



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

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First Sunday of Advent
27th November, 2022

Hearing Aid Loop is installed in both church centres, St Matthew's **only** middle 2 sections turn your hearing aid to

This Week's Readings
Is 2:1-5, Rom 13:11-14, Mt24:37-44

Masses:

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

Children's Liturgy:
During 10am Mass at St. Vincent's

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

Prayer Meeting
Monday St Vincent's 10:00am

Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesdays St Vincent's 4.20pm

Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests
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:
(not said if hymn is sung)
To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm
R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

- I rejoiced when I heard them say 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**
- It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgment of the house of David. **R.**
- For the peace of Jerusalem pray: Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace! **R.**
- For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!'

For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:
(not said if hymn is sung)
The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:
Go forth, carrying the body and blood of Christ to those who are sick. As they receive the bread of life may they know the deep consolation that comes only from the Lord.



Next Week's Readings: Is 11:1-10, Rom 15:4-9, Mt 3:1-12

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Liturgy Line

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

The Liturgy of the Word at Mass is followed by what is called the 'Preparation of the Gifts'. This term replaces what was previously known as the 'Offertory'.



The title 'Preparation of the Gifts' clearly describes the purpose of the rite, which is simply to prepare the altar, the gifts and the assembly for the offering of the whole Church that takes place during the Eucharistic Prayer.

The altar is prepared at the beginning of the rite when the server or acolyte places the corporal, purificator, chalice and missal on the altar.

The primary elements of the Preparation of the Gifts are the bringing forward of the gifts, placing them on the altar and the prayer said over them.

The procession with the gifts by members of the assembly is a powerful expression of the assembly's participation in the eucharistic action. It is a procession of gifts: bread, wine (or other gifts for the poor and the Church which is of ancient origin and deep significance).

A way of understanding the assembly's participation in this part of the Mass is as a time when we prepare to unite ourselves with Christ's offering.

As of this weekend, the First Sunday of Advent and the commencement of Liturgical Year A, the Procession of Gifts will again take place at all our Masses. (*Liturgy Committee*)

All November Masses are for the faithful departed.



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.*

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal

Sat/Sun 3/4 December

This appeal for donations will help support the charitable work of Vinnies throughout the ten suburbs of the parish, including Christmas hampers to needy families in the coming weeks.



Donation options are:

- by electronic terminals at each of the three masses
- by completing the slip inside Vinnies envelopes available in the church foyers, and handing it to the team or mailing it
- cash, as you leave church.

Receipts for tax purposes will be available.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

The **Sacrament of Anointing** will be celebrated during the 9.30am Mass on Thursday 1 December at St Vincent's Church. Should you know of someone who is sick or unable to bring themselves to this Mass, you may be able to offer them a lift or ask them to contact the Parish Office.

All are invited to join for morning tea which will follow Mass.

Second Rite of Reconciliation will be held at St Matthew's Church on Tuesday 6 December at 7.00pm.

A Parish Reflection Day:
The Christian Meditation and Centering Prayer groups in the parish propose to hold a reflection day at the **Orana Centre,**

Saturday, 3 December.

The Reflection day will be led by
Sr. Lorraine Cupitt RSM.

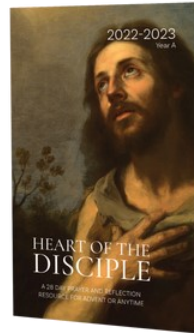
Sr. Lorraine is an experienced and well regarded spiritual director, and she has long advocated that the two groups should come together occasionally.

The day should appeal to all parishioners on the spiritual journey.

More particulars will be given in the next few weeks. In the meantime, please claim the date.

Heart of the Disciple Advent Booklets are now available from the office \$4 each.

“Heart of the Disciple” is a new 28-day reflection resource that can be used during Advent by individuals and groups, or at any time during the 2022-2023 liturgical year. Its main purpose is to help us to find a few minutes each day to practice what it means to sit with God and to trust God to lead us forward.



