



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

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**  
**The Feasts of St Matthew &  
St Vincent de Paul**  
**26 September 2021**

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LOCKDOWN

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

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

[https://us02web.zoom.us/  
j/89641488420?  
pwd=bDYzenRCLlI5RlBwUE9  
Yd3RsaWJlR0t09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89641488420?pwd=bDYzenRCLlI5RlBwUE9Yd3RsaWJlR0t09)

Meeting ID: 896 4148 8420

Passcode: 767579

**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:**

Num 11:25-29

James 5:1-6

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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

All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgment, for  
we have sinned against you and not  
obeyed your commandments. But give  
glory to your name and deal with us  
according to the bounty of your mercy.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. The precepts of the Lord give  
joy to the heart..**

W. The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be  
trusted,

it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

M. The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. **R.**

W. So in them your servant finds  
instruction;

great reward is in their keeping.  
But who can detect all his errors?  
From hidden faults acquit me. **R.**

M. From presumption restrain your  
servant

and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless,  
clean from grave sin. **R.**

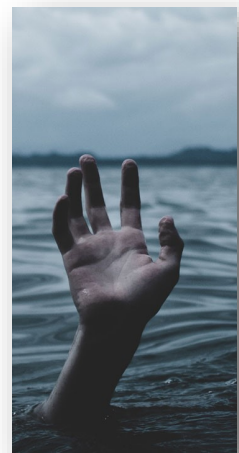
**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:  
make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

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

Remember your word to your servant,  
O Lord, by which you have given me  
hope. This is my comfort when I am  
brought low.



**Next Week:** Gen 2:18-24 Heb 2:9-11 Mk 10:2-16

## 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, Les Collier, 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, 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:** Ben Parker, Noel Noonan, Fr James Duck, Les Truesdale, Beverley Fisher, Michael Clarke, Pat Hume, Thomas Pearson, Eileen Pearson, Douglas Dowler, Margaret (McInerney) Stoker.

**Anniversaries:** Joseph Finnerty, John M McInerney, Ellen McInerney.

### 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

This weekend is our **Parish Feast Day**. Happy feast day one and all! On September 20, near the Feast of St Andrew Kim Taegon and Martyr Companions, the Korean Catholic Community celebrated 10 years in our Archdiocese. Blessings and Congratulations to them. We hope to celebrate these events in person sometime.

### 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](mailto: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 4)



### SEASON OF CREATION

Pope Francis in *Laudato Si* teaches that our faith conviction should motivate us as Christians to assume our responsibility as caretakers of creation. This is “an essential part” of our faith in the love and wisdom of the Creator, our God who sustains all of creation.

He says biblical narratives on creation indicate “that human life is grounded in three fundamental and closely intertwined relationships: with God, with our neighbour, and with earth itself” [66]. Human brokenness can lead us not to acknowledge our creaturely limitations in asserting power and dominion in creation, but to presume to take the place of God. This disrupts harmony between the creator, humanity and creation. Our calling as people of faith is to be the kind of people who will not only till, but also “keep” the earth - and not let it be despoiled and people forgotten.

In Chapters 5 and 6, Pope Francis outlines concrete steps and opportunities for dialogue which “can help us escape the spiral of self-destruction” [163]. Change is required at personal, community, national and global levels.

Our ACT *Laudato Si* website is at [www.Care4OurCommonHome.org](http://www.Care4OurCommonHome.org).

**Tinnies for Vinnies** - Tinnies for Vinnies contributions are accumulating. If you could hang onto the bottles and cans until we open up it again it would be appreciated. Otherwise please leave at the Orana Centre as normal. Thank you.

**St Matthew**, patron saint of bankers, accountants, bookkeepers and stockbrokers. Feast Day is celebrated on 21 September.

Matthew was born in Palestine sometime in the 1st Century and was the son of Alphaeus. He worked as a Galilean tax collector in Capernaum, and as such would be considered an odd convert to being a follower of Jesus. Matthew would have been considered to be among the “sinners” due to the unfair practices conducted by tax collectors under Roman rule. Additionally, he would have been hated by the Jews as tax collectors were not scrupulous about what they ‘skimmed off the top’ for themselves. However, he was the first to be invited by Jesus to become one of Jesus’ 12 Apostles. After this Jesus was invited by Matthew to a feast, where Jesus was criticised by Scribes and Pharisees, prompting him to explain that he was there for the sinners and not the righteous. “I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance” (Matthew 9:12)



After Jesus’ ascension to heaven, the apostles began their mission of going out to all the world to tell the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is believed that Matthew stayed within the area of Palestine when he first began preaching. It is not recorded historically but has been suggested that he travelled to Ethiopia to continue his mission, it has also been suggested Matthew went to Parthia and Persia. Matthew was also one of the four Evangelists, and authored the first Gospel of the New Testament sometime between 41-50 AD. He wrote his book in Aramaic in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah and that His kingdom had been fulfilled in a spiritual way.

