



**Parish of St Matthew  
& St Vincent de Paul  
South Belconnen**

**Social Justice Sunday  
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B  
29 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: This is limited to 100 people only. Please do not share before 7pm on 28/8/21.**

Mass Social Justice Sunday on 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time 6pm 28 August  
Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 811 8231 1118

Passcode: 901629

**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's suggestions:**

3 Minute Retreat  
<https://bit.ly/3DeZExb>

**Rosary**  
Every Wednesday & Friday at 4pm via Zoom  
<https://bit.ly/3k3bXnB>

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

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

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

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call you.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

W. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart.**R.**

M. He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

W. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever.**R.**

**Parish Pastoral Team**

Fr Simon Falk PP (6254 1827)  
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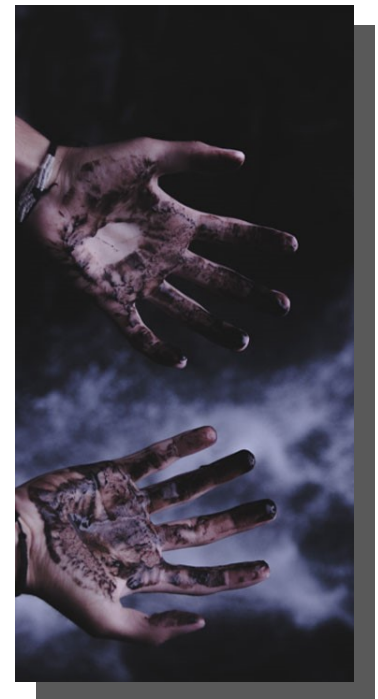
**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

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

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.



**Next Week:** Is 35:4-7 James 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37

## 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, Glenn Mowbray, 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:* Kevin Norton, Sr Maria (Heather) Roberts sgs, Kath Hurley, Palma D'Ambrosio, Terry Connolly, Bill Coppard, Carrie McLaughlin, Mary Cleary, Ambrosio Sedillo, Teresa Staltari.

*Anniversaries:* Kevin Moyle, Michael Craft, Maria Dang.

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.

**The Parish Office is Closed.** The best way to contact the parish office, Frs Simon and Thomas is by email [belconnensouth@cg.org.au](mailto:belconnensouth@cg.org.au). Thank you.

## Parish News

**Please Note:** The Anointing Mass scheduled for Friday 3 September has been postponed.



We celebrate **Social Justice Sunday** this weekend. 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](http://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/>.



### SEASON OF CREATION

**The Season of Creation** this year will be celebrated from September 1 to October 4, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. During this special time each year Christian churches will unite in prayer and action for our common home. Pope

Francis and the Vatican have urged all Catholics to take part: "This is the season for letting our prayer be inspired anew by closeness to nature."

St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish will join the **Season of Creation** celebrations this year by considering specific Prayers of the Faithful during the Sunday Masses in September and with a special Creation emphasis in the Mass of October 2-3. There will also be a weekly summary of the encyclical **Laudato Si' : on care for our common home** in the Bulletin each week. A link to the encyclical can be found on the parish Laudato Si' website at [www.Care4OurCommonHome.org](http://www.Care4OurCommonHome.org)

## Your Support is Needed!

**Afghanistan** has faced decades of unrest, drought and poverty. Your support is needed now.



- **Half of the population is in urgent need of food, water, shelter and protection**
- **3.7 million children are out of school**
- **COVID-19 has overwhelmed the health system, with less than 1 per cent of the population fully vaccinated.**

The triple crisis of drought, COVID-19 and decades of instability leaves vulnerable families in a challenging situation. We need your help today.

**Please give now, to support the most vulnerable families affected by crises, like **Afghans** currently facing unrest, drought and poverty.**

Go to <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/asia-regional-appeal/> to donate.

*The funds raised through this appeal will be used to provide immediate and longer-term humanitarian assistance to communities affected by crises in Afghanistan, and across the region. Any excess funds will be redistributed to our Asia Regional Appeal to support ongoing emergency efforts across the region.*

**Please remember, we will not be able to open up for face-to-face Mass or other gatherings until we know what restrictions will be in place after the lockdown lifts. This information will be communicated to parishioners as soon as we know.**



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

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](http://vinnies.org.au); Thank you.

# CRY OF THE EARTH, CRY OF THE POOR



*By listening with an open heart  
to those who are most affected,  
we can begin, with the help of the Holy Spirit,  
to discern the signs of the times.*

## Giving to 1st & 2nd Collections during lockdown

Please click on this link to find out your options for giving while in lockdown.

<https://bit.ly/2UKTLGJ>

If you wish to contribute by credit card (instead of Tap & Go in our churches) please go to <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/CATHOLICDEVELOPMENTFUNDARCHDIOCESEOFCANBERRA>

Lord, when we listen with your ears we hear:  
the bush grown more silent,  
the birdsong less vibrant,  
the stream's sluggish ripple.  
Have mercy and open our ears.

Lord, when we look with your eyes we see:  
the soil depleted,  
the sky smudged,  
the oceans rubbished and the great currents slowed.  
Have mercy and help us to see.

Lord, when we look with your eyes we see:  
the workers who struggle to get by,  
the women subjected to violence,  
the people who are excluded.  
Have mercy and help us to see.

Lord, when we listen with your ears we hear:  
the sound of hungry children,  
the distress of the mentally ill,  
the silent pain of homeless women and men.  
Have mercy and open our ears.

Send your Spirit upon us Lord to renew our sight,  
to restore our hearing,  
and to reclaim your reign of justice for all people  
and peace for creation.

AMEN

## Friday 3 September 7.00-8.30pm Women's Taskforce Free Online Seminar

Dr Margaret Beirne RSC, a Sister of Charity and Senior Lecturer in Biblical Studies at St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College in Sydney will speak on **Mary Magdalene, Fake News and the Gospel**. This free interactive Zoom Seminar is open to all and runs for 90 mins. Registrations essential as numbers limited.

Register at [bit.ly/ZoomWorkshopMaryM](https://bit.ly/ZoomWorkshopMaryM) or phone Beth Doherty on 0432 608 310 More info at [bit.ly/FakeNewsSeminar](https://bit.ly/FakeNewsSeminar)

**Mission: one heart, many voices conference 2021** - Catholic Religious Australia and Catholic Mission offer a unique opportunity for parishes and schools to attend the MOHMOV virtual conference. This virtual conference gives the opportunity of participants to experience a diverse range of international and local speakers with broad-lived and practical experience in their respective field. This MOHMOV conference will encourage participants to explore 'Leadership for Mission Now' through the frame of an open mind, open heart and open will, embracing curiosity, compassion and courage. Participants can register for 1, 2 or all 3 days of the event.

**Date:** Wednesday 1 to Friday 3 September **Registration** - 3 day: \$150 (\$185 after 1 August, 2021), Daily: \$60 (\$70 after 1 August, 2021) . **Saturday September 4, 2021:** \$60 (This is a special day with young people exploring issues that are especially relevant to them and for us all. It is open to all). For further information relating to individual registration visit [www.mohmv.com.au](http://www.mohmv.com.au).

## Fan the Flame - Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

**'This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.'**

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Unless we train ministers capable of warming people's hearts, of walking with them in the night, of dialoguing with their hopes and disappointments, of mending their brokenness, what hope can we have for our present and future journey? (Pope Francis, Meeting with the Bishops of Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, 28 July 2013)

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/)

