



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul

South Belconnen

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
19 September 2021

Please note Mass will be streamed
through Zoom

**Online Masses, reflections
and resources (during
lockdown):**

**South Belconnen
Parish Mass: Saturday Vigil
(6pm) will be streamed
through Zoom at :**

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Meeting ID: 811 7649 7594
Passcode: 762768

Options:

Mon-Fri 12.15pm & Sunday
11am: [https://
www.catholicvoice.org.au/
mass-online/](https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/)

Mass for you at
Home [https://
massforyou.com.au/](https://massforyou.com.au/)

Mass On
Demand [https://www.youtu
be.com/user/cathnews](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:
Wis 2:12, 17-20
James 3:16-43
Mk 9:30-37

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

I am the salvation of the people, says
the Lord. Should they cry to me in any
distress, I will hear them, and I will be
their Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord upholds my life.

W. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth. **R.**

M. For proud men have risen against
me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. **R.**

W. But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing
heart
and praise your name for it is
good. **R.**

Parish Pastoral Team

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Deacon Joe Blackwell
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Aranda Office: Tues - Thurs 9.00am-
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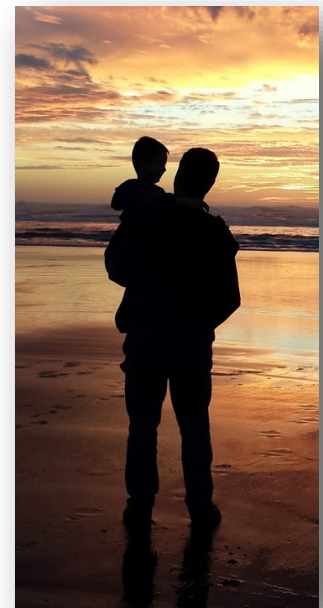
Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to
share in the glory of our Lord Jesus
Christ. Alleluia!

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

You have laid down your precepts to
be carefully kept; may my ways be firm
in keeping your statutes.



Next Week: Num 11:25-29 James 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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: Fr James Duck, Les Truesdale, 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

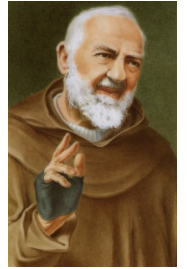
belconnensouth@cg.org.au.

Thank you.

Parish News

St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) Feast Day 23 September

St. Pio of Pietrelcina was born Francesco Forgione on the 25th May, 1887. At the age of sixteen, he joined the Capuchin friars and was given the name Pius. Seven years later, became a priest. The next fifty years were spent at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo where he was much sought after as a spiritual adviser, confessor and intercessor.



Many miracles were popularly ascribed to him during his lifetime.

He died on the 23rd September, 1968, which was a few days after the fiftieth anniversary of his receiving the stigmata. Over 100,000 attended his funeral.

Padre Pio is the patron saint for stress relief and of civil defence volunteers and adolescents.

(Liturgy Committee)

The **Liturgy Committee** discussed the usage of the AV system in our parish churches for Sunday Masses at its recent meeting and a wish for uniform useage for each of the Masses (not including hymn selection).

The Committee has recommended not to project the words of many of the prayers that are easily committed to memory eg the Lord's Prayer, Lamb of God etc. The weekly bulletin will continue to be published with the Antiphons, Responsorial Psalm etc that are prayed by the assembly and Mass cards and Mass books are available for those who wish to read the remaining prayers.

Guiding the discussion was the purpose and place of screen usage during liturgical celebrations. Of particular concern was that when the assembly focuses its attention on a screen during worship, the dynamic of the ritual is altered: liturgical responses are directed to a screen rather than to the presider or fellow worshippers. For some this is also a distraction to their prayer and flow of the liturgy. Thus, the words and reading become the focus instead of engagement with the sights, sounds, silences and feel of the liturgy.

Part Time Parish Secretary - South Belconnen Parish

People are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary for South Belconnen Parish. This is a part-time permanent position 18 hours per week (Tuesday to Thursday).

Essential Requirements:

- Experience with financial & database packages.
- Strong communication and liaison skills
- Strong organisational skills
- Ability to work on your own, and as part of a wider team and take direction.
- Understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teaching
- Experience in an office environment.

Salary will be subject to Clerk Award Level 4/5 rates. Please email belconnensouth@cg.org.au for a copy of the duty statement. Applications addressing the Selection Criteria above to the Parish Priest, South Belconnen Parish must be received by **14 October 2021**.

**1 September to 4 October
(Week 3)**



**SEASON OF
CREATION**

In the third chapter of *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis looks at our current ecological crisis in the light of two root causes.

- **Technocratic world view** – While acknowledging the great benefits that technology and science have brought to the world over the last 200 years, the pope warns that to rely solely on technology to solve all our complex problems is risky in that it gives “those with the knowledge, and especially the economic resources to use them, an impressive dominance over the whole of humanity and the entire world.” (104). Human beings have not always used power well and this technological growth has not been “accompanied by a development in human responsibility, values and conscience” (105). In other words, technology and its use should be seen within an ethical framework and a holistic and spiritual vision of life - “a technology severed from ethics will not easily be able to limit its own power.”(136)
- **Anthropocentrism** - Human beings have become increasingly self-centred in that they see the world and its creatures and even other humans as objects to be exploited for their own advantage. This has resulted in “use and throw away” reasoning that results in many forms of domination. “Neglecting to monitor the harm done to nature and the environmental impact of our decisions is only the most striking sign of a disregard for the message contained in the structures of nature itself. When we fail to acknowledge as part of reality the worth of [every human life] ...it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself; everything is connected.” (117)

For Pope Francis, pollution and over-consumption are not the problem in themselves, they are symptoms of a far more serious disconnect in the values of society where we have failed to have an **integrative** world view.



Catholic Archdiocese of
Canberra & Goulburn

Archdiocesan Protocols

COVID-19

Effective to 11.59pm Friday 15 October 2021

ACT Parishes Only

1. Parish Offices are **closed to parishioners**.
2. No in person gatherings permitted (e.g., PPC, PFC, Sacramental Preparation, Alpha & Marriage Courses, Bible Study Groups, RCIA, etc.). **However**,
 - a. **Funerals** for 20 people only, not including ministers.
 - b. **Weddings** for 10 people only, not including the celebrant.
 - c. ‘Other **religious ceremonies** which are *time critical* are permitted’ – no more than 10 people, not including ministers. These should not be advertised.
(Live Streaming permitted, but only with celebrant, camera operator & translator)
3. Holy Communion **can** be taken to the sick.
4. Anointing of the Sick **can** be celebrated.
5. Sacrament of Reconciliation **can** be celebrated.
6. Visitation to hospitals by priests should be minimal (rely on designated hospital chaplains where possible).
7. **Face Masks** are mandatory.
8. **Check In CBR** is mandatory.
9. **Covid-19 Plan** is mandatory.

Stay in touch:

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

Vicar General

Father Anthony Percy

14 September 2021

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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 contact the parish office belconnensouth@cg.org.au. 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) and they will be passed on to the school.



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

'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me;' Mark 9:30-37

Our parishes in particular are challenged to renew the formation of children, young people and families who may not be strongly connected to the Church but who still have an 'instinct for the faith' which prompts them to seek the sacraments or engage in part with the Church's life.

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



A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: **One Million Children Praying the Rosary**: ACN invites you to join the prayer campaign 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary' for unity and peace in the world on the 18th of October. Be part of this prayer campaign and join many others! Register and learn more at www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children