



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

Safeguarding Sunday
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
12 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 50:5-9
James 2:14-18
Mk 8:27-35

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

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

W. I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. **R.**

M. They surrounded me, the snares of death, with the anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress.

I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**

W. How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. **R.**

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M. He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

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

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.



Next Week: Wis 2:12, 17-20 James 3:16-43 Mk 9:30-37

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, Berty 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: Beverley Fisher, Michael Clarke, Pat Hume, Thomas Pearson, Eileen Pearson, Douglas Dowler, Margaret (McInerney) Stoker, Kevin Norton, Sr Maria (Heather) Roberts sgs, Kath Hurley.

Anniversaries: Joseph Finnerty, 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.

Thank you.

Parish News



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2021
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Safeguarding Sunday - 12 September 2021

This weekend, our Parish, and in fact the whole Catholic Church in Australia, marks Safeguarding Sunday, when we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters.

This Sunday comes at the end of Child Protection Week. While the main focus of the week has been on children, today our thoughts widen to include others who are, or have been, at risk.

As the recent Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, and the ongoing Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability, show us, there are many people within our community who are vulnerable and may be at risk of abuse. We need to be mindful of all vulnerable people, whatever their age and circumstances.

In particular, as a Church community, we recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. This has had, and still has, an enormous impact on our Catholic communities, and we continue to seek justice and healing for those who have been harmed.

Our Parish recommits to practices that support survivors and their families, and that make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and all vulnerable people.

You can find out more about the Church's work in the area of safeguarding at: www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday.

We pray that our Parish community will be a sign of hope, of life - For children and all vulnerable people to be safe and loved and cared for.

For families to feel confident that all adults will protect their children.

For our community to ensure all children and other vulnerable people are nurtured and kept safe in our midst.

(Taken from words used in the memorial tree planting at St Matthews Church on 8 April 2018)



Father's 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
- By calling: (02) 6239 9801

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

**1 September to 4 October
(Week 2)**



**SEASON OF
CREATION**

In “The gospel of Creation”, the second chapter of *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis calls us to accept the “tremendous responsibility” (90) we all have as caretakers of creation.

Referring to both the Old and New Testaments, the pope explains that there are three theological imperatives that are significant for us to understand in relation to our role in the care of our common home:

- All creatures and aspects of creation have an intrinsic value. God has called all things into being for a purpose which is known only to God.
- The gift of creation is a continuing revelation of God - that “God is reflected in all that exists.” (87). “The entire material universe speaks of God’s love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God.”(84) This gift was meant for us all, to be cared for by all.
- All creation is connected, “linked by unseen bonds...a sublime communion which fills us with a sacred, affectionate and humble respect.”(89). Ideally, we should aim to be in proper or right relationship with all humans, all of creation and God.

“The ultimate destiny of the universe is in the fullness of God...The ultimate purpose of other creatures is not to be found in us. Rather, all creatures are moving forward with us and through us towards a common point of arrival, which is God, in that transcendent fullness where the risen Christ embraces and illumines all things. Human beings, endowed with intelligence and love, and drawn by the fullness of Christ, are called to lead all creatures back to their Creator. “(83)

Pope Francis concludes this chapter by reminding us of the many examples “in the New Testament that not only tell us of the earthly Jesus and his tangible and loving relationships with the world. It also shows him risen and

Parish Financial Report for August 2021

| | Actual 8 mth to 31/08/2021 \$ | Planned 8 mth to 31/08/2021 \$ | Variance against Plan \$ | |
|--|--|---|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Direct Giving | 114,960 | 122,000 | -7040 | under budget |
| (Planned Giving and 2nd collection for administration of the Parish) | | | | |

Parish Income & Expenditure Statement

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|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|
| Income * | 143,045 | 138,180 | 4,865 | over budget |
| Expenditure | 131,781 | 127,365 | - 4,416 | over budget |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | 11,264 | 10,815 | 449 | |

* Income = Direct Giving and other income

Your ongoing financial support of the Parish and Clergy is required and greatly appreciated despite reduced Mass attendance.

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.**

**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) and they will be passed on to the school.

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 or visit cg.org.au/belconnensouth. Applications must be submitted by email by **29 September 2021**.

**Joint statement on climate change by the
Archbishop of Canterbury, Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch**

Here is the link to the joint statement: <https://bit.ly/3l25Pg3>. The press release can be found at <https://bit.ly/2VIMzkC>

The three leaders say: *'We call on everyone, whatever their belief or worldview, to endeavour to listen to the cry of the earth and of people who are poor, examining their behaviour and pledging meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the earth which God has given us.'*

The joint declaration strikes a clear warning - *'Today, we are paying the price... Tomorrow could be worse'* and concludes that: *'This is a critical moment. Our children's future and the future of our common home depend on it.'*

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.

Fan the Flame - Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021
**'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself
and take up his cross and follow me.'** *Mark 8:27-35*



There can be no shortcuts, no bypassing the cross or the tomb, to encounter the resurrection. For new life and new hope to emerge, we need to acknowledge that we are a broken, hurt and traumatised Church ... by standing in solidarity and compassion with each other, particularly the wounded, the poor and the traumatised. (*Humble, Healing and Merciful - Discernment Paper pp 12 and 18*).

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/