



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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday 3rd September 2023

**Hearing Aid Loop** is installed in both Mass centres, St Matthew's  
only middle 2 sections turn your hearing aid to the T switch

**This weeks readings:**  
Jer 20:7-9, Rom 12:1-2, Mt 16:21-27

## Parish Pastoral Team

Fr Simon Falk -Parish Priest  
Fr. Andrew Yang - Korean Chaplain  
Fr. Hadeel Albabo -Priest in Residence  
Deacon Joe Blackwell  
The Parish Pastoral Team can be contacted  
on the office number below.

## Parish Secretary

Jacinta Dinn

## St Matthew's Church

12 Chewings Street, Page

## St Vincent de Paul Church

7 Bindel Street, Aranda

## Parish Office

Orana Centre, ARANDA  
Tues and Thurs 9.00am-3.00pm  
(6254 1827)

**Email:** BelconnenSouth@cg.org.au

**Safeguarding:** ipss@cg.org.au

## Masses:

Saturday	St Matthew's	6.00pm
Sunday	St Matthew's	8.30am
	St Vincent's	10.00am
Samoan (4th Sun)	St Matthew's	1.00pm
Monday	St. Matthew's	7:00am
	Liturgy of the Word	
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  
during school terms

## 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
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## Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays	St Vincent's	4.20pm
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## Ignatian Spirituality

**Every Second Monday St  
Vincent's Church, Aranda  
7:30pm OR every second  
Wednesday at the Orana  
Centre 11 am-12:30pm**

## Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests

Thursdays	St Vincent's after 9.30am Mass	
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## Baptisms:

2nd Sunday	St Matthew's	11.30am
4th Sunday	St Vincent's	11.30am

**Weddings:** By appointment

## Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry  
to you all the day long.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of mercy to all who call to you.

## Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O  
Lord my God.**

**R.** O God, you are my God, for you  
I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without  
water. **(R.)**

**L.** So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your  
glory.

For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your  
praise. **(R.)**

**R.** So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my  
hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a  
banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with  
joy. **(R.)**

**L.** For you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I  
rejoice.

My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast**(R.)**

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ

enlighten the eyes of our heart,  
that we might see how great is the  
hope

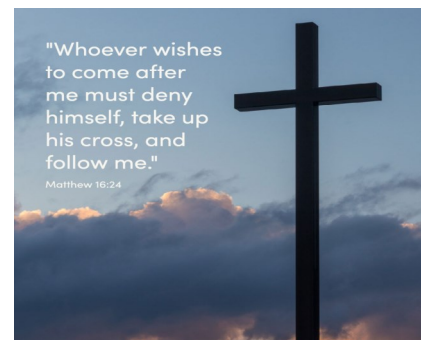
to which we are called.  
Alleluia!

## Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord,  
that you keep for those who fear you.

## Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

As you take these holy and life-giving  
gifts to our absent friends, remind  
them that the Lord is our constant  
help who shelters us from all evil.



"Whoever wishes  
to come after  
me must deny  
himself, take up  
his cross, and  
follow me."  
Matthew 16:24

**Next weeks readings:**  
Ezek 33:7-9, Rom 13:8-10, Mt 18:15-20

## Parish Vision:

*Inspired by our faith in Jesus, we pray, listen, and welcome all as we reach out in service to transform the world.*

On Monday, **4 September 2023**, the Senate will conduct its hearing enquiry into the ACT Greens-Labor Government's unjust takeover of Calvary Public Hospital. It begins at 6 pm **and runs to 8 pm.**

You are most welcome to come to Parliament House, Canberra, for the hearing. A full room overflowing with ordinary Australian citizens would be good.

Spread the word!

After the Senate enquiry, I will be in touch about our proposal to petition **every single politician** in our country to ensure that the unjust compulsory acquisition of Calvary is the **first and last unjust acquisition of its kind in our country's history.**

Again, thanks for your interest and support.

