



# Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul

## South Belconnen

**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Year C**  
**5th December, 2021**

### Parish Pastoral Team

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### St Matthew's Church

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### Masses:

Saturday Vigil St Vincent's 6.00pm

**Online Mass:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82787713804?pwd=MGpQZFhnaWJk2WXJlK2xISlduVHJkdz09Meeting ID: 827 877 13804 Passcode: 933947](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82787713804?pwd=MGpQZFhnaWJk2WXJlK2xISlduVHJkdz09Meeting+ID:82787713804+Passcode:933947)

Sunday St Matthew's 8.30am

St Vincent's 10.00am

Samoan St Matthew's 1.00pm

(4th Sun)

Korean St Vincent's 3.00pm

Tuesday St Vincent's 5.30pm

Wednesday St Matthew's 7.00am

Thursday St Vincent's 9.30am

Friday St Matthew's 9.30am

Saturday St Matthew's 12.00pm

### Mass of Anointing:

1st Friday in Mar &

Sept St Matthew's 9.30am

1st Thursday in Jun &

Dec St Vincent's 9.30am

### Confessions:

Saturday

St Matthew's 11.00am-11.50am

St Vincent's 5.00pm - 5.30pm

### Liturgy of the Word

#### with Holy Communion:

Monday St Matthew's 7.00am

### Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays St Vincent's 4.20pm

### Cenacle

Thursdays St Vincent's after 9.30am Mass

### Prayers only

Mondays St Vincent's 10.00am

### Legion of Mary

Saturday Aranda 10.15am

### Baptisms:

2nd Sunday St Matthew's 11.30am

4th Sunday St Vincent's 11.30am

**Weddings:** By appointment

### This Week:

Baruch 5:1-9

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6

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

O people of Sion, behold.

The Lord will come to save the nations,  
And the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

### Responsorial Psalm

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we filled with joy.**

W. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like adream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, in our lips there were songs. **R.**

M. The heathens themselves said: "What marvels the Lord worked for them!"

What marvels the Lord works for us!

Indeed we are glad. **R.**

W. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land  
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**

M: They go out, they go out, full of tears carrying seeds for the sewing; They come back, they come back full of song, carrying the sheaves. **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare The way of the Lord, make straight his paths; all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

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

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

### Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

Remind our brothers and sisters of their unity with us through the gift of this Eucharist and through sharing God's word with them.



Zeph 3:14-18, Phil 4:4-7, Lk 3:10-18

## Prayer Requests

### We pray for the sick:

Caroline Aldridge, Michelle Aldridge, Thirvinder Anand, Martin Baker, David Baker, Lisa Baulman, Sue Bartlett, Nancy Biviano, William Blackwell, 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, Giovanni Falco, 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, Tom Liddiard, Judith Mahony, Michael Mathias, Jill McDonald, Tanya Mihajlovic, Monica Molloy, Glenn Mowbray, Paul Mowbray, Cedric Netto, Me con Nguyen Thi No, Rita Notte, Geraldine O'Brien, Barry O'Leary, Louise Powell, Kathleen Preece, Dana Riminic, Peter Robbins, Cecilia Robinson, Paul Shanahan, John Shiels, 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: Irene Hanley, Marjory Debnam, Walter Davis, Elizabeth Smith, Peter Naughton.

Anniversaries:

## Parish News

### St Francis Xavier

16<sup>th</sup> century theologian, great evangelist and extensive traveller is known as the patron saint of all Missions and the Apostle of the Indies. St Francis Xavier was heavily influenced by St Ignatius of Loyola, who encouraged him to become a priest.

In 1540, along with St Ignatius and several other companions, St Francis Xavier started the Jesuit order. Formally known as The Society of Jesus, the purpose of their order was to travel to the Holy Land to convert non-believers. However, due to warfare in the Holy Land they could not undertake their preferred mission there, so instead Francis was sent to India, to restore the Christian values of the Portuguese settlers. Following his mission to the Pearl Fishery Coast, St Francis Xavier eventually decided to travel to Malacca and the Maluku Islands to evangelise the people there. While in Malacca, St Francis Xavier met a Japanese man named Anjiro.

The first Japanese convert to Christianity. In 1549, St Francis Xavier travelled to Japan. The local Daimyo warmly received him, but forbade his subjects from converting to Christianity. St Francis Xavier is fondly known for breaking the language barrier to evangelise in the native tongue of the countries he visited. Jesuit biographers attribute to him the conversion of more than 700,000 persons in less than ten years. Though these figures seem absurd, the work in which St Francis Xavier accomplished is enormous. (Liturgy Committee)



### Vinnies Christmas Appeal

The local conferences of the St Vincent de Paul Society are conducting the Annual Christmas Appeal

For the poor **this weekend**. A retiring collection will take place at each

Mass this weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

You can also donate directly to Vinnies by scanning the QR code on the posters in the foyer.



