



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul

South Belconnen

Parish Pastoral Team

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First Sunday of Advent Year B Sunday 3rd December 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:

Is63:16-17;64:1,3-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk: 13:33-37

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	5:30:pm
Wednesday	St Matthew's	7:00am
Thursday	St Vincent's	9:30am
Friday	St Matthew's	9:30am
Saturday	St. Matthew's	12 pm

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 & 2nd Thu Dec

St Vincent's 9:30am

Confessions: Saturday

St Matthew's 11am—11:30 am

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

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

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be
put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put
to shame.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Lord, make us turn to you,
let us see your face and we
shall be saved.**

(R.) O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim
throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **(R.)**

(L.) God of hosts, turn again, we
implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has
planted. **(R.)**

(R.) May your hand be on the man
you have chosen,
the man you have given your
strength.
And we shall never forsake you
again:
give us life that we may call upon
your name. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and
our earth shall yield its increase.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

Exercising the command of Christ to
care for one another, bring to the
housebound members of our
community their Lord and Saviour
along with assurances of our prayers in
the name of Jesus the Lord.

"So stay awake,
because you do
not know when
the master of the
house is coming."

Mark 13:35



Next weeks readings:

Is40:1-5, 9-11; 2Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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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 transform the world.

They have arrived! **WITH EXPECTANT HEARTS** a 22 day prayer and Reflection resource for Advent. A limited number are available in the foyer. A donation of \$7.00 would be greatly appreciated to cover costs. Please put your money in the provided envelope and place on the collection plate. Or use the Tap and Go machine for the required amount.

COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

A very limited number are available in the foyer. A donation of \$10.00 would be greatly appreciated to cover costs. Please put your money in the provided envelope and place on the collection plate or use the \$10 pre-selected amount on the Tap and Go machine..

The Sacrament of Anointing of the sick will be celebrated during 9.30am Mass at St Vincent's Church on Thursday **14th December**. Please note change of date. All are invited to stay on for morning tea which will follow Mass.

THE MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS

invites you and your friends to

THE 17th ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER VIGIL

Where: St Brigid's Church

Address: 2 Bancroft Street, Dickson

Date: Sunday 31st December 2023

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.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Tuesday 19th December St Brigid's Church,
Dickson at 6:30 pm.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal – weekend 9-10 December

The annual Christmas appeal for the poor is taking place in both Churches as a retiring collection on the weekend 9-10 December 2023. This is the main source of income for both Conferences that operate in the Parish. Thank you for your continued generosity. If you can help with the collection at any Mass on that weekend, it would be greatly appreciated.



Caritas Australia

Gaza Crisis Appeal

The sudden escalation of hostilities in Israel and Gaza since 7 October has seen unimaginable impacts for the people affected by this conflict. The human toll has been devastating with over 12,000 deaths across Israel and Palestine. Around 1.5 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. With your compassionate generosity, we can support our partners and their local networks on the ground to provide emergency support to people displaced and affected by the hostilities. This vital support will help families meet basic needs and cope with trauma.

Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.

You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

Parish Safeguarding Commitment: The Parish of St Matthew and St Vincent de Paul is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all of our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to, and to be protected.

Communicating concerns: Parishioners are encouraged to raise any concerns they may have by emailing Fr Simon or the Parish Office; phoning the Parish office to arrange an appointment with Fr Simon. Specific Safeguarding issues can also be emailed to Maria Hicks, Manager for the Archdiocese's Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding (IPSS) ipss@cg.org.au

Parish News

A Prayer for our Parish Volunteers (International Volunteers Day on 5 December)

Pope Francis has said that “volunteers are the strength of the Church” as they are “a dimension of the Church’s mission and maintain so many actions of the Church.”

Through this prayer, we express our thanks to all the volunteers who offer service to the ministry of our Parish community.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the meaningful work that volunteers do in our Parish. We appreciate their dedication of time and energy to helping in a myriad of ways. Please give all our volunteers the courage and strength to carry out their tasks with passion and commitment. Let joy, peace, and satisfaction be upon the good work that they do in our Parish, and may they always know that all is possible through You. As they move forward with their work Lord grant them both humility and kindness. May they always be surrounded by Your grace and love as they continue their journey.

We ask this prayer in Jesus’ name. Amen.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY

Children’s Liturgy is held during 10 am Mass at St Vincent’s on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month, in term time.

All children welcome. Dates for this month: 3 and 17 December.

7 Dec | Young Adults “Purpose Conference”

Sydney Archdiocese is hosting International Catholic speakers Jason Evert & Matt Fradd to run an evening conference for Young Adults this Thu 7th & Fri 8th Dec. \$60 per person. Rosebank College, Five Dock NSW 2046. Organise your own accommodation, food, transport.

