



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

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
3 October 2021**

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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/85403706695?
pwd=eFNvY3BZUEhJdFNVeH
FvbINsbIp3UT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85403706695?pwd=eFNvY3BZUEhJdFNVeH FvbINsbIp3UT09)

Meeting ID: 854 0370 6695
Passcode: 365396

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:

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

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

Within your will, O Lord, all things are
established, and there is none that can
resist your will. For you have made all
things, the heaven and the earth, and all
that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. May the Lord bless us all the
days of our lives.**

W. O blessed are those who fear the
Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you
shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

M. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the
olive,
around your table. **R.**

W. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion

in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's
children.

On Israel, peace! **R.**

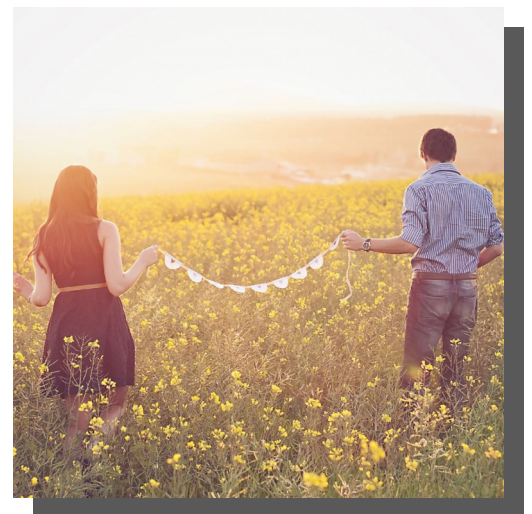
Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in
us in perfect love. Alleluia!

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

The Lord is good to those who hope in
him, to the soul that seeks him.



Next Week: Wis 7:7-11 Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30

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: Neryl Hogan, Joyce Firth, Ben Parker, Noel Noonan, Fr James Duck, Les Truesdale, Beverley Fisher, Michael Clarke, Pat Hume, Thomas Pearson, Eileen Pearson, Douglas Dowler.

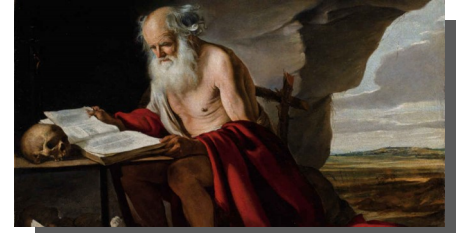
Anniversaries: Dorothy Hoysted, Joseph Finnerty.

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.

Parish News

St Jerome

Jerome was born about 342 in Stridon, Dalmatia, to well-to-do parents who placed high value on education. Jerome became proficient in Greek and Latin at a young age but despite efforts to raise him in accordance with family values, Jerome behaved as he wished.



Aged twelve, he studied in Rome and showed an interest in a legal career, but serious study did not deter him from living "the high life" which caused him such feelings of guilt that he visited crypts in Rome in an effort to repent for his wrongdoing. He often imagined himself in hell.

In his mid-twenties, Jerome became a Christian and studied theology which led to an interest in faith. He developed skills as a translator by translating inscriptions on tombs in the catacombs and then began translating books for his personal library.

Aged nearly thirty, Jerome became ill and during his illness had visions which led him to develop a spiritual life. Having spent four years in the desert south-west of Antioch where he lived as a hermit, he became seriously attracted to the monastic life but was pressured by Pope Damasus to become ordained. He consented to ordination on condition that he would not have to serve in any ministry.

Jerome travelled widely, visiting Treves, Athens, Antioch, Constantinople and Rome. In Constantinople he studied under Gregory Nazianzus then returned to Rome to attend the Council of Rome. He was made secretary to Pope Damasus and promoted the ideal of asceticism to his large group of followers which included a number of saintly women. Having women among his followers led to criticism from those who disagreed with his teaching. While in Rome, he enjoyed the protection of the Pope who understood Jerome and was aware of the work he was doing but when Pope Damasus died, Jerome lost his protector and, for his safety, moved to Antioch. A group of his followers, including one Paula, followed him to Antioch where he continued his work of translation. Paula, a widow with four children, became a lifelong friend and follower, assisting Jerome in his work. She died in 404, later becoming a saint of the Church.

Jerome was a hard worker. He wrote extensively and among his work was a defence of the virginity of Mary and other debates against various heresies. He was quite defensive of his ideas, even at one stage exchanging words with Augustine. Later the two became the best of friends. Jerome is most famous for his translation of the Bible and it would be true to say he spent his whole life translating the scriptures from Hebrew and Old Latin.

