



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

4th Sunday of Easter
8th May, 2022

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
Acts 13:14, 43-52,
Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17,
John 10:27-30

Masses:

Saturday	St Matthew's	6.00pm
Sunday	St Matthew's	8.30am
	St Vincent's	10.00am
Samoan (4th Sun)	St Matthew's	1.00pm
Korean	St Vincent's	3.00pm
Monday	Liturgy of the Word	
	St. Matthew's	7.00am
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 Matthew's	5.00pm - 5.30pm	

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion:

Monday	St Matthew's	9.30am
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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	

Legion of Mary

Saturdays	Orana Centre,	
	10:15am	

Baptisms:

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

Weddings: By appointment

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

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

W. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

M. Know that he, the Lord is God.

He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

W. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep and mine know me.
Alleluia!

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

The good shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly dies for his flock, alleluia.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

Dear brothers and sisters, go to visit our sick and housebound friends with the love of the good shepherd, who feeds us with his own body, Christ Jesus our Lord.



Next Week's Readings: Acts 14:21-27, Apocalypse 21:1-5, John 13:31-35

Parish Pastoral Team
Fr Simon Falk PP (6254 1827)
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Mother's Day

is a celebration honouring mothers, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated worldwide, at different times and in different ways. In Australia, Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in May. Australia celebrated Mother's Day for the first time in 1910 with special church services, however, it was not popularly observed until the 1920s. The tradition of giving gifts on Mother's Day in Australia is attributed to Sydney woman Janet Heyden, who was a florist. In 1924 she sought donations of gifts, "*particularly for print bags- just ordinary 12in. x 10in. With a double draw string - that will be so handy for holding elusive "specs," handkerchief, and little treasures, too precious to risk leaving about. A cake of scented soap, a comb, a little purse, even a packet of hairpins, any of these will be most acceptable.*" (Extract from an article on p.13 of the Thursday 1 May 1924 edition of *The Sun*) to give to a large group of elderly and lonely women at Newington. For some this day is a very special and tender day, a time for the gathering of families. For others though it can be difficult, particularly with constant advertising in shopping centres, various media, and the inbox seeming to bombard. We remember those who no longer have their mother, the mothers who have lost children, the women who have wanted to be a mother and are unable, and all who find Mother's Day challenging.

-Liturgy Committee

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal

Collection for formation and education of our seminarians:

We have three seminarians studying for the priesthood. There are other young men too, considering the priestly calling. Let us invest in the future of our Church by financially supporting them.

Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift today:

By envelopes

By giving at: www.cgatholic.org.au/goodshep

By calling: (02) 6239 9801

A Blessing for Mothers

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you give life and care for your Church. Bless these women, as we celebrate this day in their honour. May they be strengthened in their role with your love. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. May the example of Mary, mother of Jesus, inspire them to live their vocation as Christian mothers and call their children to faith. Guide and protect them in challenging times and help them to continue to trust in you all the days of their life.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



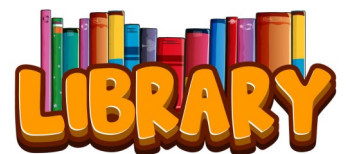
Assisting in the Celebration of the Mass.

This Fourth Sunday after Easter is celebrated as Good Shepherd Sunday (Gospel reading Year B). It is traditional for the Church to urge its members to pray for Vocations, particularly to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Consecrated Life.

Another aspect is to remind each of us of the gifts of baptism, and to realise our own vocation in life that God has chosen for us. To be aware of the call by God to service to others and holiness. As we recover from the restrictions of Covid19, our parish rosters are in need of more people to assist at Mass. We are seeking volunteers to offer their time and talents to be Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Servers (Senior and Junior) at Mass. Training will be provided in coming weeks which imparts a deeper appreciation of the Eucharist and the Scriptures, leading to Induction. Our need is great. Please speak to Fr Simon.

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

- Collins, Paul: **Recovering the "true church": challenges for Australian Catholicism beyond the Plenary Council.** [Church and Catholic Faith]
- Hodge, Stephen: **The Dead Sea scrolls: an introductory guide.** [Miscellaneous]
- Kelsey, Morton: **Dreams: a way to listen to God** [Miscellaneous].
- Nouwen, Henri: **Peacework: prayer, resistance, community** [Spirituality]



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

Reminder - Please follow COVID 19 Protocols for using the libraries and return items as soon as you have finished

Dear Parishioners

You are warmly invited to attend the next meeting of the **Parish Pastoral Council** on Wednesday 1 June 2022 at the Orana Centre at 6.30pm. The meeting will include opportunities for parishioners to comment on particular items. There will also be an opportunity to raise issues from the floor. We will circulate an agenda ahead of the meeting which will be followed by a cuppa to enable informal discussion with PPC members.

We hope to see you there.

