



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 24th September 2023

Hearing Aid Loop is installed in both Mass centres, St Matthew's
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This weeks readings:
Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16

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
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 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

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)

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Entrance Antiphon

am the salvation of the people, says
the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their
Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

(L.) I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be
praised,
his greatness cannot be
measured. **(R.)**

(R.) The Lord is kind and full of
compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his
creatures. **(R.)**

(L.) The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their
hearts. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to
be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your
statutes.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

May our thoughts and our prayers
accompany you as you carry the
Eucharist, the bread of life, to those
who could not be with us today. May
you be messengers of new life and
hope.

REMINDER:

Mass changes will happen the weekend
of 30th September and 1st October.
6pm Vigil Mass will commence at
St Vincent's, Aranda from 30th
September onwards.



"You go to my
vineyard too and
I will give you a
fair wage."

Matthew 20:4

Next weeks readings:
Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

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Parish Vision:

Inspired by our faith in Jesus, we pray, listen, and welcome all as we reach out in service to

New Greeters Welcome

The Parish currently has a couple of ladies who do a great job of greeting us at Mass. The PPC sees this as an important pastoral role - making all feel welcome, providing a connection to newcomers, offering the Bulletin and inviting parishioners to attend events like the cuppa after Mass.

The PPC would like to increase the number of greeters so that there is a greeter at each Mass and to cover absences. If you would like to be included as a regular or occasional greeter, please email your name and Mass preference to: Jacinta, belconnensouth@cg.org.au or call 62541827 (Tue and Thu 9am to 3pm).

Of course we can all offer a warm welcome at Mass. If there isn't a nominated greeter please feel free to step in.



Men's Group – Thursday 28 September 23

The next get together will be at 6:15 PM on Thursday 28 September 23 at the Parish Centre, Aranda.

Please RSVP to paul.pearson@bigpond.com (0412 685 582) by COB Tuesday 26 September 23.

Season of Creation (1 September - 4 October)



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

Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si speaks of "Integral ecology" - that idea that humans and nature are interconnected and dependent on each other.

Week 4 - "Supporting our neighbours"

Jesus challenges us in the story of the Good Samaritan to expand our definition of neighbour to the whole human race - even people we think of as strangers, those living on the margins of society, those different to us and those who live far away.

Since the time of Jesus, the Catholic Church has reflected and developed a number of **Social Thought Principles** that help us understand how we are to respond to our neighbours. The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church says the following four principles are valid always and everywhere: the dignity of the human person, working towards "the common good" to allow everyone to reach their fulfilment more fully, subsidiarity (the right to participation in affairs that affect us and support of local groups), and solidarity (standing with those who need help). Stewardship of Creation and the Promotion of Peace have now been added.

During this week of the Season of Creation, let us support the dignity and improve "the common good" of our neighbours facing increasing insecurity and hardship in their lives. This can be done through prayer, learning and listening, and then action.

For example, donate to **Caritas Australia's** work to help vulnerable communities build their resilience:

"The effects of climate change are set to hit people living in poverty, those who have done the least to contribute to its causes, the hardest. ... Our changing climate has been linked to:

- an increase in the severity and frequency of droughts and famines around the world
- greater water shortages and food insecurity.
- poor harvests and people's inability to sustain their livelihoods through agriculture.

...Your generosity can help to provide improved access to water, water management systems and sustainable farming training to build on those communities' strengths and develop sustainable, environmentally-friendly jobs for remote and marginalised people." <https://www.caritas.org.au/climate-change-effect>.

By this practical action, we can respond to the theme of this year's Season of Creation to "Let justice and peace flow".

Parish News

Celebrating our Parish Saints' Feast Days

The feast of **St Matthew**, also called St. Matthew the Evangelist, St Matthew the Apostle, or Levi, is 21 September. According to Matthew 9:9 and Mark 2:14, Matthew was sitting by the customs house in Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee when Jesus called him into his company.

The feast of **St Vincent de Paul** is celebrated on 27 September. Vincent de Paul was the third (of six) child of peasant farmers, born in France on 24 April 1581 and died when aged 79 on 27 September 1660.

For more information on these saints lives, please go to our Parish website <http://cg.org.au/belconnensouth/Home.aspx>

1 October | Respect Life Sunday Mass & Luncheon

Archbishop Christopher Prowse will celebrate Respect Life Sunday Mass at 11 AM on October 1st at St Christopher's Cathedral. Following will be a light luncheon in the Haydon Hall including brief inputs from those working at the coalface in caring and advocating for human life in its most vulnerable stages. RSVP for luncheon @ www.cgatholic.org.au/respect-life/ Enquiries: Lara Kirk lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869

Let's Catch Up!