Father Tony Percy

### MOWING AT ST MATTHEW'S

Do you have an hour or two to help over the coming warmer months? For details, call John Duck on 0403895256



### The **CANBERRA BACH ENSEMBLE** :

'The Lord is my Faithful Shepherd'. Choir, orchestra, and soloists, directed by Andrew Koll, will be performing JS Bach's 'Shepherd' Cantatas BWV 104, 85, 112 and the Mass in F, BWV 233 on **Saturday 2nd September at 7.30pm**, and **Sunday 3rd September at 2.00pm** at **St Christopher's Cathedral, Franklin Street, Manuka**. For more info and to purchase tickets, please visit

[www.canberrabachensemble.com](http://www.canberrabachensemble.com)

### HOUSE KEEPING

Do you have a family member or friend who has recovered and no longer needs to be on the Prayer request list?

Please email the office:

[belconnensouth@cg.org.au](mailto:belconnensouth@cg.org.au)



- Morning Tea after 8:30am Mass 1st Sunday of the Month at St. Matthew's **3rd September**
- Cheese and bikkies with wine after 6pm Vigil Mass at St. Matthew's 2nd weekend of the month Saturday 9th September
- Morning Tea after 10am Mass 3rd Sunday of the Month at St. Vincent's 17th September

### **Wednesday 13 September | Catholic-Care / Archdiocesan**

#### **Marriage Preparation Program | 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

Marriage Preparation program for engaged couples. Includes FOCCUS questionnaire, dinner, evening formation program and a private, follow-up couple discussion with a CatholicCare

counsellor. The cost for the whole package is \$300 per couple.

Information and registration -

[www.marriagefamily.org.au](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au)

Enquiries: Helena Zobec

[marriage.preparation@cg.org.au](mailto:marriage.preparation@cg.org.au) or 0405 440 463

### **27 – 29 October 2030**

#### **Marriage Enrichment Weekend**

Join other couples in an opportunity for to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love at a **Marriage Encounter Weekend** in a Covid safe environment at a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney.

**Location:** Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

**Enquiries:** Christine & Terry Mahony 0490 774 419 or [nswbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wwme.org.au)

## Parish News

### *Multicultural Mass*

We will be celebrating our annual Multicultural Mass this year on

Sunday 5 November.

To register your interest in representing your cultural group at this special Mass, please contact Jenny on

[jennymurphys@icloud.com](mailto:jennymurphys@icloud.com)

or 0437 034 148 as soon as possible.

### **Integral ecology pilgrimage**

With ACU, the Archdiocese is convening a series of online dialogues on Care for Our Common Home teaching as first steps in our synodal journey for the year of the Holy Spirit. Six Thursday evenings 6.30-8.30pm 31-Aug/5-Oct. Information -

<https://cgcatholic.org.au/services-directory/caring-for-creation/> Register at <http://bit.ly/3rTieKp>.



The 2023 Archdiocesan Father's Day Appeal is now available within your Parish Qkr! App. *Your contribution enables our Clergy Retirement Foundation to care for our retired priests.*



**Father's Day Appeal – Collection for retired priests:** Please give generously to the Father's Day Appeal conducted at all Masses this weekend. Special envelopes are provided in the church and donors will be issued with a tax deductible receipt. Donations can also be made at [www.cgcatholic.org.au/donate](http://www.cgcatholic.org.au/donate)

**Vocations Dinner at Archbishop's House.** Thursday 7 September at 6pm. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au) 0414 523 036.

### **Inviting all high school students!**

Explosion is Canberra's premier Catholic youth conference with engaging talks by local and national speakers and daily sacraments and prayer opportunities. We aim to provide a space for students to encounter Christ and go deeper with their faith, all while meeting new people and making new friendships.

Years 7-12

September 24-27 2023

Marist College, Canberra

Register at [https://app.tickets.org.au/DOJ\\_Canb/Explosion2023](https://app.tickets.org.au/DOJ_Canb/Explosion2023)

More information contact Lachlan at [explosionyouthconference@outlook.com.au](mailto:explosionyouthconference@outlook.com.au)

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "**In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop**" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023.

During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

If you have any questions or would like an itinerary and application form, please contact [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or on 89124818.

