



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

## Parish Pastoral Team

Fr Simon Falk -Parish Priest  
Fr. Andrew Yang - Korean Chaplain  
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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## Third Sunday of Advent Year B Sunday 17th 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:

Is 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

### Masses:

Saturday	St Vincent's	6:00pm
Sunday	St Matthew's	8:30am
	St Vincent's	10:00am
	St Matthew's	1:00pm
Samoan (4th Sun)		
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 pm

### Children's Liturgy:

During 10am Mass at St. Vincent's  
during school terms 1st & 3rd Sunday

### 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	11am-11:30 am
St Vincent'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 2nd Monday St  
Vincent's Church, Aranda  
7:30pm OR every 2nd  
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

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say,  
rejoice.

Indeed, the Lord is near.

## Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) My soul rejoices in my God.**

**(R.)** My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my  
Saviour.

He looks on his servant in her  
nothingness;  
henceforth all ages will call me  
blessed. **(R.)**

**(L.)** The Almighty works marvels  
for me.

Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him. **(R.)**

**(R.)** He fills the starving with good  
things,  
sends the rich away empty.  
He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy **(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

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:

Take Christ, the living bread, to our  
sisters and brothers who are sick. May  
they find nourishment for body and  
soul through his loving presence within  
them.



### Next weeks readings:

2 Sam 7:1-5,8-12,14,16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk  
1:26-38

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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.

### **THE MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS**

invites you and your friends to

### **THE 17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER VIGIL**

Where: St Brigid's Church

Address: 2 Bancroft Street, Dickson

Date: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

For more information – visit the website: [mmp-oceania.net](http://mmp-oceania.net)

### **Please Help Us to Make Christmas Special**

Help wanted to deliver Christmas hampers to our Vinnies companions.

We plan to deliver hampers on Saturday morning 23<sup>rd</sup> December from 9am from the Orana Center.

Contact Kate Hourigan 0414924238.



### **The Parish of South Belconnen warmly invites all children and their families to the Christmas Vigil Mass, 6pm on Sunday 24 December.**

This year it will be held on the St Matthew's Primary School Playground.

We would love for your children to be involved in different parts of the Christmas Eve Mass. We will need children for various processions, readings, percussion and carol singing! Children are also welcome, to come to the Mass dressed as a shepherd or angel! For further information and to list your availability, click on this link <https://forms.office.com/r/c2qQfh3FGg> or type it into your web browser.

Contact Lisa Harris for further information: [lisanaj75@gmail.com](mailto:lisanaj75@gmail.com)

### **Collections will be before Mass.**

Cash will go to the Archbishop's Christmas Appeal

Donations to the Parish can be made through the Tap and Go.

**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](mailto:ipss@cg.org.au)

## Parish News

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



### 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Tuesday 19th December St Brigid's Church, Dickson at 6:30 pm.  
Tuesday 19th December Holy Spirit Church, Amaroo at 7 pm.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is held during 10 am Mass at St Vincent's on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, in term time. All children welcome. Dates for this month: **17 December.**

### Christmas Mass Times

**Christmas Eve** 6 pm St Matthew's, Page Children's Mass  
9 pm St Vincent's, Aranda.

### Christmas Day:

8:30 am St Matthew's, Page  
10 am St Vincent's, Aranda  
3 pm Korean Mass St Vincent's, Aranda

### Tinnies for Vinnies

Vinnies has now received a total of \$10,000 from the Tinnies initiative.

*Thank you* for your ongoing support.

All the very best for Christmas and the new Year to you, your families and your friends



The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal is now available within your Parish Qkr! App.  
*Please help us make a difference, both locally and globally, by donating to the appeal.*



### **Christmas Mass Collection for 2023 Archbishops Christmas Appeal Support is Needed!**

Help life saving assistance to refugees fleeing violence; including evacuation, food, shelter as well as student assistance in Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Communities in India, Africa and the Solomon Islands are also assisted.

Donations can also be sent to: Archbishop's Christmas Appeal,  
GPO Box 3089, Canberra ACT 2601.

### **ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

I would like my donation to be:  
| \$20 | \$50 | \$100 | \$150 | Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Drr/Rev \_\_\_\_\_  
(Block letters please)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Please find enclosed my | Cheque | Money Order

I prefer to use my | Bankcard | Visa | Mastercard

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Please send to: Archbishop's Christmas Appeal  
Attn: Deacon Joe Blackwell  
GPO BOX 3089, Canberra ACT 2601

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## 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,  
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,  
Fulvio Paliaga,  
Judith Williamson,  
Sr M Barbara Fogarty, rsj,

#### Anniversaries:

Terry Williams,  
Peter Michael Robbins,  
Donnika Wright.

Third Sunday of Advent (Year B)

Presider:

V. Lord Jesus, your coming was foretold by the prophet Isaiah who cried with joy for God clothes us in the garments of salvation (First Reading).

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

V. Lord Jesus, you come among us now as the light of the world. St Paul urges us to be happy at all times and to pray constantly (Second Reading).

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

V. Lord Jesus, you sent John the Baptist to  
be a witness for the light (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, God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen**



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

#### 16th December & 17th December

	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
<b>Readers</b>	Lorraine Higgins Gabrielle Jarvis	Paul Coghlan Christina Rowe	Gerard Hogan John Malycha
<b>Senior Servers</b>	Damien Sloane	Vince Burns	Robyn Grubmueller
<b>EMHC</b>	Dorothy Lalor	Carolyn Burns Kevin McInerney	Annette Charge Mina Chiu
<b>Linen/Altar</b>			

#### 23rd December & 24th December

	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
<b>Readers</b>	Geraldine Lillingston Colleen Meadley	John Duck Yvonne McAdoo	Kate Hourigan Anne McCarthy
<b>Senior Servers</b>	Bernie Leger	John Woods	John Malycha
<b>EMHC</b>	Margaret Sloane	Mary Morris Jan Woods	Judi Ahern Robin Taylor
<b>Linen/Altar</b>			