Jerome died peacefully on 30th September 420, and was buried under the Church of the Nativity. Later his remains were transferred to Rome. He is the patron saint of archaeologists, Biblical scholars, librarians, students and translators. (*Liturgy Committee*)

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.

Vision for our Parish: Walking together in faith to share God's love with all

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**.

Parish Pastoral Council Adult Faith Invitation—the call of Creation—Part 2

Last week all parishioners were invited to come on a journey of adult faith education in response to Pope Francis's call to 'ecological conversion' and to 'prepare the future, now.' The first step is to watch one or both of these two films:

- **Before the Flood.** This is freely available on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zbEnOYtsXHA>
- **Breaking Boundaries: The Science of our Planet.** This is available on Netflix.

The second step is to join a zoom meeting for all parishioners on **Thursday 14 October at 7.30pm**. We will share our responses in small groups. Our responses may be heart felt, emotional, spiritual, intellectual, critical, or some combination of these.

- **To register** for the Zoom session, please go to this link and fill in your details. <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=9nBDDKeW4U2bjAtCd5Megdn9of-e2fxBIHvHG3fOZI5UMVZSRTRSRFhSVIBFMzM4UDkzNEZKWFkIWC4u>
- You will receive an email with an invitation and link to the Zoom meeting. (Zoom can be downloaded for free either prior to the meeting or when you click on the invitation.)



Step three will be an invitation to read the first Chapter of *Laudato Si'* and join a second dialogue gathering on Zoom. The journey may continue from there to watch other films and go more deeply into *Laudato Si'* to discern new pathways.

We are fortunate to be guided in this process by Jacqui Rémond, a leader on *Laudato Si'*, Catholic social teaching and adult faith education. This project is part of the Parish Pastoral Council's priority for 2021 - Adult Faith Education. The planning group is made up of Cheryl Hamill, Megan Thompson, Bernard Williams, Brendan Gibson, Jacqui Rémond, and Fr Simon Falk. Please direct your enquiries to any member of the planning team and remember to register to join us on this new parish initiative.

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.



**1 September to 4 October
(Week 5)**



**SEASON OF
CREATION**

The heart of the Pope's encyclical *Laudato si: On Care for Our Common Home* is found in Chapter 4. Pope Francis describes Creation as an "integral ecology" which is made up of multiple elements: environmental, economic, social, ethical, human and cultural. All these different elements are intrinsically connected. Integral ecology is not only concerned with the environment but also humanity in creation, such as the poor and marginalised.

Today we are faced with one complex and interrelated crisis and in attempting to solve it we should consider not only the complex relationships involved, but also the relevance of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching e.g. working for the common good, solidarity, human dignity and subsidiarity. "Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature." (139)

We are also reminded that any decisions we make today will affect our children and future generations. Pope Francis urges us to consider the following questions: "What is the purpose of our life in this world? Why are we here? What is the goal of our work and all our efforts? What need does the earth have of us? It is no longer enough, then, simply to state that we should be concerned for future generations. We need to see that what is at stake is our own dignity. Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is, first and foremost, up to us." (160)

- The encyclical is available as an electronic copy at the parish Laudato Si Circle website www.Care4OurCommonHome.org

Further reading:

- <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-09/pope-francis-laudatosi-communities-justice-environment.html>

The Root and Branch Synod has recently concluded. There were many interesting presentations on Church reform - theological, liturgical, artistic, political and legal perspectives, including that by Mary McAleese, President of Ireland from 1997 to 2011. All of presentations are available at: <https://www.rootandbranchsynod.org/all-our-talks>.

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.*



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

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 kmckerrow@catholicmission.org.au

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The First Assembly of the Plenary Council begins this weekend

During the first General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, key moments will be live-streamed between October 3 and 10, including:

- Daily Masses,
- Morning prayer for Plenary Council members, and
- Sharing the fruits of discernment.

The Opening Mass will be live-streamed from 2.00 pm AEST 3 October. Visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/> for a calendar of live streams during the Assembly.

See also **Plenary Tracker** a daily Zoom with exclusive news, insights, and panel discussions hosted by respected former ABC presenter Genevieve Jacobs AM. Every night from 3 October to 10 October at 7.30pm. For more information and registration go to: <https://mailchi.mp/1b6a5803c632/convocationlist-plenary-tracker-sept-28-2021?e=d2a734f630>.



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...