LIBRARY

- There is a display of books suitable for Advent available for loan at St Matthew's library.
- New issues of The Tablet have been added to the folders

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.

Marian Hall is now available for bookings.

**God of blessings,
the universe sings of your glory.
Deepen our gratitude for all you have made
and awaken in us a renewed commitment
to care for the earth and each other.
Inspire world leaders at Conference of the Parties,
with openness to listen to those most affected by climate change
and with courage to act urgently and wisely,
so that our common home may be healed and restored
and all people, and generations to come, may delight in it.
Amen.**

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary: Annual Christmas Stall

Wednesday 30 November and Thursday 1 December 2022,
8am-4pm both days, in the foyer of Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce.

There will be a huge range of home-made cakes, slices, jams and preserves; craft items such as aprons hand-made children's gifts, clothing and toys; and Christmas themed decorations and gifts.

All proceeds go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital Patients and staff.



Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick:

Will Blackwell,
Trevor Blake,
Ian Brown,
Angela Collier,
Gemma Collier,
Leon Darmody,
Joachim Exell,
Wilf Hedley,
Lorraine Higgins,
Ailsa Jones,
Wendy LeBlanc,
Bob Longland,
Judith Mahony,
Susan Metcalfe,
Glenn Mowbray,
Pamela Myatt,
Jim O'Brien,
Vanessa Peska,
Julie Turyn,
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:

Rod O'Sullivan,
Tony Hunter,
Jacqueline Williams,
Josephine Grech,
Frank Hampson,
Cecilia Gowing,
Mary Armstrong,
Suzanne Darling,
Gerald Lynch,
Ray White,

Anniversaries:

Terry Williams,
Walter Davis,
Elizabeth Smith,
Leonard Lopez,
Joyce Schwinghammer.

Community Noticeboard

Position Vacant: Charnwood Parish Secretary Part Time

People are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary for St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Charnwood. This is a part-time permanent position of 12 hours per week (preferably Tues, Wed, Thurs 10am-2pm)

Salary will be subject to equivalent Clerk Award Level 4/5 rates. Covering letter addressing the essential requirements and resume to be submitted by 30 November 2022. Please phone Debbie Hofman 6258 1563 or email charnwood@cg.org.au for a copy of the Duty Statement.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant: *(The Celebrant blesses the wreath and the assembly with the sprinkling of holy water saying)*

May the sprinkling of this water remind all of us gathered here of our first sharing in the grace of baptism. During this time of Advent may we prepare for the Lord's coming with open hearts and minds. May this wreath be a symbol to us of this time of prayerful watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord. *(The Celebrant, or an assistant, lights the first candle, which is often named the Prophets' Candle as the prophets prepared the way for the future coming of the Messiah.)*

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophets of old. The Prophet Isaiah called the Chosen People and today calls all

people 'to walk in the light of the Lord.' *(First Reading).*

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, we believe you come among us now. St Paul urges us to be people of the light and to let our armour be the Lord Jesus Christ. *(Second Reading).*

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you will come again in glory. You ask us to 'stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour we do not expect.' *(Gospel).*

All: Come, Lord Jesus.



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

27th November, 2022

| | Aranda 6.00pm | Page 8.30am | Aranda 10.00am |
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| Readers | Gabrielle Jarvis Geraldine Lillingston | John Duck Yvonne McAdoo | Anne McCarthy Celleen Rowe |
| Senior Servers | Bernie Leger | Damien Power | Paul Scholtens |
| EMHC | Mary Williams | Cathy Power | Karna O'Dea |
| Linen /Altar | | Yvonne McAdoo | |

4th December, 2022 (First Sunday of Advent)

| | Aranda 6.00pm | Page 8.30am | Aranda 10.00am |
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| Readers | Colleen Meadley Jenny Murphy | Janet Moyle Christina Rowe | Michael Allam Paul Scholtens |
| Senior Servers | Cheryl Hamill | Vince Burns | John Malycha |
| EMHC | | Helen Baker | Rachelle Stannard |
| Linen/Altar | | Anne Tierney | |

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