



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

6th Sunday of Easter  
22nd 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 15:1-2, 22-29, Apocalypse 21:10-14.  
22-23, John 14:23-29

## Parish Pastoral Team

Fr Simon Falk -Parish Priest  
Fr Thomas Jin -Assistant Parish Priest  
Fr. Hadeel Albabo -Priest in Residence  
Deacon Joe Blackwell

The Parish Pastoral Team can be contacted on the office number below.

## Parish Secretary

Aurora Lukass

## 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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Email: BelconnenSouth@cg.org.au

## Website:

cg.org.au/belconnensouth

## 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	
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## Legion of Mary

Saturdays	Orana Centre, 10:15am	
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## 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)  
Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

## Responsorial Psalm

**O God, let all the nations praise you.**

W. O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed it's light upon us.

So will your ways be known upon earth

and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

M. Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

W. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing till  
the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my father will love them, and we  
will come to the them.  
Alleluia!

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

If you love me, keep my  
commandments, says the Lord,  
And I will ask the Father and he will  
send you another Paraclete,  
To abide with you forever, alleluia.

## Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

This is the body of Christ, who  
welcomes every sinner to his table.  
Bring his body now to those who  
cannot share in our Eucharist today  
with our loving prayers.  
May it be a promise to them of Christ's  
unfailing love and compassion, bringing  
them consolation and healing and  
strength in mind and body.

**Next Week's Readings:** Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:17-23, Luke 24:46-53

## Liturgy Line

For some it may be new, for others a familiar reminder that the first half of the Mass is the Liturgy of the Word. It is the first table we are fed from, where we are nourished by the word of God before we are nourished from the table of the Eucharist. We need to hear God's word before we can receive Holy Communion. God's word is one of the ways that Jesus continues to be present to us, for God to speak to not only our ears, but also to our hearts and minds. In our Gospel this weekend, themes of peace run through this word. Jesus invites us to make a home for his word in us. By doing so, we are inviting Jesus' peaceful presence in. A peace we know all our world needs.

## 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

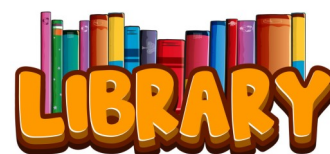
All-powerful God, you are present  
in the whole universe  
And in the smallest of your creatures.  
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.  
Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
That we may protect life and beauty.  
Fill us with peace, that we may live  
As brothers and sisters, harming 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

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-329248088897> or Ring Bev 0418 718 713.



## 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.

## Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality  
influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to  
eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All  
this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the  
communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



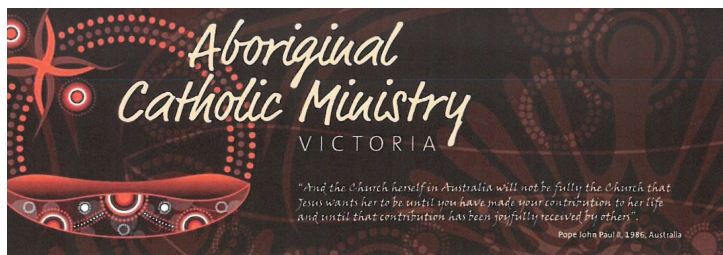
## Men's Group

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.

## Sacrament of Anointing

will be celebrated during the 9.30am Mass on Thursday 2 June at St Vincent's Church.

Parishioners who are sick or elderly are especially invited to attend this Mass.



## 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.



Register in advance for this presentation & discussion:  
<https://caritas.zoom.us/joining/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:

Steve Brooks,  
Kenneth Groves,  
Peter McLeod,

#### Anniversaries:

John Teye,  
Brigid Thomas,  
Rosa Metha,

Many hands make light work...

A well aged saying, that still rings true today. Over the past few weeks, there have been requests in the bulletin for those of you who are able, to assist in roles within the parish...

### Please do take the requests as a personal invitation!

Your "Time and Talent" is most appreciated... and much needed! Even if you haven't done a specific task before, someone will show you how, to make sure you quickly become an expert! Have a look around the Church, and your parish. Do you notice a job left undone? Do you see the same people always doing the same tasks? These are the things you can assist with and will be greatly appreciated.

Once you have chosen the tasks and/or ministries you can assist with, let us know what time you can commit, and we can show you how!

- Email or phone the office
- Talk to Fr. Simon
- Ask that person you always see doing *that* task how you can help
- Tell your friend you're going on a roster, and ask them to join you!

This is a story about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that

Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry with that, because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody would have done.

Incredible

Author Unknown

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

#### 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
<b>Linen /Altar</b>		Mary Morris	Ladies of Korean Community

#### 29th May, 2022

	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
<b>Readers</b>	Peter Davies	Christina Rowe	Belen Lamond Paul Scholtens
<b>Senior Servers</b>	Bernie Leger	Damien Power	John Malycha
<b>EMHC</b>		Jo Duck	Helen Digan
<b>Linen/Altar</b>		Christina Rowe	Christine Ross