



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

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
10 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/82296370780?
pwd=R2t4UTJBdmxZdVhYcmlp
MzMHbWd2twQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82296370780?pwd=R2t4UTJBdmxZdVhYcmlpMzMHbWd2twQT09)

Meeting ID: 822 9637 0780

Passcode: 879095

Options:

Mon-Fri 12.15pm & Sunday

11am: [https://](https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/)

[www.catholicvoice.org.au/
mass-online/](https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/)

Mass for you at

Home [https://](https://massforyou.com.au/)

massforyou.com.au/

Mass On

Demand [https://www.youtu](https://www.youtube.com/user/cathnews)

[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 7:7-11

Heb 4:12-13

Mk 10:17-30

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

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand? But with you is
found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!**

W. Make us know the shortness of our
life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **R.**

M. In the morning, fill us with your
love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our
days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew
misfortune. **R.**

W. Show forth your work to your
servants;
let your glory shine on their
children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon
us:
give success to the work of our
hands. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

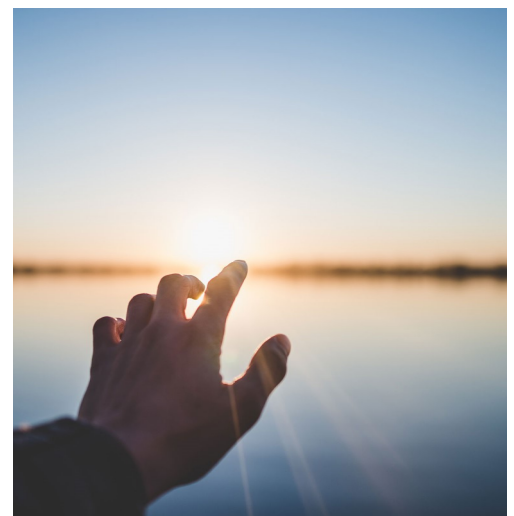
Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom
of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

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

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but
those who seek the Lord lack no
blessing.



Next Week: Is 53:10-11 Heb 4:14-16 Mk 10:35-45

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: Marjory Langridge, Don Maund, Neryl Hogan, Joyce Firth, Ben Parker, Noel Noonan, Fr James Duck, Les Truesdale, Beverley Fisher.

Anniversaries: Dorothy Hoysted.

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 Therese of the Child Jesus (1873-1899) | October

Generations of Catholics have admired this young saint, called her the "Little Flower", and found in her short life, more inspiration for their own lives than in volumes by theologians. But within 28 years of her death, she was canonised.

As a child, Therese would think about God, life and eternity. At a young age, she tried to join the Carmelite convent but was refused entry. Accordingly, she went to the bishop who declined her entry, so she sought an audience with the Pope. The Vicar General intervened

and soon Therese was admitted to the Carmelite convent that her sisters Pauline and Marie had already joined.

This began a time of suffering when she experienced dryness in prayer when she said "Jesus isn't doing much to keep the conversation going." At times, she would fall asleep in prayer but would console herself by saying that mothers loved children when they lie asleep in their arms so that God must love her when she slept during prayer.

She knew as a Carmelite nun she would never be able to perform great deeds so she took every chance to sacrifice, no matter how small it would seem. She would say that the only way she could prove her love is by scattering flowers that represent every little sacrifice, every glance and word she did for love. When Pauline was elected prioress, because of convent politics, she asked Therese to remain a novice. This meant she would never be a fully professed nun and that she would always have to ask permission for everything she did.

St Therese shows us how to be a person not separated from the love of Jesus. She shows us how to be a witness and follow Jesus with her whole life that was for the glory of God's name. We could do well to ask ourselves are we willing to live lives that are only for the glory of God's name?

October 4 is the feast day of **St Francis of Assisi** (1181-1226). St Francis, "the little poor man", is arguably one of the most renowned of the saints. A saint for our time, he is much-loved by Christians and non-Christians alike. The son of a wealthy Italian cloth merchant, Francis went to war, was captured and held prisoner, became seriously ill and eventually experienced a gradual conversion that led him to renounce worldly goods and embrace a life of poverty. He dedicated his life to imitating the life of Christ, spreading the gospel and serving the poor and outcasts. He founded the mendicant order of Franciscans and, with St Clare, the Poor Clares. He later established a third order for the laity. Prayer, particularly contemplative prayer, was an important part of his life and he had a great love and veneration of the Eucharist. He considered all of creation as a mirror of God and referred to animals as "brothers" and "sisters". In the *Canticle of the Creatures* he praises and thanks God for all creation including "Sister Moon", "Brother Sun", "Sister Water" and "Brother Fire". Francis remained a layman throughout his life. He was canonised 2 years after his death. Pope John Paul II wrote that St Francis "offers Christians an example of genuine and deep respect for the integrity of creation..." and in 1979 declared him the patron saint of ecology. Pope Francis has described him as a "man of peace, a man of poverty, a man who loved and protected creation". (*Liturgy Committee*)



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 - Change of Date!

We have not had a lot of registrations as yet for the proposed Zoom session to discuss the two films mentioned below (see the last two Parish Bulletins). We will not go ahead with the meeting on Thursday 14 October (postponed). We will organize another time shortly and provide a new registration form.

In the meantime, you may still take the opportunity 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.



If you would like to talk to one the group organizing this event, please do. We are Cheryl Hamill, Megan Thompson, Bernard Williams, Brendan Gibson (brendangibson@iinet.net.au) and Fr Simon Falk, . Jacqui Rémond is assisting us from afar.

For we CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD

ACTS 4:20

Next week Catholic Mission will invite you to partner with Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand as they reach out to vulnerable mothers, like Churai*, and their babies, who would have nowhere to turn when they need support, love and kindness the most.

Next week you will have the opportunity to respond to what you have seen and heard, and the Home, as well as other vital mission programs supporting children and communities in need around the world.

Please come with an open and generous heart.

*Name and images altered to protect identity



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/thailand



Donations to the Catholic Mission Appeal can also be made using the South Belconnen Parish Qkr! App. You will see the appeal on the main menu at the bottom 'ACG Collections Catholic Mission'. Email details can be provided for receipts.



Parish Financial Report for September 2021

	Actual 9 mth to 30/09/2021 \$	Planned 9 mth to 30/09/2021 \$	Variance against Plan \$	
Direct Giving	126,754	139,000	-12246	under budget

(Planned Giving and 2nd collection for administration of the Parish)

Parish Income & Expenditure Statement

Income *	<u>155,909</u>	<u>156,970</u>	<u>-1,061</u>	under budget
Expenditure	<u>144,923</u>	<u>151,178</u>	<u>6,255</u>	under budget
Sur- plus/(Deficit)	<u>10,986</u>	<u>5,792</u>	<u>5,194</u>	

* 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>

The First Assembly of the Plenary Council began last weekend and here are Mass details for the remaining days

Archdiocesan Plenary Masses with Archbishop Christopher Prowse <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

WHEN: Monday 4 – Saturday 9 October **TIME:** 8am.

National Plenary Mass

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/>

Daily Mass: 9:30am AEDT (Monday – Saturday)

Closing Mass: 10am AEDT (Sunday 10 October)

Live-streamed summaries of the previous day's proceedings <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/>

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>.

