



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
27th February, 2022

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Masses:

Saturday Vigil	St Vincent's	6.00pm
Sunday	St Matthew's	8.30am
	St Vincent's	10.00am
	St Matthew's	1.00pm
Samoan (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 will not be available on Zoom during 2022

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
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Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays	St Vincent's	4.20pm
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Cenacle

Thursdays	St Vincent's after 9.30am Mass	
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Baptisms:

2nd Sunday	St Matthew's	11.30am
4th Sunday	St Vincent's	11.30am

Weddings: By appointment

Hearing Aid Loop is installed in both church centres, St Matthew's only middle 2 sections turn your hearing aid to the T switch

This Week's Readings

Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7,

I Corinthians 15:54-58,

Gospel-Luke 6:39-45

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

The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom,
he saved me because he delighted in me,

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you .

W. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. . **R.**

M. The just will flourish like a plam-tree
And grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

W. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing sap when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

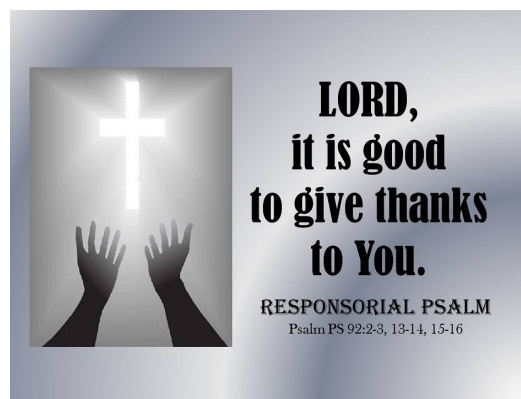
Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

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

I will sing to the Lord who has been in bountiful with me,
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

Take the sacrament of our Lord's body and blood to the absent members of our congregation, so that they may be one with us in our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.



Next Week's Readings: Deuteronomy 26:4-10, Romans 10:8-13, Gospel Luke 4:1-13

Liturgy Line *World Day of Prayer Friday, 4th March*

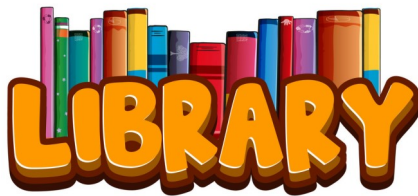
I Know the Plans I Have for You

This is the theme for this year's World Day of Prayer which is held on Friday 4 March. **World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome all to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.**

The theme stems from Jeremiah's letter (29: 1-14) to the exiles who found themselves under imperial rule a long way from home. It reflects a traumatised community who has lost everything: their loved ones, their homes, their beloved city Jerusalem, their language and culture in addition to the familiar expressions of their religion connected to the temple that had been destroyed. The letter encourages the exiles to pick up the pieces and make the most of their lives, and from this emerges a powerful testimony to resilience and survival.

Many of us today may encounter situations that cannot be changed, no matter how much we would have wanted things to be different. The last two pandemic years is one example. The question then is how, amidst such difficult circumstances, can we live the best possible life, including daily practices that make life both possible and meaningful. Perhaps even more important than figuring out how to live amidst these less-than-perfect circumstances is the question of how we manage to find joy while being in 'exile'. The words of the theme convey promise and hope, and are an invitation to place our trust in God at all times.

God of hope, peace and promise
How often have we found ourselves in exile, separated from your presence!
Restore us, and let us find you when we seek you.
Amen.



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

◇ Barron, Robert, Bishop: **Eucharist** [Sacraments] This book on the Eucharist "brings to light the meaning of meal, sacrifice, and real presence in our lives."

◇ Le Breton, Margaret: **Irene** [Biography]. The inspiring story of Irene McCormack RSJ

◇ Rupp, Joyce: **May I have this dance?: an invitation to faithful prayer throughout the year** [Prayer]

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

Tinnies for Vinnies has now contributed a total of \$5000 to Vinnies. Thank you very much for your ongoing support.

Donations to Vinnies

Thank you for your ongoing support to the Aranda donations box. Clothing, toys and similar items are taken down to the Belconnen Shop for resale to raise funds in support of charitable activities. Food items are placed in our pantry to support emergency support calls - typically 5 to 10 per week.

Unfortunately, Vinnies is not able to utilise, sell or hand out any used electrical items to Companions due to safety and legal considerations."



LENT 2022 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed!

For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up

here: : <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent22>

Current COVID Practices

(As at Friday 25th February, 2022)

- Check in CBR is no longer required whilst in our churches.
- Density limits have been removed
- Masks are no longer mandatory whilst inside our churches.
- Singing may be resumed by the congregation.
- Holy Water fonts can be used.
- Holy Communion of the host may be received in the hand or on the tongue
- Hand sanitiser is available in the foyer of each church.



The Labyrinth at St. Matthew's.

Sometimes I think this is one of the best kept secrets we parishioners of South Belconnen have.

To the left of St. Matthew's church, behind Marian Hall, the circuits of the Labyrinth invite us to a walking meditation. Labyrinths were common in Europe in the Middle Ages. Walking them was part of religious and popular culture. The circle, a perfect form, can be seen to symbolise eternity, the seasons, the cosmos, God's masterpiece.