Some suppose Matthew was martyred, his tomb is located in the crypt of Salerno Cathedral in southern Italy. He most likely founded several churches. St Matthew was canonised in the 13th Century, one of the first to be canonised just after the process was founded by Pope Gregory IX.



**St Vincent de Paul**, patron saint of charities, horses, hospitals, leprosy, prisoners, volunteers. Feast day is celebrated on 27 September.

Vincent de Paul was born to a poor peasant family in the French village of Pouy on 24 April 1581. His first formal education was provided by the Franciscans. He did so well he was hired to tutor the children of a nearby wealthy family. He used the monies he earned teaching to continue his formal studies at the University of Toulouse where he studied theology.

Vincent was ordained in 1600 and remained in Toulouse for a time. In 1605, while on a ship travelling from Marseilles to Narbone, he was captured, brought to Tunis and sold as a slave. Two years later he and his master managed to escape, and both returned to France.

St. Vincent then went to Avignon and later to Rome to continue his studies. While there he became a chaplain to the Count of Goigny and was placed in charge of distributing money to the deserving poor. He became pastor of a small parish in Clichy for a short period of time, while also serving as a tutor and spiritual director.

From that point forward Vincent spent his life preaching missions, and providing relief, to the poor. He established hospitals for them. This work became Vincent’s passion. He later extended his ministry to prisoners. The need to evangelise and assist them was so great; and as the demands were beyond his own ability, Vincent founded the Ladies of Charity, a lay institute of women, to help. He also founded a religious institute of priests - the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, commonly referred to now as the Vincentians. Vincent helped reform the way in which men were instructed and prepared for the priesthood. He did this first through the presentation of retreats and later by helping develop a precursor to our present day seminaries.

St Vincent de Paul is sometimes referred to as "The Apostle of Charity" and "The Father of the Poor." He was canonised in 1737 by Pope Clement XIII, in recognition of his charity and his reform of the clergy. (*Liturgy Committee*)

## Parish Pastoral Council Adult Faith Invitation—the call of Creation

The wildflowers are blooming right across Canberra, in our gardens and on our mountains. Creation is speaking to us in beautiful and profound ways. Creation has another voice as well. Not so long ago we could barely see the end of our streets for smoke from bushfires. Our screens are showing us more devastating fires, floods and extreme weather events across the globe. The world's scientists are sounding alarms that we dare not ignore. In the face of this, Pope Francis is calling us to listen to Creation. He is calling us to 'ecological conversion', individually and collectively.

In response to this call, you are invited to come on a journey of adult faith education. We will work together to find pathways of hope. Pope Francis says 'The Creator does not abandon us' and he is inviting us to 'Prepare the future, now'.

As a first step you are invited to **watch one or both** of the following films over the next two weeks:

- **Before the Flood.** This is freely available on Youtube. It is narrated by Leonardo Di Caprio in his role as UN Ambassador for Peace. He interviews scientific and political leaders as well as local people in places like Kiribati, Palau and India. He also has an audience with Pope Francis. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zbEnOYtsXHA>
- **Breaking Boundaries: The Science of our Planet.** This is available on Netflix. It is narrated by David Attenborough with a focus on Earth's systems and how humans are pushing them to their limits.

The second step is to join a zoom meeting for all parishioners on **Thursday 14 October at 7.30pm**. In this meeting we will gather for conversation in small groups to share our experience and response to the film/s. Further details will be provided in next week's Parish Bulletin.

Please see full plan at <https://bit.ly/3ETwuFI>



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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. 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.*



As we prepare to enter the month of October – a time when the Church celebrates World Mission Month - let us turn our hearts, minds and even our financial affairs, to the missionary work that the Catholic Church does with, and for, children around the world including Thailand. Consider your capacity to either make a major gift in this life or an eternal legacy, through a gift in your will.

For more information about ways you can contribute to the vital, life-giving work supported by Catholic Mission, click [here](#). For information about leaving a bequest to Catholic Mission, click [here](#)

To follow up with Catholic Mission and about any aspect of its work, please call our Diocesan Director in Canberra & Goulburn, Karen McKerrow on 0411 924 288 or email her at

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