Info & registration at www.sydneycatholic.org/events/summer-series/

7 Dec | Roundtable on Domestic Church

In preparation for our Archdiocesan Assembly in October 2024 you are invited to participate in a series of prayerful listening & discussion ‘roundtables’ on various topics, This Thu 7th Dec we will reflect on the blessings and challenges of family life in relation to the evangelising mission of the Church. Attend in person (St Christopher’s Pastoral Centre) or online (Zoom). 7:00pm - 8:30pm More info at www.cgevangalisation.org.au/roundtables/ Register at <https://tally.so/r/3xjdY9>

8 Dec | Ministry Support Officer Applications Close

The Archdiocese is seeking a skilled applicant keen to provide practical and administrative support to the Marriage Family & Relationships team who run faith-based relationship formation programs for students, parents and families, as well as engaged & married couples. For more information and to apply text “Job Info” to 0429 192 869 by Fri 8th Dec

8 Dec | Sponsorships close for JPPII Immersion Course

Young Adults aged 18-35 years are invited to apply for sponsorship to attend a six day Theology of the Body **Immersion Course on JPPII’s Love and Responsibility** with Dr Christopher West, 21-26 January 2024 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville.

More info at www.sydneycatholic.org/events/summer-series/

To apply for sponsorship text “JPPII Course” to 0429 192 896 By Fri 8th Dec.

9 Dec | Half day for Parents & Teens with Jason Evert

Sydney Archdiocese is hosting International Catholic speaker Jason Evert to run a seminar for teens and parents on relationships and sexuality. 9am-1:30pm this Sat 9th Dec, Patrician Brothers College, Fairfield, NSW. \$25 per person. Info & registration at www.sydneycatholic.org/events/summer-series/

13 Dec | Zoom Information Evening – Ministry to the Newly Married

Are you recently married (in the past 2 years) or about to be married? Come and hear about a mentoring program for couples in the first 5 years of their marriage called Ministry to the Newly Married (MNM). Join us for a zoom information evening about how the MNM Program works 7pm-8pm Thurs 7th Dec. Details: Ralph & Angela (m) 0401 994 081 OR Helena and Richard on 0405 440 463 (e) contact@newlymarried.org. More information is available at <https://bit.ly/MinistryNewlyMarried>. Register for 2024 before 12 Jan.

Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick:

David Baker,
Will Blackwell,
Trevor Blake,
Ian Brown,
Angela Collier,
Gemma Collier,
Anne Darmody,
Leon Darmody,
Denis Dellamarta,
Greg Donnelly,
Joachim Exell,
Tony Fuller,
Pat Hannon,
Wendy LeBlanc,
Nick LeRay Meyer,
Bob Longland,
Tony Marker,
Glenn Mowbray,
Pamela Myatt,
Barry Joseph O'Leary,
Fulvio Paliaga,
Matthew Schembri,
Paul Scholtens,
Terry Stewart,
Anthony Stewart,
John Turyn,
Olga Turyn,
Jennifer Webster,
Angela Williams.

All the sick and suffering.

We pray for the deceased:

Recently:

Richard Reid,
Theo Albrecht,
Jo-Anne Flatley-Allen,
Ronald Mcnamara,
Judith Williamson,
Sr M Barbara Fogarty, rsj,

Anniversaries:

Terry Williams,
Elizabeth Smith,
Donnika Wright.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

V. Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophets of old. The Prophet Isaiah proclaimed to the people that we are the work of God's hands; we are the clay and he is the potter (First Reading).

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, we believe you come among us now. St Paul declares that the Spirit will keep us steady until the last day (Second Reading).

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you will come again in glory. You ask us to 'stay awake!' (Gospel).

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

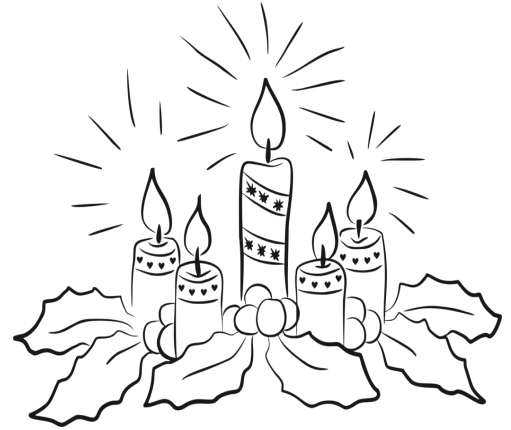
Presider [Collect: First Sunday of Advent]

Grant your faithful, we pray, Almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ

with righteous deeds at his coming, so that gathered at your right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom,

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

R. Amen



Roster for St Matthew's and St Vincent de Paul Churches			
2nd December & 3rd December			
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Lea Bewick Peter Davies	Yvonne McAdoo Mary Morris	Marie Carroll Colleen Rowe
Senior Servers	Cheryl Hamill	Damien Power	John Malycha
EMHC	Lynne Foster	Helen Baker Cathy Power	Karna O'Dea Robin Taylor
Linen/Altar			
9th December & 10th December			
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Lynne Foster Cheryl Hamill	Janet Moyle Helen Casey	Ann Cleary Lisa Harris
Senior Servers	David Ross	John Churchill Sacristan	Paul Scholtens
EMHC	Lea Bewick	Jo Duck John Duck	Judi Ahern Jane Burroughs
Linen/Altar			