There is a single path to the centre and out again – the longest possible way to arrive at the centre. It is important to walk mindfully and not to hurry the experience. In recent months I have met a parishioner who had forgotten it was there; a devotee of labyrinths who came looking for it; a Belconnen resident who told me it appears on the world listing of labyrinths and a former parishioner who has returned after years interstate and didn't know of its existence. The school children walk it during term-time. Regulars use it during the week-ends. Some use the seats for quiet contemplation.

The Labyrinth was constructed after several years of planning and research. It was a response to a resolution from the Parish Assembly which called for "more prayer". Recently two plaques were commissioned; one on the wall giving its rationale and one on the commemorative rock which details the various Paths.

The Labyrinth was blessed and opened in February, 2012, the first Sunday of Lent that year.

Perhaps you too may find it an ideal devotion to mark this year's Lenten observance and beyond.

-submitted by a parishioner

From next week, we will have Project Compassion resources available in the church foyers for you to take home, and return at the end of the Easter season.



As St Pope John Paul II said, "The future starts today, not tomorrow."

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413



We don't appear to be receiving updates on the 2021-23 Synod, but the current official Vatican Link is <https://www.synod.va/en.html> and an email newsletter is available for subscription.

The Australian Catholic Bishops have a page at <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

To break that open a bit, Evangelisation Brisbane produced this video <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/synod->

The Calvary Hospital Auxiliary will hold a *plant stall* on Thursday 3 March 2022, 8am-4pm, on the lawns outside the Main Entrance, Calvary Public Hospital, Hayden Drive, Bruce. A huge range of **succulents, perennials, indoor plants and more**, will be available at bargain prices.

All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff. For more information: Jan 0437790980.

Orders are now being taken for the Wollongong Lenten booklets "Remember". There will be an ONLINE Lenten program group led within the parish. When: 7pm Tuesday evenings, commencing 8th March.

This will be done via zoom, and we hope you will have access to audio material during the sessions. You may choose to join the group or just use the booklet for your personal daily reflections.



Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick:

Will Blackwell, Ian Brown, Colin Colquhoun, Monica Colquhoun, Jeanette Demetriou, John East, Mary East, Grace Fluitsma, Petronella Fluitsma, Rex Fraser-Grey, Wilf Hedley, Lorraine Higgins, Max Holmes, Frances Jarvis, Wendy LeBlanc, Carlos Andreus Leydon, Tom Liddiard, Judith Mahony, Susan Metcalfe, Glenn Mowbray, Paul Mowbray, Vanessa Peska, Annette Quinn, Terry Stewart, Max Walsh, Jennifer Webster, Angela Williams.

All the sick and suffering.

Please let us know who currently **needs** to be on the list. Names will remain on the list for one month, unless we are advised the people we are praying for are still unwell enough to participate in ordinary daily life.

We pray for the deceased:

Recently:

Fr. Henry Byrne, Peter Doonan, Fr. Laurie Blake, Nancy Biviao, Judy Neal, Paul Duck, Julita T. Arteché, Greg Rynehart, Paul O'Callaghan, Hernandes Ferreira de Lima, Chan King Luen.

Anniversaries:

Jose Mauricio Pereira de Oliveira, Penny Durick, Tudor Thomas, Ramon Narte, Angelita Narte, Sean Reiher.

Parish News

Burning of Palms will take place after 5.30pm Mass on Tuesday 1 March at St Vincent's Church. All are invited to bring your palms and join in this ritual in preparation for Ash Wednesday.

The Sacrament of the *Anointing of the Sick* will be celebrated during at 9.30am Mass at St Matthew's Church on Friday 4th March.



Found: A pair of prescription sunglasses William Morris brand with black frames were found in St. Vincent's Church on Thursday 10th Feb. Contact the office if they are yours or you know who the owner is!

Just Arrived!

If you previously ordered a copy of "The Spirit and the Cross" Lent and Easter Daily reflection, they are ready for collection. Please call into the office to pay and collect, or, please let me know if you would like it left in the church. There will be a small box for collection of payment.

Mass Times

Easter 2022

Ash Wednesday: 2nd March

St. Matthew's Church- 7:00am, 9:30am, 6pm

St. Vincent's- 6pm Korean Mass

Anointing Mass: Friday 4th March

St. Matthew's Church -9:30am

Palm Sunday: 10th April

St. Matthews 8:30am

St. Vincent's 10:00am

Holy Thursday: 14th April

St. Matthew's 7:30pm

Good Friday: 15th April

St. Vincent's Church 10:00am Reconciliation

St. Vincent's Church 11:00am Stations of the Cross

St. Matthew's-3:00pm

Holy Saturday: 16th April

St. Matthew's 7:30pm

Easter Sunday: 17th April

St. Matthews 8:30am

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

27th February				6th March			
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am		Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Bernie Leger	Jen Muscat	Michael Allam Belen Lamond	Readers	Mary Patton	Christina Rowe	Ann Cleary Elizabeth Hannan
Senior Servers	Jenny Murphy	Vince Burns	John Malycha	Senior Servers	David Ross	Damien Power	Bernie Leger
EMHC		Carolyn Burns	Helen Digan	EMHC		Helen Baker	Karna O'Dea
A & L	A-Jan Cashman			A & L	A-Yvonne McAdoo		
Flowers	A-Robin Taylor			Flowers	A- Robin Taylor		

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