



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

The Ascension of the Lord
29th 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 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:17-23,
Luke 24:46-53

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 -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
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9.00am-3.30pm
(6254 1827)

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Website:

cg.org.au/belconnensouth

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

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at teh heavens?

This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:

a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

W. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R.**

M. God goes up with the shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with the trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

W. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his Holy throne. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! alleluia!

Go and teach all the people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: (not said if hymn is sung)

Behold, I am with you always,
Even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

We have listened to God's word in today's liturgy, and now you carry to our sick brothers and sisters the body of Christ. May you reverence what you carry, as you bear the healing Eucharist of the Lord who gave his life that we may have life to the full.



Next Week's Readings: Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:17-23, Luke 24:46-5

Liturgy Line

With the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Jesus this weekend we follow a series of 'Solemnity Sundays' that carry us on from the Easter Season. In various ways they open a number of mysteries of faith for us as the Church prays what it believes. They remind us that Jesus Christ is now risen in glory, yet with us in the Eucharist and with us in his body, the Church. They continue to inspire us with the gift of the Holy Spirit among us and in us, renewing life in our various gifts to serve God in our world.

It really is good to be able to meet together in person for various gatherings and events. It has been a challenge for some to socialise again and remember old habits. We know some are still nervous about meeting and thanks to those who keep in contact with them. Now that we are back in parish facilities again a few reminders. While renovations are on there, St Matthew's School, Page, are using Marian Hall on weekdays, during school hours. Please check before you leave any buildings that lights and heaters are switched off, and doors and windows are secured. Thank you for looking after our parish buildings with the same care you do for your homes.



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.



Working with Vulnerable People Checks.

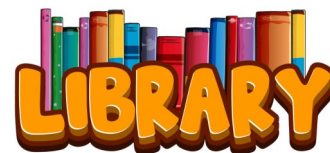
You would know this is a step being taken to pre screen employees and volunteers across ACT who work in roles where they come into contact with vulnerable people. This and equivalent checks are mandated across the country to keep our communities safe. During the COVID lockdowns, there were significant delays with people receiving their cards in the mail from Access Canberra. We are aware that people are now beginning to receive the cards, and new applications and renewals are being dealt with more promptly. Not all volunteer roles require a card. You will be aware if you need one! **Please provide the parish office with a copy of updated cards as you receive them!**

Child Protection Code of Conduct.

As some of you may have already noticed, the Codes of Conduct which were signed three years ago are now due to be re-signed by those volunteers. We do require that all volunteers for the parish have a current signed Code of Conduct acknowledgement form, regardless of whether they require a WWVP card or Working with Children Check. Codes of Conduct are due again and providing a link to the website:

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

- Edwards, Denis: ***Jesus and the natural world: exploring a Christian approach to ecology*** [Social justice] Fr Edwards was an Australian theologian who has written extensively on the relationship between theology and science subjects.
- Faricy, Robert, SJ: ***The Lord's dealing: the primacy of the feminine in Christian spirituality***. [Spirituality]
- Hughes, Serge (trans): ***The little flowers of St Francis and other Franciscan writings*** [Biography].
- Fallon, Michael, MSC: ***Praying the psalms with Jesus*** [Prayer].



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

- Edwards, Denis: ***Jesus and the natural world: exploring a Christian approach to ecology*** [Social justice] Fr Edwards was an Australian theologian who has written extensively on the relationship between theology and science subjects.

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. Along with a cup of tea, the meeting will discuss the following:

- PPC Communications Plan and Website
- The Laudato Si' Action Platform enrolment
- The draft PPC Guidelines
- The Parish Safeguarding Volunteer role
- Feedback from parishioners

Please come along and meet your PPC. 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.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick 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.



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.



Postage Stamps

Before Christmas (yes, that long ago!) some asked me to collect postage stamps from parishioners to be passed onto a good cause... I do not recall what the good cause was, nor do I recall who made the request! I have a lovely stash of used postage stamps, ready for collection. Please call into the parish office and collect them.. They are here calling your name!

On Care for Our Common Home

Would you like to take part in a dialogue on caring for God's creation?



In 2015, Pope Francis addressed an encyclical, *Laudato Si'* ('Praise be to you') – *On Care for our Common Home*, 'to every person living on this planet', saying that he'd like to 'enter into dialogue with all people about our common home'.

Would you like to learn more about this important document and take part in a Canberra dialogue about caring for our common home? The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn Caring for Creation movement is running a series of nine online fortnightly discussions starting on Tuesday, 14 June 2022, 7.30 – 9pm.



You can register through TryBooking:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BZMCP>. This QR

Code will also take you to the booking page:

Further information can be found at

<https://www.care4creation.org/home/>, or by contacting Roger Paul on 0421 612 572 or emailing laudatosiACT@gmail.com.



St. Matthew's school is building a commemorative wall to celebrate its 50th Anniversary.

Your donation of \$30 entitles you to have your name engraved into a brick as a lasting record of your link to the St.

Matthew's community. The brick will be permanently installed in a 50th Anniversary Commemorative Wall to be built between the school and St Matthew's Church.

Further details and order form is available on the web-site.



\$5,500 has now been raised for this project ... thank you for your support!

Please drop any recyclable cans, or bottles with a cash back logo at the garage door at the parish office (Aranda) and Vinnies will do the rest!

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/>

Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick:

Will Blackwell,
Ian Brown,
Dianne Carter,
Roger Dalzell,
Tony Dellamarta,
Joachim Exell,
Jo Van der Geest
Philipa Goodwin,
Rex Fraser Grey,
Wilf Hedley,
Lorraine Higgins,
Wendy LeBlanc,
Carlos Leyden,
Tom Liddiard,
Gerald Lynch,
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:

Bernard Allam,
Tony Richardson,
Steve Brooks,
Kenneth Groves,
Peter McLeod,

Anniversaries:

Neryl Hogan,
Matthew Maher
John Toye,
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

29th May 2022

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

5th June, 2022

	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Cheryl Hamill	Helen Casey	Beth Berdin Adora Calub
Senior Servers	Paul Scholtens	John Woods	Robyn Grubmuller
EMHC		Mary Morris	Karna O'Dea
Linen/Altar		Judy Williamson	Amanda Kabaila Rachelle Stannard