



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

**Parish Pastoral Team**  
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Second Sunday of Advent  
4th December, 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 11:1-10, Rom 15:4-9, Mt 3:1-12

**Masses:**

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
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

**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

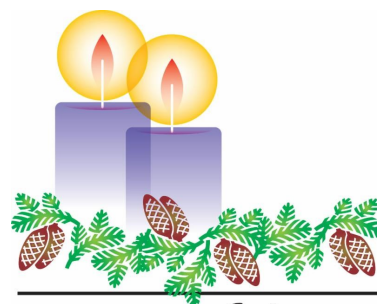
**Entrance Antiphon:**  
*(not said if hymn is sung)*  
O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his  
voice heard in the joy of your heart.

**Responsorial Psalm**  
**R** Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.  
1. O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement. **R.**  
2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to the earth's bounds. **R.**  
3. For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor. **R.**  
4. May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,  
all nations bless his name. **R.**

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:**  
*(not said if hymn is sung)*  
Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,  
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

**Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:**  
Dear sisters and brothers, as you bring the body of our Lord to the sick and housebound members of our community, bring them also the reassurance of our love and prayers for them in Christ Jesus our Lord.



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

**Next Week's Readings:** Is 35:1-6,10, James 5:7-10, Mt 11:2-11

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## Liturgy Line

Many of us have been raised in parish communities where the regular presider of our Masses and other liturgies is the parish priest or other resident priests. This is fitting as they act in the name of the Church and the person of Christ the priest, prophet and king. So, the one who offers and co-ordinates pastoral care and reflection on God's word also leads us in the great prayer of Christ for the Church and world. With the attrition of two priests in the Archdiocese this year, and another going overseas for two years' study leave this may be challenged, particularly in the light of the pastoral care of St Thomas Aquinas parish. There may need to be a new way of being parish in our regions. Please keep this matter in prayer, lest we make rapid and reactive decisions that will not carry us into the future in a way that reflects who the people of God are called to be. *Fr Simon*

### Second Rite of Reconciliation

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

### Canberra Carols by Candlelight.

We would like to invite members of your parish to attend the Carols, which will be held at Stage 88, Commonwealth Park, on December 10, from 7pm. Woden Valley Youth Choir is very much looking forward to leading the audience in a selection of carols old and new. Those attending are invited to bring a picnic. The Carols booklet will be made available in coming weeks in The Canberra Times newspaper, and online.



Synod  
2021  
2023

For a synodal Church  
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### 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 to-  
gether 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.*

## Fr Thomas Jin's Farewell Morning Tea

**Date:** 11 December 2022

**Time:** 11am (after the 10am  
Mass)

**At St. Vincent's Church**

**Please bring a plate to share**

**We will need assistance in**

**setting up | packing up. If your available and**

**able to do so, please contact Bernie on**

**[bernadette.leger@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bernadette.leger@cg.catholic.edu.au)**

**or 0438 232 254.**



### 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.

## Lighting of the Candle-Second Sunday of Advent

The Presider or an assistant lights the second candle, which can be named the John the Baptist Candle. John the Baptist was the one who prepared the way for the Lord.

**V.** Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah who calls us to be a signal to the nations and to recognise the Messiah in our midst.

(First Reading)

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**V.** Lord Jesus, you come among us now. St Paul reminds us to treat each other as Christ treats us and so give glory to the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Second Reading)

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**V.** Lord Jesus, you will come again in glory. John the Baptist calls us to 'repent for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' (Gospel)

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Presider** [Collect: Second Sunday of Advent]

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company.

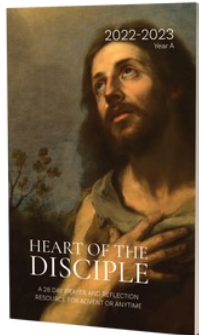
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen**



### Heart of the Disciple Advent Booklets are STILL AVAILABLE, \$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.



### Calvary Hospital Auxiliary:

#### Annual Christmas Stall

Thursday 1 December 2022, 8am-4pm,  
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.

## Morning Tea

Share a cuppa and enjoy some tasty treats while mingling with others from the parish after Mass.

**St. Matthew's**— 1st Sunday of the Month

**St. Vincent's** - 3rd Sunday of the Month



### 2023 DAILY MASS BOOK



### Daily Mass Books

Once again, the parish have purchased Daily Mass Books for 2023. Please make good use of these books, as they are only a valuable purchase if they are used rather than sitting idle at the back of the churches!





## 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,  
Trish Mowbray,  
Pamela Myatt,  
Jim O'Brien,  
Vanessa Peska,  
Peter Robbins,  
Ed Skzypjack,  
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,

#### Anniversaries:

Terry Williams,  
Joyce Schwinghammer.

## Community Noticeboard

### Email Communication with the Parish Office

We continue to experience some difficulty with our current email system which is preventing us from sending and receiving some emails. This has been the case for many, many months now, and frustrating for everyone. Our IT is managed centrally through the Archdiocese, and as such, we patiently await the update of infrastructure to meet our needs.

*If you are expecting a response from the parish office, or Fr. Simon and haven't received one in a timely manner, please check in by calling the parish so we can assist you further.*



### Parish Laudato si' Circle

December 7 sees the start of a 2-week meeting in Canada of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) which brings together countries to agree on targets to ensure the survival of species and prevent the collapse of ecosystems across the world.

A statement from the Office of Justice Ecology and Peace of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference states "The recently released State of the Environment Report for Australia paints a grim picture of what is happening in Australia including in relation to ... the loss of biodiversity.

The [Holy Father...urges world leaders to work together at the COP15 on biodiversity](#) to forge an agreement which will halt the destruction of ecosystems and the extinction of species. He articulates a number of principles which should underpin such an agreement. Read the Pope's Statement [here](#)."

ARRCC (the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change) are hosting two prayer and meditation sessions to encourage actions, which will lead to a sustainable future during the Meeting (see [https://www.arrcc.org.au/contemplative\\_tuesdays\\_for\\_cop15](https://www.arrcc.org.au/contemplative_tuesdays_for_cop15) )

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

#### 4th December, 2022 (First Sunday of Advent)

	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
<b>Readers</b>	Colleen Meadley Jenny Murphy	Janet Moyle Christina Rowe	Michael Allam Paul Scholtens
<b>Senior Servers</b>	Cheryl Hamill	Vince Burns	John Malycha
<b>EMHC</b>		Helen Baker	Rachelle Stannard
<b>Linen /Altar</b>		Yvonne McAdoo	Madalena Cobanov Katy Frino

#### 11th December, 2022 (Second Sunday of Advent)

	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
<b>Readers</b>	Mary Patton Michael White	Helen Casey Paulk Coghlan	Marie Carroll Ann Cleary
<b>Senior Servers</b>	David Ross	John Woods	Robyn Grubmueller
<b>EMHC</b>			
<b>Linen/Altar</b>		Anne Tierney	Ladies of Korean Community

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