



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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year B  
5 September 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:** Mass will be streamed through Facebook at:

[St Matthews and St Vincents Parish South Belconnen - Live | Facebook](#)

### 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:**  
Sacred Space  
<https://www.sacredspace.ie/>

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

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

### This Week:

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

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

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

### Responsorial Psalm

**R. Praise the Lord, my soul!**

W. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

M. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

W. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

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

Like the deer that yearns for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.



**Next Week:** Is 50:5-9 James 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35

## 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, Elizabeth Smith, 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: Margaret (McInerney) Stoker, Kevin Norton, Sr Maria (Heather) Roberts sgs, Kath Hurley.

Anniversaries: John M McInerney, Ellen McInerney, Kevin Moyle, Michael Craft.

### 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



**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2021**  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

### Child Protection Week: 5-12 September 2021

**'Truly children are a gift from the Lord, a blessing, the fruit of the womb'**  
**Psalm 127**

The theme for Child Protection Week this year is: **Every child in every community needs a fair go.**

We are asked as a Parish Community to think about all children; not just our own, not just the ones in our Catholic schools, but all children. How can we ensure they all have what they need in life to be happy, healthy, safe, and to have opportunities for good lives?

While the term 'child protection' mostly refers to keeping children safe and free from harm, abuse, or neglect, it also means creating the conditions to help children thrive.

If children are living in situations where they cannot thrive, they need stable, supportive relationships with caring adults to help them through the tough times. So we are all potentially important people in the lives of children.

And as a faith community, we have a particular responsibility to protect all children and do what we can to give them a fair go.

At the end of Child Protection Week, on Sunday 12 September, the Catholic Church in Australia will mark Safeguarding Sunday. There will be more information about this in next week's bulletin.

If you are concerned about the safety or wellbeing of a child, in terms of physical or emotional abuse or neglect, you should contact ACT Child and Youth Protection Services on 1300 556 729. If your concern relates to child sexual abuse, you must report it to the Police.

If your concern is about the safety or wellbeing of a child as a result of actions by an employee, volunteer or official of the Church, you can also contact the Archdiocesan Institute of Professional Standards and Safety on 6239 9806 or [ipss@cg.org.au](mailto:ipss@cg.org.au).

**Children are a gift from God; a gift to be treasured, a gift to be nurtured, a gift to be kept safe. Our Parish cherishes the gift of all children.**



### 4/5 September Fathers' Day Appeal.

**Collection for our retired priests:** There are 28 retired priests in the Archdiocese and this Appeal helps meet their needs of provide security in their retirement years.

Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift today:

- By envelopes (not while in lockdown)
- By giving at: [www.cgatholic.org.au/donate](http://www.cgatholic.org.au/donate)
- By calling: (02) 6239 9801

Thank you for taking care of our priests in their retirement.



## SEASON OF CREATION

### Week 1

The Pope has invited all Catholics to take part with other Christians in celebrating the Season of Creation: “This is the season for letting our prayer be inspired anew by closeness to nature.”

For Pope Francis, care for creation is a key element of his personal ministry. This is explained in his major encyclical **Laudato Si – On Care for Our Common Home**. But in introduction to the teachings there, the Pope reminds us that earlier Popes, other Christian leaders and scientists had long warned of the damage and the need for greater respect to our environment.

The Pope sees there is now an urgent challenge for humanity to look after the earth, the poor, and the next generation. He calls for a new dialogue, for stronger responses and leadership: “Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded.”

The Vatican is asking us to use the current 6th anniversary jubilee of **Laudato Si** to grow our understanding of the challenge, most critically in impacts on our climate, on biodiversity, on water supply and on pollution. The Pope notes that since “the deterioration of the environment and of society affects the most vulnerable people” there is an “inseparable ... bond between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace.”

Throughout the Season of Creation our bulletin will look at how **Laudato Si** provides a theology of environmental responsibility - a coherent approach to creation, God’s plan and humankind’s place in the plan.

### Archdiocesan Protocols

COVID-19



Catholic Archdiocese of  
Canberra & Goulburn

**Effective from 5pm Thursday 2 September to Midnight Friday 17 September 2021**

#### **ACT Parishes Only**

1. Parish Offices are **closed to parishioners**.
2. **Funerals** for 20 people only, not including ministers.
3. **Weddings** for 10 people only, not including the celebrant.
4. ‘Other **religious ceremonies** which are *time critical* are permitted’ – no more than 10 people, not including ministers.
5. Holy Communion **can** be taken to the sick.
6. Anointing of the Sick **can** be celebrated.
7. Sacrament of Reconciliation **can** be celebrated.
8. Visitation to hospitals by priests should be minimal (rely on designated hospital chaplains where possible).
9. **Face Masks** are mandatory.
10. **Check In CBR** is mandatory.
11. **Covid-19 Plan** is 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  
31 August 2021



## A Prayer for Fathers

Heavenly Father,  
 you entrusted your Son Jesus,  
 the child of Mary,  
 to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.  
 Bless all fathers  
 as they care for their families.  
 Give them strength and wisdom,  
 tenderness and patience;  
 support them in the work they do,  
 protecting those who look to them,  
 as we look to you for love and salvation.  
 We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.

- Author Unknown

### 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.

### Position Vacant

The South Belconnen Parish is seeking a **Parish Sacramental Programmes and Administration Coordinator**, 4 hours per week, to commence duties as soon as possible. For skills and experience required, please visit contact the parish office [belconnensouth@cg.org.au](mailto:belconnensouth@cg.org.au) or visit [cg.org.au/belconnensouth](http://cg.org.au/belconnensouth). Applications must be submitted by email by 29 September 2021.

### 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>

**St Matthew's Primary School 50th Anniversary** celebrations will be held in 2022. The school are asking for any 'memories' or 'stories' about the school from past parents, teachers and students. It needs to be only a few lines and if possible your name and the years your family attended St Matthew's. Parishioners are welcome to send their memories and stories to the parish office ([belconnensouth@cg.org.au](mailto:belconnensouth@cg.org.au)) and they will be passed on to the school.