



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

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
Year C**
19th December, 2021

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Masses:

Saturday Vigil St Vincent's 6.00pm

Online Mass: There will be no online
Mass offered this week due to ongoing
Wi-Fi issues in our church.

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 No Mass this week

Saturday No Mass this week

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:

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

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

Drop down dew from above, you
heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just
One;

let the earth be opened and bring forth
a Saviour.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, make us turn to you;

**Let us see your face and we shall
be saved.**

W. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,

Shine forth from your cherubium
throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,

O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

M. God of hosts, turn again, we
implore,

Look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,

The vine your right hand is planted.

R.

W. May your hand be on the man you
have chosen,

The man you have given your
strength.

And we shall never forsake you
again;

Give us life that we may call upon
your name. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:

May his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

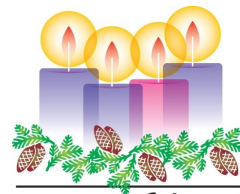
Communion Antiphon: *(not said if
hymn is sung)*

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear
a son; and his name will be called
Emmanuel.

**Commissioning of Ministers of
Holy Communion:**

As you take the blessed Sacrament to
our sick and housebound faithful, may
you offer them the body of Jesus with
the same love and gentleness with
which Mary laid his tiny head in the
manger.

Next week - Christmas Eve: Isaiah 9:1-7, Titus 2:11-14
Christmas Day: Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-6



FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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, 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: Kevin Burke, 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.

Parish News

ST LUCY DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy is the patroness of Syracuse and of all Sicily. She was martyred in Syracuse, probably during the persecution of Diocletian which started in 303.

Devotion to her spread rapidly across practically the whole Church and her name is included in the Roman Canon of the Mass.

According to legend, St Lucy brought food and aid to Christians hiding in the Roman catacombs, wearing a candle lit wreath on her head to light her way and leave her hands free to carry as much food as possible. Her feast day, which coincided with the shortest day of the year, prior to calendar reforms, is widely celebrated as a festival of light. Falling within the Advent season, Saint Lucy's Day is viewed as a precursor of Christmas, pointing to the arrival of the Light of Christ.

(Liturgy Committee)



SAVE your postage stamps!

There will be a box on the table in the foyer of each church where you can place the stamps from all of your Christmas mail.

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.

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 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.

RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

10am – 11am Friday 24th December, at St Matthews, Page.



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=TmZTM2hSUElNMnMrNGtYUzJwTFJBUT09>)

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.

There will be no weekday Masses between Christmas and New Year.



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/GKLANDxyN>

Contact:

Lisa Harris: lisanaj75@gmail.com

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Archbishop's CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2021

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for 2021 will be conducted at all Christmas Masses throughout the Archdiocese and will again have the funds raised split.

- Support will continue for the **National Council of Churches' Christmas Bowl Appeal** and its work in Ethiopia, Gaza, Syria, Indonesia and Sri Lankans in India.
- Further support will be given for projects within the Dioceses of Otukpo, Africa and Thamarassery in India along with projects of the La Salette Martha Province, in India.
- Continuing assistance will be given for the Bethlehem University as well as contributing to construction of a school hall at Vanga Point within the Diocese of Gizo, PNG.

There are forms available in church foyers for donating by cheque, money order and credit card. This form is also available on our website at <http://cg.org.au/Portals/66/ParishData/Id316/Uploads/Events/Archbishop>

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

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).*



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 at a time that suits you.

Enquiries lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869

THE MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS invites you and to
THE 15th ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE **PRAYER VIGIL**

Where: St Brigid's Church, 2 Bancroft Street, Dickson

When: Friday 31st December 2021 @ 8pm

First Cenacle is prayed at 8.00pm (Joyful Mysteries)

Second Cenacle is prayed at 9.00pm (Luminous Mysteries)

Third Cenacle is prayed at 10.00pm (Sorrowful Mysteries)

Fourth Cenacle is prayed at 11.00pm (Glorious Mysteries)

Exposition from 8.00pm until Midnight Mass.

Benediction will take place before Midnight Mass.

For further inquiries: Phone Judy & Joe Mewburn 6254 6202

SIMBANG GABI 2021, 15-23 December,
St Monica's Church, Evatt

You are all invited to join the Simbang Gabi celebration of nine consecutive Masses.

This is a traditional Filipino novena to prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of Our Lord Jesus. The Masses will commence at 8pm and will be celebrated in English. For more details please contact Fr Loi Viovicente on 02 6241 3364. We hope you can join us.

Pastoral and Spiritual Care Training

Is your New Year's Resolution to try something new? Maybe it's to get more involved in the community? Then why not combine both by enrolling in a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Introductory Course. This 5 day course is a great way to get a feel for pastoral and spiritual care and includes topics such as: What is Pastoral/Spiritual Care; empathy, grief and loss, spiritual reflection and self-care. It runs on 5 Wednesdays from Mar 2 to Mar 30, 9-5pm in Queanbeyan and costs \$400. It is followed by a longer CPE unit for those interested in more in-depth training in spiritual care. Enrolments close soon. Please contact Susanne Schmidt for enrolment on 0431 243 486 or at susannecpe@gmail.com

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

19th December			
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Mary Patton	John Duck	Belen Lamond
Senior Servers	Jenny Murphy	Damien Power	Bernie Leger
EMHC		Jo Duck	Judi Ahern
A&L	P - Judy Williamson A - No flowers during Advent		

26th December		
Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Lea Bewick	Janet Moyle	Anne McCarthy Paul Sholtens
David Ross	John Woods Denise Hampson	John Malycha Jane Burroughs
P - Jan Cashman A - No flowers during Advent		