



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

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Third Sunday of Advent
11th 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 35:1-6,10, James 5:7-10, Mt 11:2-11

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 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 Vincent'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)
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

Responsorial Psalm
R Lord, come and save us.
1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

R.
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**
3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:
(not said if hymn is sung)
Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:
As you take this holy sacrament to those who cannot be here with us, may you bring a sense of healing and joy to people in need within our own parish community.



Next Week's Readings: Is 7:10-14, Rom 1:1-7, Mt 1:18-14

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Lighting of the Candle-Third Sunday of Advent

The Presider or an assistant lights the third candle, which can be named the Saints' Candle to call to mind all the saints who share the life of Christ by being baptised into his Body the Church.

V. Lord Jesus, your coming was foretold by the prophet Isaiah who

proclaims 'Look, your God is coming, he is coming to save you.'
(First Reading)

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you come among us now as the light of the world. St James urges us to be patient and not to lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.

(Second Reading)

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you will come again in glory and raise the dead to new life.
(Gospel)

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

Presider [Collect: Third Sunday of Advent]

O God, who see how your people

Faithfully await the feast of the Lord's nativity, enable us, we pray,

to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them

always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son,

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

R. Amen



Christmas Mass Times

Vigil: Saturday 24th December

6pm Children's Mass, St. Vincent's School

9pm St. Matthews Church

Christmas Day: Sunday 25th December

8:30am St Matthew's Church

10am St. Vincent's Church

3pm Korean Mass, St. Vincent's Church

Office Closure

The parish office will be closed from
Thursday 22nd December until Wednesday
4th January

SINGERS WELCOME Christmas Vigil Mass
**24th December 9pm at
St. Matthews Church**

This is an invitation to singers to join a
group singing carols before Mass and
leading singing during Mass.



Practice from 8:15pm.
Please contact Jenny
on 0402 055 741 or
jennykain@bigpond.com with
your name and contact
details if you are interested.

LIBRARY

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

- Rohr, Richard: **Preparing for Christmas: daily meditations for Advent** [Prayer]
- Paul of the Cross, Saint: **In the heart of God: the spiritual teaching of Saint Paul of the Cross** [Spirituality]
- Barron, Robert: **Exploring Catholic theology: essays on God, liturgy and evangelisation** [Theology].

Our libraries are located in the vestibule of
each church. Any queries or suggestions
contact

Megan Thompson (St Matthews) on 6254 0524
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.



Ideas wanted!
**How might our parish care for
creation?**

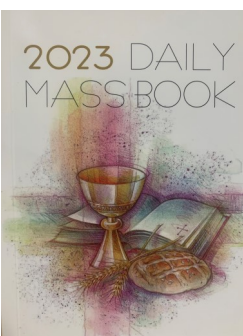
The parish's Laudato Si circle has been gathering ideas from parishioners on what actions we might take in the years ahead. The collected ideas are being displayed in church foyers over the next few months, starting at St Matthews last weekend and moving to St Vincent's in a few weeks.

We invite you to add your ideas to the display, and indicate your support for any ideas listed.

The supported ideas will then be shortlisted to report back to the parish and PPC, to develop an Action Plan for the years ahead. We will then be looking for people interested in helping with the proposed ideas.

We also thank parish groups and individuals contributing this year to the Parish reflection on Laudato Si. A draft copy is available at the display.

- Caroline Weller for the Belconnen South Laudato Si circle c.weller@internode.on.net



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!

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 the following

e: bernadette.leger@cg.catholic.edu.au

or 0438 232 254.



South Belconnen Parish Choir

There will be choir practice in St Vincent's church at 5.00 pm on Saturday 17 December, prior to singing at the 6.00 pm Mass. All interested in singing will be welcome.

Delivering Hampers and gift wrapping ...Can you help?

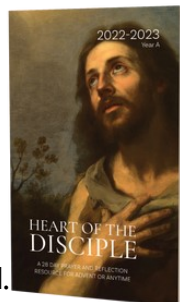
St Vincent de Paul Aranda Conference will be distributing hampers to those in need on Saturday 17 December 2022.

We would appreciate some assistance in wrapping gifts for children on Thursday 15th December at the Orana Centre from 9.30am and on Saturday morning 17 December at 9.00am in delivering the hampers. If you can assist please email Mary Williams at marywilliams@grapevine.com.au; or Kate Hourigan at Houro56@hotmail.com;



STILL AVAILABLE: Heart of the Disciple Advent Booklets

"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.



THE MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS

invites you and your friends to

THE 16th ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER VIGIL

Where: St Brigid's Church

Address: 2 Bancroft Street, Dickson

Date: Saturday 31st December 2022

Time: 8.00pm

First Cenacle is prayed at 8.00pm

(Joyful Mysteries)

Second Cenacle is prayed at 9.00pm

(Luminous Mysteries)

Third Cenacle is prayed at 10.00pm

(Sorrowful Mysteries)

Fourth Cenacle is prayed at 11.00pm

(Glorious Mysteries)

Exposition from 8.00pm until Benediction just before Midnight.

For further inquiries: Phone Judy & Joe Mewburn 6254 6202

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
communion | participation | mission

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.

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,
Graham Jackson,
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,
Olga 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:

Gerald Garrity
William Missingham,
Rod O'Sullivan,
Tony Hunter,
Jacqueline Williams,
Josephine Grech,
Frank Hampson,
Mary Armstrong,
Suzanne Darling,

Anniversaries:

Terry Williams,
Joyce Schwinghammer.



The Parish of South Belconnen
invites you to
Christmas Vigil Mass
celebrating *The Nativity of the Lord*
6.00pm
on the St Vincent's School Playground

We are looking for children to be involved in different parts of the Mass. Processions, readings, percussion instruments and carol singing!

Children are also welcome to come to Mass dressed as a shepherd or angel.

We would also appreciate adult assistance with setting and packing up the Mass.



To register your interest and
for further information:
Scan the QR code
or click on this link

<https://forms.office.com/r/c2qQfh3FGg>

Contact:

Lisa Harris: lisanaj75@gmail.com

Rachel Donnelly: rachel.donnelly@cg.catholic.edu.au

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

11th December, 2022

	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Mary Patton Michael White	Helen Casey Paul Coghlan	Marie Carroll Ann Cleary
Senior Servers	David Ross	John Woods	Robyn Grubmueller
EMHC			
Linen /Altar		Anne Tierney	

18th December, 2022

	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Lea Bewick Mary Williams	John Duck Mary Morris	Lisa Harris Kate Hourigan
Senior Servers	Jenny Murphy	Damien Power	Paul Scholtens
EMHC		Jo Duck	Robin Taylor
Linen/Altar		Mary Morris	

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