## Prayer Requests

### We pray for the sick:

Will Blackwell,  
Trevor Blake,  
Ian Brown,  
Angela Collier,  
Gemma Collier,  
Ian Cornwell,  
Leon Darmody,  
Denis Dellamarta,  
Joachim Exell,  
Tony Fuller,  
Pat Hannon,  
Ailsa Jones,  
Wendy LeBlanc,  
Nick LeRay Meyer,  
Bob Longland,  
Judith Mahony,  
Mary Malycha,  
Tony Marker,  
Susan Metcalfe,  
Glenn Mowbray,  
Pamela Myatt,  
Jim O'Brien,  
Barry Joseph O'Leary,  
Fulvio Paliaga,  
Terry Stewart,  
Anthony Stewart,  
Matthew Schembri,  
John Turyn,  
Olga Turyn,  
Jennifer Webster,  
Angela Williams.

### **All the sick and suffering.**

### We pray for the deceased:

#### Recently:

John (Barry) Faulkner,  
Sr Mary Geradine Agnew rsj,  
Fr Rafael Cabezon OP,  
Fr Laurie Beath,  
Dr Gil Rodriguez,  
Don Falk,  
Trevor Preece,  
Carol O'Donnell,  
Ivan Markac,  
Terence Quinane,  
Nora Gaffney,  
Brian Robinson  
Grace Falzon.

#### Anniversaries:

Alexandra Wallace,  
Kyle Biddle,  
Stephano D'Arsie,  
Tim Durick,  
Jack Laracy,  
Abdon Berdin,  
Pedrito Berdin,  
Kevin Moyle,  
Vida Kabaila,  
Michael Craft,  
Adam Groves,  
Libby Ciuffetelli nee Hogg,  
Joe Tonna.



**Let Justice  
and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023

**The Season of Creation** is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home. It begins on **September 1** with the **World Day of Prayer for Creation** and ends on the feast of **St Francis of Assisi** on **October 4**. This year we will unite around the theme, "Let Justice and Peace Flow." (Amos 5:24). Just as in nature a river is made up of small brooks and streams, so too, our individual prayers and actions contribute to the whole.

Caring for creation is living out our Catholic faith. The Church, following the teachings of Jesus, throughout time has exhorted believers to work for the common good, which calls for dignifying life in all its forms, caring for our common home, and committing to the construction of more just, supportive, fraternal and peaceful societies.

In his message for the **World Day of Prayer for Creation**, Pope Francis asks "How can we contribute to the mighty river of justice and peace in this Season of Creation? What can we, particularly as Christian communities, do to heal our common home so that it can once again teem with life? We must do this by resolving to transform our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies ruling our societies.

...like a river basin with its many tiny and larger tributaries, the Church is a communion of countless local Churches, religious communities and associations that draw from the same shared waters. Each source adds its unique and irreplaceable contribution, until all flow together into the vast ocean of God's loving mercy. In the same way that a river is a source of life for its surroundings, our synodal Church must be a source of life for our common home and all its inhabitants. In the same way that a river gives life to all kinds of animal and plant life, a synodal Church must give life by sowing justice and peace in every place it reaches."

See Pope Francis' message at <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2023/documents/20230513-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html>

Caritas Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation online launch is on Monday September 4 from 6 - 7pm. To register <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1086036>

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

#### 2nd & 3rd September

	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
<b>Readers</b>	Bernie Leger Jenny Murphy	Yvonne McAdoo Christine Rowe	Marie Carroll Ann Cleary
<b>Senior Servers</b>	Cheryl Hamill	Damien Power	John Malycha
<b>EMHC</b>	Colleen Meadley	Helen Baker Cathy Power	Jane Burroughs Annette Charge
<b>Linen/Altar</b>		Ann Tierney	Robin Taylor

#### 9th & 10th September

	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
<b>Readers</b>	Michael White Mary Williams	Helen Casey Paul Coghlan	Elizabeth Hannan Colleen Rowe
<b>Senior Servers</b>	Damien Sloane	John Churchill <b>Sacristan</b>	Paul Scholtens
<b>EMHC</b>	Margaret Sloane	Denise Hampson Mary Morris	Helen Digan
<b>Linen/Altar</b>		Mary Morris	Maddalena Cobanov Katy Frino