, Paul Shanahan, John Shiels, Peter Stewart, Nicole Tavares, Richard Toombs, Lina Varmiento, Max Walsh, Jenny Webster, Mariette William, Angela Williams, Berenice Wright and Robert Wrightson. All the sick and suffering.

We pray for the deceased:

Recently: Palma D'Ambrosio, Terry Connolly, Bill Coppard, Carrie McLaughlin, Mary Cleary, Ambrosio Sedillo, Teresa Staltari.

Anniversaries: Maria Dang.

Parish News

St Monica, 27 August and St Augustine, 28 August

The circumstances of St. Monica's life could have made her a nagging wife, a bitter daughter-in-law, and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way to any of these temptations. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who lived in her hometown of Tagaste in North Africa. Patricius had a violent temper and was licentious. Monica also had to bear with a cantankerous mother-in-law who lived in her home. Patricius criticised his wife because of her charity and piety, but always respected her. Monica's prayers and example finally won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Her husband died in 371, one year after his baptism.

Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The oldest, Augustine, is the most famous. At the time of his father's death, Augustine was 17, had left the Church and spent a great deal of his time seriously seeking the truth, first in the Manichean heresy and then Neoplatonism. For a while, Monica refused to let her son eat or sleep in her house. Then one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. From that time on, she stayed close to her son, praying and fasting for him.

When he was 29, Augustine decided to go to Rome to teach rhetoric. Monica was determined to go along. One night he set sail for Rome and when Monica realised this, she followed him to Rome only to find that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan.

Through the prayers of his mother and the teaching of St Ambrose of Milan, Augustine was converted back to Christianity and baptised in 387, shortly before his mother's death. Augustine had a brilliant legal and academic career, but after his conversion he returned home to Africa and led an ascetic life. He was elected Bishop of Hippo and spent 34 years looking after his flock, teaching them, strengthening them in the faith and protecting them strenuously against the errors of the time. He wrote an enormous amount and left a permanent mark on both philosophy and theology. His *Confessions*, as dazzling in style as they are deep in content, are a landmark of world literature.

St Augustine was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Boniface VIII in 1308. (*Liturgy Committee*)

Australia Prays - National Day of Prayer & Fasting in this time of Pandemic Sunday 22 August 2021 'Lord Have Mercy'

This **Sunday 22 August 2021 from 9AM – 9PM**, the National Day of Prayer & Fasting team will host a **Zoom Prayer call** featuring Church leaders and Indigenous Christian Leaders. Come for a short while or come for a long while. Let us join in prayer for our nation. Register for zoom link at nationaldayofprayer.org.au/lordhavemercy.

Men's Group – Thursday 26 AUG 21 - IS CANCELLED.

Sadly, the celebration of the **Sacrament of First Reconciliation** will need to be delayed until after lock down and any following time where there are strong restrictions on gatherings of people. More information when we know.

Parish Financial Report for July 2021

| | Actual 7 mth to 31/07/2021 \$ | Planned 7 mth to 31/07/2021 \$ | Variance against Plan \$ | |
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| Direct Giving | 102,257 | 106,500 | -4243 | under budget |

(Planned Giving and 2nd collection for administration of the Parish)

Parish Income & Expenditure Statement

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|-------------------|---------|---------|--------|--------------|
| Income * | 117,514 | 120,490 | -2,976 | under budget |
| Expenditure | 106,374 | 110,962 | 4,588 | under budget |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | 11,140 | 9,528 | 1,612 | |

* Income = Direct Giving and other income

Your ongoing financial support of the Parish and Clergy is required and greatly appreciated. Details on how to contribute to the first and second collections can be found at <https://bit.ly/3qmQatE>. **In particular, the first collection (for clergy) has been impacted significantly by COVID-19.**

The Parish Office is Closed. The best way to contact the parish office, Frs Simon and Thomas is by email belconnensouth@cg.org.au. Thank you.

You can help rescue a child from homelessness and help end the pain of poverty by donating to the **Vinnies Winter Appeal**. Envelopes have been put in the foyer of both churches and donations can be left at the collection point at the back of the church. Alternatively you can give by calling 13 18 12 or by visiting vinnies.org.au; Thank you.



Catholic Archdiocese of
Canberra & Goulburn

Archdiocesan Protocols

COVID-19

Effective

Thursday 5pm 12 August 2021 to Thursday 5pm 2 September 2021

ACT Parishes Only

1. Parish Offices are **closed**.
2. Churches and chapels are **closed**.
3. Public Masses and other Public Liturgies are **not** to be celebrated. However:
Funerals (10 people only, not including ministers) are permitted.
Weddings (5 people only, couple, minister, two witnesses) are permitted.
4. Holy Communion **can** be taken to the sick.
5. Anointing of the Sick **can** be celebrated.
6. Visitation to hospitals by priests should be minimal (rely on designated hospital chaplains where possible).
7. Face Masks are **mandatory**.

Live Stream Mass St. Christopher's Cathedral

Monday – Saturday 12.15pm

Sunday 11am

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

Vicar General

Father Anthony Percy

12 August 2021

**Why Bother Praying in a Pandemic?
Online Retreat with Fr Richard Leonard SJ**

Fr Richard Leonard is a Jesuit Priest and author of numerous books on spirituality and prayer. He travels around the world speaking about a wide array of topics and is known for his unique sense of humour and insightful commentary.

He will offer a one-hour Online Retreat from 3:30-4:30pm on Tuesday 24 August. This online retreat is open to anyone interested and will take place using Microsoft Teams.

The Microsoft Teams link will be provided upon registration. You must register to get the link! :)

We are suggesting a donation of \$10 however this is not mandatory. If you are unable to cover this cost you are still more than welcome to attend. Bookings via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/why-bother-praying-in-a-pandemic-online-retreat-w-fr-richard-leonard-sj-tickets-165842245621>

or by phoning/emailing Beth Doherty, RE Leader at Hennessy Catholic College on 0432 608 310 or Elisabeth.doherty@cg.catholic.edu.au.

We celebrate **Social Justice Sunday on the 29th of August**. The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or Tel (02) 6201 9845. Further resources for Social Justice Sunday can be found at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/>.

Fan the Flame - Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

'The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.' *John 6:60-69*

Through appropriate faith formation, God can shape us into deepening our spirituality within the life of the Church, engaging with scripture, encountering God in worship and prayerfully developing our living relationship with Jesus Christ. (*Prayerful and Eucharistic - Discernment Paper p.5*)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/

