



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 10th 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:
Ezek 33:7-9, Rom 13:8-10, Mt 18:15-20

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your
judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your
merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) O that today you would listen to
his voice!

Harden not your hearts.

L. Come, ring out our joy to the
Lord;

hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving
thanks,
with songs let us hail the
Lord. **(R.)**

R. Come in; let us bow and bend
low;

let us kneel before the God who
made us

for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his
pasture,
the flock that is led by his
hand. **(R.)**

L. O that today you would listen to
his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as
at Meribah,

as on that day at Massah in the

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

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Tues and Thurs 9.00am-3.00pm
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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	5:30:pm
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

Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays St Vincent's 4.20pm

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

Baptisms:

2nd Sunday St Matthew's 11.30am

4th Sunday St Vincent's 11.30am

Weddings: By appointment

desert
when your fathers put me to the
test;
when they tried me, though they
saw my work.' **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the
world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation
he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running
streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my
God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living
God.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

Father, we give thanks for our
ministers of the Eucharist as they bring
your healing presence to those who
are sick today. Let their hearts be full
of your love. May they bring your
words of comfort and healing, in Jesus'
name.

Next weeks readings:

Sirach 27:30-28:7, Rom 14:7-9, Mt 18:21-35

Parish Vision:

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



Season of Creation (1 September - 4 October)

Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si speaks of "Integral ecology" - that idea that humans and nature are interconnected and dependent on each other. The issues affecting nature (e.g. pollution, loss of habitat, changes in nature systems and climate) also affect humans, especially the most poor. Viewing the world as interconnected can help us protect all of God's creation. For the next few weeks, we are highlighting things we can do to live interconnected lives.

Week 2 : Supporting Nature

Humans rely on many insects (including native stingless bees, hover flies and the European honey bee), birds and other animals to pollinate plants, and keep natural systems in balance. Those creatures in turn need places to shelter, food sources and water. In urban and rural spaces, we can support nature.

ACT for Bees provide the following suggestions:

- **Increase the diversity of plants in our gardens** - studies show this will increase the diversity and balance of "beneficial" insects and natural predators (e.g. birds and frogs), and increase pollinators to increase pollination of plants, fruits and vegetables.
- **Grow trees and plants that flower at different times of the year**, and have different coloured flowers - providing food for a variety of pollinators during the year. Native bees prefer native plants clumped together to easy access. A few bee species also use resin from mature gum trees.
- **Grow herbs** - bees use them for medicine ... and herbs are good for your cooking!
- **Provide fresh water** - using a shallow container with stones helps insects to drink cool without drowning.
- **Leave some spaces undisturbed** for native bees to nest in and winter e.g. piles of leaves and branches, a space of longer grass.
- **Avoid using pesticides and artificial fertilisers**, as these affect native bees and other beneficial insects.

ACT for Bees have a useful planting guide for the Canberra region to support pollinators - <https://actforbees.org/grow/>. A copy is available in the church's foyer this weekend.

At morning tea next week (11am September 17 @ St Vincent's) Michael Mulvaney, local ecologist and founder of Canberra NatureMap is giving a talk on "wildlife friendly gardening".

Wednesday 13 September | CatholicCare / 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

Enquiries: Helena Zobec

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

Book online: at www.wwme.org.au

Parish News

LADIES' DINNER

Our next Ladies' Dinner will be on Thursday 21 September, 6pm, at the Southern Cross Club, Jamison.

Please send your acceptance to me by COB on Monday 18 September.

jennymurphys@icloud.com OR 0437 034 148



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

Celebrating Women of Faith - Catholic Women's Taskforce Fundraising Dinner

The Archdiocese's Women's Taskforce is holding its annual fundraising dinner for MacKillop House on Friday, 27th October at the Southern Cross Club in Woden.

Guest speaker, Ms Genevieve Jacobs, a well-known local personality, will reflect on her experience of her Catholic faith in both her professional and personal life. Tickets are \$80, but early birds are \$70 (until 29 Sept), and tables of 10 are discounted to \$700.

Please visit www.cgwomen.org.au to purchase tickets through Humanatix.

For further information contact Samantha Hazlett at samanthahazlett@icloud.com.

Reminder: Pope Francis has convened a global meeting in Rome in October: the Synod on Synodality. What does it mean? Listen to Bishop Shane MacKinley of Sandhurst; Frances Sullivan, chair of Concerned Catholics of Canberra Goulburn; and former ABC broadcaster, Genevieve Jacobs discuss the Synod—Room for Everyone in Our Church, online at 7pm next Thursday 14th September. Register to receive the Zoom link by calling the organisers on 0411 197 829 or email: AusCathCoalition@gmail.com.

"This weekend the Australian Catholic Bishops have dedicated as Safeguarding Sunday. We continue to ensure, as best we can, to have a safe and welcoming community for all people, especially those vulnerable and children. A link can be found here <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023> . Following St Benedict, let us all "greet people as we would greet Christ."

Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick:

Will Blackwell,
Trevor Blake,
Ian Brown,
Angela Collier,
Gemma Collier,
Ian Cornwell,
Leon Darmody,
Denis Dellamarta,
Keiran Dunne,
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,
Trevor Preece,
Carol O'Donnel,
Ivan Markac,
Terence Quinane,
Nora Gaffney,
Brian Robinson
Grace Falzon.

Anniversaries:

Kevin Moyle,
Vida Kabaila,
Michael Craft,
Adam Groves,
Libby Ciuffetelli nee Hogg,
Joe Tonna,
Fr Jim Duck.

This weekend the students from St Matthew's Primary, Page, St Vincent de Paul, Aranda and our Parish School of Religion will be receiving their First Holy Communion.

Let us pray together as a community for these children as they meet the presence of Christ in this special way.

We thank them, their families, teachers and catechists and all who have made this moment what it is.



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

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.

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

9th & 10th September

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

16th & 17th September

	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Cheryl Hamill Peter Davies	John Duck Mary Morris	Gerard Hogan Kate Hourigan
Senior Servers	Jenny Murphy	Dennis Morris Sacristan	Robyn Grubmueller
EMHC	Margaret Toye	Jo Duck Kevin McInerney Joan Murphy	Karna O'Dea Robin Taylor
Linen/Altar		Christina Row	Ladies of the Korean Community