During the pandemic Archbishop Prowse *suspended the moral obligation to attend Mass* in person on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation. For those who choose to be at Mass the **parish Mass for the Immaculate Conception of Mary the Mother of Jesus is 7am at St Matthew's Page**. Online Mass options are available at Catholic Voice <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>, Mass for you at Home <https://massforyou.com.au/>, and Mass on Demand <https://www.youtube.com/user/cathnews> or you can check other parishes.

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

The Aranda Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society is offering packs of 10 Christmas Card (\$7) for sale in the foyer of St Vincent's Church, Aranda. 2022 Columban Calendars are available for \$9 each in both Church foyers.

Invitation to join the ministry of **Communion to the Housebound**. Each Sunday, members of the Parish visit parishioners who are sick or frail and are unable to attend Mass. They pray with them and bring them Holy Communion. This team of visitors needs more members to continue this ministry. Are you interested? Please speak to Fr Simon, the Parish Office or Mary Morris (0438 631 657). Training will be provided.

### Library News

The following items are now available for loan at St Matthew's

- De Mello, Anthony SJ: **Rediscovering life: awaken to reality** [Spirituality]
  - Chittister, Joan: **The time is now: a call to uncommon courage** [Social Justice]
  - Leonard, Richard SJ: **The law of love: modern language for ancient wisdom** [Scripture]
- The Tablet** – new copies have been added

Our libraries are located in the vestibule of each church. Any queries or suggestions contact Megan Thompson (St Matthews) on 6254 0524 or Suzanne Groves (St Vincent's) on 6251 6681

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### 2021 Christmas Mass Times Christmas Eve

- ◆ 6.00pm St Matthew's Primary School grounds, Page
- ◆ 9.00pm St Vincent's Church, Aranda (streamed via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87989327404?pwd=TmZTM2hSUe1NMnMrNGtYUzJwTFJBUT09>)

Meeting ID: 879 8932 7404 Passcode: 056863).

### Christmas Day

- ◆ 8.30am St Matthew's Church, Page
- ◆ 10.00am St Vincent's Church, Aranda
- ◆ 3.00pm Korean Mass, St Vincent's Church, Aranda

### Come back to the Father!

#### Archbishop's Day of Teaching -

**Saturday 11 December 2021** - 9:30am to 4:30pm - St Peter Chancels Church, Weston St, Yarralumla.

A day for all interested in Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Holy Mass, reconciliation, talks, testimonies and prayer ministry. Free sausage sizzle lunch! Free entry, collection taken to cover costs. All welcome! To book, go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BUTGN>. Or text Maida 0423 658 326.



The Parish of South Belconnen  
invites you to  
Christmas Vigil Mass  
celebrating *The Nativity of the Lord*

**6.00pm**  
on the St Matthew's school playground

Children are invited to be involved in the Mass.  
Entrance Procession, Readers, Percussion and Singing

For further information: scan the QR code



or

click on this link / copy and paste into your web browser  
<https://forms.office.com/r/GKLANDxbyN>

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## Advent Wreath Rite

*(The Celebrant, or an assistant, lights the second candle, which can be named the John the Baptist Candle. John the Baptist was the one who prepared the way for the Lord.)*

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Baruch when he proclaimed that God will show your splendour. *(First Reading).*

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus, you will bring us to the perfect goodness for the glory and praise of God. *(Second*

*Reading).*

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus, you call us to repentance and to prepare the way for you so that all humankind shall see the salvation of God. *(Gospel).*

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**



**Please remember: Face Masks are not mandatory inside our Churches, but recommended, sanitise your hands & check in using CBR Check In app. If you have a Check In Card, please see the greeters in the foyers. Thank you for your cooperation.**

Join an **Archdiocesan ZOOM Advent discussion group** 4pm this Sunday or 10am this Tuesday. Log on as an individual or as a group using

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/96186839540>

Meeting ID: 961 8683 9540

Or use the resource [www.cgatholic.org.au/ADVENT](http://www.cgatholic.org.au/ADVENT) at a time that suits you.

Enquiries [lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au) 0429 192 869

### Roster for St Matthew's and St Vincent de Paul Churches

#### 5th December

|                       | Aranda<br>6.00pm   | Page<br>8.30am | Aranda<br>10.00am               |
|-----------------------|--|----------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Readers</b>        | Bernie Leger   | Christina Rowe | Elizabeth Hannan<br>Lisa Harris |
| <b>Senior Servers</b> | Paul Scholtens   | John Woods     | Jenny Murphy                    |
| <b>EMHC</b>           | Irene Scholtens  | Jan Woods      | Robin Taylor                    |
| <b>A&amp;L</b>        | <b>P</b> - Mary Morris <b>A</b> - No flowers during Advent |                |                                 |

#### 12th December

| Aranda<br>6.00pm  | Page<br>8.30am               | Aranda<br>10.00am             |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Michael White   | Helen Casey                  | Gerard Hogan<br>Kate Hourigan |
| Damien Sloane   | Dennis Morris<br>(Sacristan) | John Malycha                  |
|   | John Duck                    |                               |
| <b>P</b> - Christina Rowe <b>A</b> - No flowers during Advent |                              |                               |