- Morning Tea after 8:30am Mass 1st Sunday of the Month at St. Matthew's, Page 1st October.
- Cheese and bikkies with wine after 6pm Vigil Mass at St. Vincent's, Aranda 2nd weekend of the month, 7th October
- Morning Tea after 10am Mass 3rd Sunday of the Month at St. Vincent's, Aranda, 15th October.

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 or 0437 034 148 as soon as possible.

Pope Francis has written: "Joint efforts are needed by individual countries and the international community to ensure that all enjoy the right not to be forced to emigrate, in other words, the chance to live in peace and with dignity in one's **109TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES** own country. This right ... is one of fundamental importance, and its protection must be seen as a shared responsibility on the part of all States with respect to a common good that transcends national borders. Indeed, since the world's resources are not unlimited, the development of the economically poorer countries depends on the capacity for sharing that we can manage to generate among all countries. Until this right is guaranteed – and here we are speaking of a long process – many people will still have to emigrate in order to seek a better life.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me" (Mt 25:35-36). These words are a constant admonition to see in the migrant not simply a brother or sister in difficulty, but Christ himself, who knocks at our door. Consequently, even as we work to ensure that in every case migration is the fruit of a free decision, we are called to show maximum respect for the dignity of each migrant; this entails accompanying and managing waves of migration as best we can, constructing bridges and not walls, expanding channels for a safe and regular migration. In whatever place we decide to build our future, in the country of our birth or elsewhere, the important thing is that there always be a community ready to welcome, protect, promote and integrate everyone, without distinctions and without excluding anyone.

Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick:

Will Blackwell,
Trevor Blake,
Ian Brown,
Angela Collier,
Gemma Collier,
Ian Cornwell,
Anne Darmody,
Leon Darmody,
Denis Dellamarta,
Joachim Exell,
Tony Fuller,
Pat Hannon,
Ailsa Jones,
Wendy LeBlanc,
Nick LeRay Meyer,
Bob Longland,
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:

Trevor Preece,
Carol O'Donnel,
Ivan Markac,
Terence Quinane,
Nora Gaffney,
Brian Robinson
Grace Falzon,
Peter Stubbs.

Anniversaries:

Kevin Moyle,
Vida Kabaila,
Michael Craft,
Adam Groves,
Libby Ciuffetelli nee Hogg,
Joe Tonna,

Dear volunteers,

Thank you for your commitment to ministry in our parish. We would be unable to continue to provide pastoral and administrative support to our parishioners and community members without your dedication and support.

It is a requirement in the ACT for anyone over 16 years of age involved in activities with children and/or vulnerable persons to hold a current Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) card. In NSW the requirement is for anyone over 18 years of age involved in activities with children to hold a current Working With Children Check (WWCC). At a parish level, this applies to parish priests/staff/volunteers active in particular ministries.

Twice a year, a report of all active WWVP and WWCC holders is required to be sent to the Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding office (IPSS) in the Archdiocesan Chancery, Manuka. Audits are due at the end of **March and September** and all parishes in the Archdiocese are required to comply. The Archdiocese can be audited by ACT or NSW govt agencies at any time so the audit reports are an important aspect of maintaining accurate records for when an audit occurs.

Our parish is committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons and complying with Archdiocesan and Govt requirements for WWVP/WWC. Please help us to maintain accurate records for the audits by ensuring your WWVP/WWC is current.

Claim the date

Sr Magdalen Mather from Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo will lead a spirituality day for the parish at the Orana Centre on Saturday, 11 November. A brochure and timetable will follow soon.

Roster for St Matthew's and St Vincent de Paul Churches			
23rd & 24th September			
	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Lorraine Higgins Geraldine Lillingston	Yvonne McAdoo Janet Moyle	Michael Allam Paul Scholtens
Senior Servers	Bernie Leger	John Woods	John Malycha
EMHC	Michael White	John Duck Jan Woods	Judi Ahern Jane Burroughs
Linen/Altar		Jan Cashman	Christine Ross
30th September & 1st October			
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Bernie Leger Jenny Murphy	Helen Casey Christina Rowe	Colleen Rowe Anne McCarthy
Senior Servers	David Ross	Damien Power	Paul Scholtens
EMHC	Mary Williams Dorothy Lalor	Kevin McInerney Cathy Power	Annette Charge Mina Chiu
Linen/Altar			Amanda Kabaila Rachelle Stannard