



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

5th Sunday of Easter  
15th 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 14:21-27, Apocalypse 21:1-5,  
John 13:31-35

## Masses:

Saturday	St Matthew'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
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

## Parish Pastoral Team

Fr Simon Falk PP (6254 1827)  
Fr Thomas Jin APP (6254 1827)  
Deacon Joe Blackwell  
Parish Secretary: Aurora Lukass  
(6254 1827)

## St Matthew's Church

12 Chewings Street, Page

## St Vincent de Paul Church

7 Bindel Street, Aranda

## Parish Office:

Orana Centre, ARANDA  
Tues, Wed, Thurs  
9.00am-3.30pm  
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www.facebook.com/southbelconnen/  
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**Entrance Antiphon:** (as ministers gather in courtyard—not said if hymn is sung)

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

## Responsorial Psalm

**I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.**

W. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.  
**R.**

M. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God,  
to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign, **R.**

W. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule lasts from age to age. **R.**

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
Love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

## Communion Antiphon:

 (not said if hymn is sung)

I am the true vine, and you are the branches, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him,  
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

## Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

Take this holy sacrament to our sisters and brothers who are sick and show them every kindness. May it put fresh heart into them.



**Next Week's Readings:** Acts 15:1-2. 22-29, Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23, John 14:23-29

## Making us More Adept to Love

We find joy in God alone, for our souls have been wired for God. But here's the trick-and the whole of Christian life is on display here: God is love. God is self-emptying on behalf of the other.

Now we see the link between joy and commandments: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." And now we begin to understand the laws, commands, and demands of the Church. All are designed to make us more adept at love, at giving ourselves away.

-Barron, *Word on Fire Bible*

Laudato Si'  
fortnight



The theme for this year's global celebration of the publication of the papal encyclical *Laudato Si'*: on the Care of our Common Home is

**"Listening and Journeying together".**

During the next two weeks we have been invited to reflect on how each of us can see, judge and act to care for "Our Common Home". The Parish Council has decided to enrol our parish in the Laudato Si' Action Platform as a response to the invitation by Pope Francis.

The first step in the enrolment process is for our parish to write a reflection on how we see our values connecting with the seven goals of the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform. These include how we respond to 'the cry of the poor' and 'the cry of the earth'. It is vitally important that we make this journey together. In this spirit we would like to invite all individuals, families and groups in the parish to make some small contribution to the parish's reflection document. It doesn't have to be 'War and Peace' and may be as short as a single sentence. More information can be found in the handout available as you leave the church

## A prayer for our earth

All-powerful God, you are present  
in the whole universe

And in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,

That we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live

As brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,

Help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of  
this earth,

So precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,

That we may protect the world and not prey on it,

That we may sow beauty, not pollution and  
destruction.

Touch the hearts

Of those who look only for gain

At the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,

To be filled with awe and contemplation,

To recognise that we are profoundly united

With every creature

As we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle

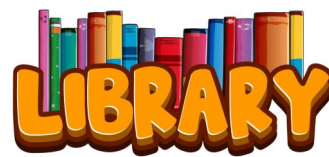
For justice, love and peace. Amen



The Archdiocese is to mark **Laudato Si' fortnight** in mid to late May, including at Mass in St. Christopher's Cathedral **10.45am** for 11am **Sunday 22 May** (all welcome to help celebrate God's creation). The Archdiocese is starting to develop and to encourage plans of action on Care for Our Common Home.

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



Synod  
2021  
2023

### 2023 Synod of Bishops Archdiocesan Synthesis Report

Fr Richard Thompson will be presenting this Report to the Archbishop during the 11am Sunday Mass at the Cathedral 15 May. This Mass is live-streamed. The presentation of this Report completes the local consultation phase and is a synthesis of all the local submissions received. This Report is now added to all the Reports from every Australian diocese and from that compilation the bishops will arrive at an Australian synthesis to present at the 2023 Synod on Synodality in Rome. The local Synthesis Report will be available to all from 16 May 2022.

Archbishop Prowse will address a Celebration Dinner of the ACT Right to Life Association, at Southern Cross Club Woden, on Wednesday 1st June. All welcome. Please book online at Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/dinner-to-celebrate-50-years-of-the-act-rtl-association-inc-tickets-329248088897te-50-years-of-the-act-rtl-association-inc-tickets-329248088897> or Ring Bev 0418 718 713.

### Please Assist in the Celebration of the Mass.

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.

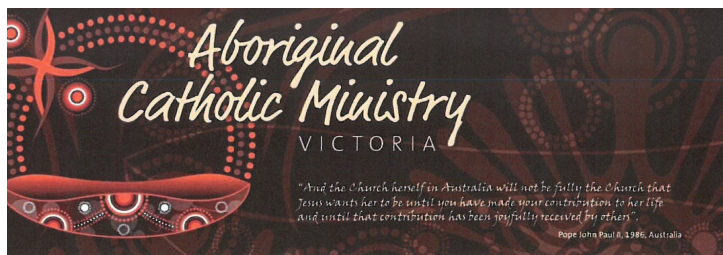
Training will be provided in coming weeks which imparts a deeper appreciation of the Eucharist and the Scriptures, leading to Induction.

**Our need is great.** Please speak to Fr. Simon.

### Men's Group

The next get together will be at 6:15 PM on Thursday 26 May 22 at the Parish Centre, Aranda.  
Please RSVP to [paul.pearson@bigpond.com](mailto:paul.pearson@bigpond.com) (0412 685 582) by COB Tuesday 24 May 22.

Clergy Assembly Conference will be this week Monday 16th –Thursday 19th May, at St. Clements in Galong. Includes clergy retirement foundation meeting, Baptism, Archdiocesan agencies and jubilarian celebrations.



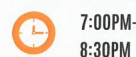
### GUEST SPEAKER

Please join a very special online event with Sherry Balcombe - Manager of Australian Catholic Ministry, Victoria.



Sherry will present a brief overview of Aboriginal culture and spirituality and how it relates to today's world.

Where are we? Where are we going?  
What kind of future Australia do we want to leave our children and descendants?  
A time to reflect and space to think about actions in the future.



25 MAY 2022

Register in advance for this presentation & discussion:  
<https://caritas.zoom.us/join/register/tZUocemorz4tG92p9QQV4fQyLFak4guWhFYF>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

An opportunity presented by the Justice Action Group of St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish, Mordialloc & Aspendale

### 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 send 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](mailto:jennymurphys@icloud.com) as



## 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 April 2022

	Actual	Planned	Variance
	4 mth to	4 mth to	against
	30/04/2022	30/04/2022	Plan
<b>Direct Giving</b>	\$60,905	\$58,500	\$ 2,405 <b>over budget</b>
(Planned Giving and 2nd collection for administration of the Parish)			

### Parish Income & Expenditure Statement

Income *#	68,281	65,560	2,721 <b>over budget</b>
Expenditure	50,961	63,385	12,424 <b>under budget</b>
Surplus/(Deficit)	17,320	2,175	15,145

\* Income = Direct Giving and other income

# Actual Income excludes a payment received relating to the two previous years and a bequest directed to the purchase of a specific item.

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.



## 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

### 15th May 2022

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

### 22nd May, 2022

	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
<b>Readers</b>	Lea Bewick	Jen Muscat	Gerrard Hogan Anne McCarthy
<b>Senior Servers</b>	Damien Sloane	Vince Burns	Robyn Grubmueller
<b>EMHC</b>		Helen Baker	Mina Chiu