



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

**Third Sunday of Advent  
Year C**  
12th December, 2021

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**Masses:**

Saturday Vigil St Vincent's 6.00pm

**Online Mass:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88647852496?pwd=S3o1MzBMRzVkbnlRSTA4cD FmcFdxUT09> Meeting ID: 886  
4785 2496 Passcode: 597628

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:**

Zeph 3:14-18

Phil 4:4-7,

Lk 3:10-18

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

Rejoice in the Lord, always' again I say  
rejoice.

Indeed, the Lord is near.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. Cry out with joy and gladness:**

**For among you is the great  
and Holy One of Israel.**

W. Truly, God is my salvation,

I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my  
song,

He became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. **R.**

M. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise  
to his name!

Make his mighty deeds known to  
the peoples!

Declare the greatness of his name.

**R.**

W. Sing a psalm to the Lord

For he has done glorious deeds,

make them known to all the earth!

People of Zion, sing and shout for  
joy for great in your midst is the  
Holy One of Israel. **R.**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the  
poor.

Alleluia!

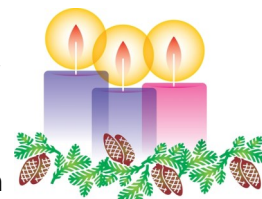
**Communion Antiphon:** *(not said if  
hymn is sung)*

Say not of faint of heart: Be strong and  
do not fear.

Behold, our God will come, and he will  
save us.

**Commissioning of Ministers of  
Holy Communion:**

Father, we pray that those of our  
community who are sick and  
housebound will receive the body of  
Christ and know the deep happiness  
that Christ gives to  
those who trust in  
him. May they know  
the love of this  
community which  
reaches out to them  
in love.



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Next week: Micah 5:1-4, Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-44

## Prayer Requests

### We pray for the sick:

Caroline Aldridge, Michelle Aldridge, Thirvinder Anand, Tina Bagatti, Martin Baker, David Baker, Lisa Baulman, Sue Bartlett, Nancy Biviano, William Blackwell, Fr Laurie Blake, Ian Brown, Mary Bryan, Kevin Burke, 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, Mark Hennessey, 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, Jim Notaras, Rita Notte, Geraldine O'Brien, Barry O'Leary, Louise Powell, Kathleen Preece, Dana Riminic, Peter Robbins, 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: Con Cassidy, Irene Hanley, Marjory Debnam, Walter Davis, Elizabeth Smith, Peter Naughton.

Anniversaries: Thomas Pearson, Eileen Pearson, Douglas Dowler



Choir practice in St Vincent's church at 5.00 pm on Saturday 18th December, prior to singing the 6.00 pm Mass. All interested in singing will be welcome.

**Second Rite of Reconciliation** will be held at 7:00pm Thursday 16th December, St Matthews Church, PAGE

## Parish News

### Feast of Immaculate Conception

On December 8, we honoured Mary, our Mother. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Catholic feast celebrating Mary's conception without sin. Even though this feast day occurs in the liturgical season of Advent, which prepares for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother, St Anne.

Since the beginning of the Church, the Blessed Virgin Mary has been regarded as the holiest and the most blessed of all disciples. The celebration of the Immaculate Conception began in the 7<sup>th</sup> century under the title, "Conception of Mary by Saint Anne" and was changed to "Immaculate Conception" with the definition of the doctrine by Pope Pius IX on 8 December 1854. The doctrine states that "The Most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first instant of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, preserved exempt from all stain of original sin" (*Ineffabilis Deus*).

For us as members of the Catholic faith, the Immaculate Conception is not just significant, it is essential. The Immaculate Conception was the beginning of our salvation and is now one of the central doctrines of our faith. Because of the grace of God, Mary was preserved from sin. Because Mary was preserved from sin, she was prepared to become the sinless Mother of Jesus, who by his life, death and resurrection, has liberated us from sin. Because of Mary's Immaculate Conception, because of her "yes" to God, we have been redeemed, and given the promise of eternal life through Mary's Son, Jesus.

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception places Our Lady before us as an example of what God can do and what we can do, if like Mary, we put ourselves in God's hands and at God's service, always open to what God asks and always seeking to fulfill God's will. (Liturgy Committee)

### Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Thank you to all who are donating to the Vinnies Christmas

Appeal. For those wanting to donate please place donations in the second collection plate clearly marked as donation to the Appeal. There are envelopes in the church foyer that you can also use.

Donations can also be made on line at [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au) or by phoning 131812



**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.**

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

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### 2021 Christmas Mass Times

#### Christmas Eve, Friday 24th December

- ◆ 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=TmZTM2hSUeINMnMrNGtYUzJwTFJBUT09>)

Meeting ID: 879 8932 7404 Passcode: 056863).

#### Christmas Day, Saturday 25th December

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

**There will be no 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 25th December.**



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 Zephaniah as the who will exult over us and renew us by your love. *(First Reading).*

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus, you revealed to Paul that if

there is anything we need we just have to ask for it with prayer and thanksgiving. *(Second Reading).*

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus, as declared by John the Baptist, you will baptise us with the Holy Spirit and fire. *(Gospel).*

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**



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

### Parish Financial Report for November 2021

	Actual 11 mth to 30/11/2021 \$	Planned 11 mth to 30/11/2021 \$	Variance against Plan \$	
<b>Direct Giving</b>	156,515	171,000	-14485	under budget
<i>(Planned Giving and 2nd collection for administration of the Parish)</i>				

#### Parish Income & Expenditure Statement

Income *	187,651	191,700	- 4,049	under budget
Expenditure	165,092	177,042	11,950	under budget
Surplus/(Deficit)	22,559	14,658	7,901	

\* 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.**

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

12th December				19th December		
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
<b>Readers</b>	Michael White	Helen Casey	Gerard Hogan Kate Hourigan	Mary Patton	John Duck	Belen Lamond
<b>Senior Servers</b>	Damien Sloane	Dennis Morris (Sacristan)	John Malycha	Jenny Murphy	Damien Power	Bernie Leger
<b>EMHC</b>		John Duck			Jo Duck	Judi Ahern
<b>A&amp;L</b>	<b>P</b> - Christina Rowe <b>A</b> - No flowers during Advent			<b>P</b> - Judy Williamson <b>A</b> - No flowers during Advent		