Your PPC


Western Deanery Womens Cursillo

How's your relationship with God right now? How do you find time to explore your spirituality? Would you like some quality time to rediscover and reconnect with God, yourself and others?

Come and join us for a Womens Cursillo at the beautiful St. Clement's Monastery in Galong from Thursday evening 12th May til Sunday afternoon 15th May. Please book soon! Cost \$350. Includes accommodation, meals and retreat materials. Come join us! We are women ministering to women. For more information contact Dianne Franks on 0418619740 or dmfranks@bigpond.com

South Belconnen Parish School of Religion

The Parish School of Religion provides religious education, catechesis and sacramental preparation for Catholic children who attend government or private schools. Classes run from 5:00 to 5:45 on Wednesday afternoons during school term. Classes will commence again on Wednesday 28 April 2022 at 5:00pm at the Orana Centre or via Zoom. For more information and an enrolment form please contact Trish at trish_glenn@bigpond.com or on 0408 561 255.



Try Ignatian Spirituality?

Ignatian Spirituality seeks to find God in all things. You might like its peaceful approach to prayer, contemplation, and discernment.

A lay Ignatian Spirituality group meets fortnightly on Monday evenings (7.30pm-9pm) at St. Vincent de Paul's Church in Aranda. A daytime group will start meeting there fortnightly on Wednesdays (11am-12.30pm) from June this year.

Try a meeting to see if Ignatian Spirituality is for you. To express interest, email tryignatian@gmail.com with your name, phone number, and whether you need help with transportation. We'll get back to you as soon as possible. More information on Ignatian Spirituality is available at: <https://www.clcaustralia.org.au/>



Introducing Saint Titus Brandsma...

World Press Freedom Day is celebrated on 3rd May. Carmelite Titus Brandsma is to be canonised as a Saint of the universal church soon after, on 15th May. The story of his remarkable life is linked because of his role amongst other things, as a journalist.

His story can be found at www.carmelite.com.au



He who wants to win the world for Christ must have the courage to come in conflict with it.

— Titus Brandsma —

MULTICULTURAL MASS

We plan to have our Multicultural Mass again this year on Sunday 6 November. This Mass is a great opportunity to celebrate your nationality with all members of our parish. The Mass will be as colourful as you can make it - wearing your national costume, carrying your national flag, sharing the readings and the Prayers of Intercession in your language and providing music from your country of origin. After the Mass, we will have a shared meal. So, please raid your recipes for the best national dish you can bring to share with all of us.

If you are interested in attending our Multicultural Mass, please email jennymurphys@icloud.com as soon as possible and I shall contact you with further details.

Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick:

Will Blackwell,
 Ian Brown,
 Dianne Carter,
 Roger Dalzell,
 Tony Dellamarta,
 Joachim Exell,
 Philipa Goodwin,
 Rex Fraser Grey,
 Wilf Hedley,
 Lorraine Higgins,
 Wendy LeBlanc,
 Carlos Leydon,
 Tom Liddiard,
 Judith Mahony,
 Glenn Mowbray,
 Paul Mowbray,
 Pamela Myatt,
 Vanessa Peska,
 Fr. Luke Verrell,
 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:

Emmalea Klaassen,
 Steve Brooks,
 Kenneth Groves,
 Peter McLeod,

Anniversaries:

Linda Balthazaar,
 Joseph Balthazaar,
 Brigid Thomas,
 Rosa Metha,

Parish Financial Report for March 2022

Actual	Planned	Variance	
3 mth to 31/03/2022	3 mth to 31/03/2022	against Plan	over budget
\$47,328	\$43,500	\$3828	

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

Parish Income & Expenditure Statement

Income *#	53,783	48,860	4,923	over budget
	<u>42,956</u>			
Expenditure		<u>49,358</u>	<u>6,402</u>	under budget
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>10,827</u>	<u>498</u>	<u>11,325</u>	

* Income = Direct Giving and other income

Actual Income excludes a payment received relating to the two previous years. 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.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation has begun.



Commitment Masses will be held at all Masses 21-22 May.

Please contact either School of Religion, or your child's Catholic school for more preparation details. If you missed the parent information night last Thursday, you can access the recording from our parish website.



Winter Appeal

The parish SVDP conferences are conducting an appeal for funds after Masses in June. The funds collected are to be used to support those in need. An eftpos machine will be available at the rear of the church for those who may wish to make a donation. Thank you in anticipation.

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

8th May 2022

	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Peter Davies	Mary Morris	Michael Allam Ann Cleary
Senior Servers	Damien Sloane	Vince Burns	Robyn Grubmueller
EMHC			

15th May, 2022

	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Mary Williams	Janet Moyle	Lisa Harris Graham Williams
Senior Servers	Damien Sloane	Vince Burns	Robyn Grubmueller
EMHC		Helen Baker	Mina Chiu