



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
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Parish Secretary

Jacinta Dinn

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Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B Sunday 24th 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:

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

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	Christmas Day	

Programme

Saturday St Matthew's 12pm

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-11:30am
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 2nd Monday St
Vincent's Church, Aranda
7:30pm OR every 2nd
Wednesday at the Orana
Centre 11am-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

Drop down dew from above, you
heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just
One;
let the earth be opened and bring
forth a Saviour.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) For ever I will sing the
goodness of the Lord.**

(L.) I will sing for ever of your love,
O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will
proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love
lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly
established as the
heavens. **(R.)**

(R.) 'I have made a covenant with
my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my
servant:
I will establish your dynasty for
ever
and set up your throne through
all ages.' **(R.)**

(L.) He will say to me: 'You are my
father,
my God, the rock who saves me.'
I will keep my love for him
always;

for him my covenant shall
endure. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

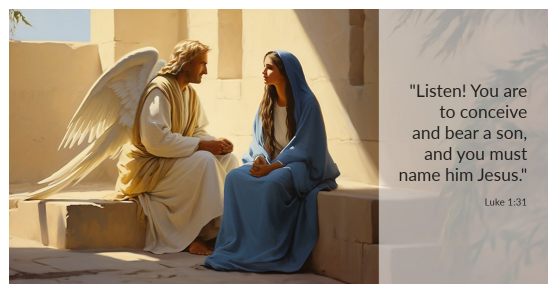
I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and
bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

As the Eucharist is taken to our sisters
and brothers, who cannot be with us
today, may their hearts be filled, like
Mary's, with peace and courage.
Through Christ our Lord.



"Listen! You are
to conceive
and bear a son,
and you must
name him Jesus."

Luke 1:31

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Next weeks readings:

Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19;
Lk 2:22-40

Parish Vision:

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

Christmas Masses

6.00pm Vigil coordinator with children

Lisa Harris

Server Bernie Leger
EMHC Damien & Cathy Power
Geraldine Lillingston
Music Beth & Brendan

9.00pm Vigil

Server Cheryl Hamill
Readers Jenny Murphy
Lynne Foster
EMHC Mary Williams
Bernard Williams
Music Greta & choir

8.30am

Acolyte John Woods
Readers Paul Coghlan
Christina Rowe
EMHC John & Jo Duck
Music Jenny & John

10.00am

Server Robyn Grubmueller
Readers Graham Williams
Gerard Hogan

EMHC Catharina Williams
Music Greta

Christmas Season 2023-24

In the course of a year, we see so many people, and so many things. Some of them make us feel sad, frustrated, and at times, really test our hope. At this time, we truly hope that the Son of peace will visit us and all peoples. But there are also many people and things and events that we see throughout the year which are truly good and wonderful. For these, we give thanks. Among the many people and things we see in a year, we so often see only impressions. We don't always see the bags developing under someone's eyes in their weariness. Nor the lovely dimple smile when they greet us. In our hustle and rush we don't always see through the initial impressions to some of the other features that are present to us when we encounter one another.

As we encounter God-with-us in the Christ-child and his Holy Family this Christmas season, it is our great hope that we would all be able to see that little bit more. To see beyond just the first impressions and appearances and to really see, contemplate, ponder, and be touched deep within. As we see, may we also come to know, that God-with-us truly sees us too, and sees us as the ones God loves. Every blessing of the peace and joy of Christ to you, and all your loved ones, from all of us.

Deacon Joe, Fathers Andrew and Simon



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

Mass on New Year's Day

9:30am at St Matthew's, Page

Archbishop Christopher Prowse's 2023 Christmas Message.

A video and downloadable pdf can be accessed via the Catholic Voice website at <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/archbishops-2023-christmas-message/>

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.

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.

For more information – visit the website: mmp-oceania.net

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



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.

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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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Signed _____ Expires ____/____/____

Please send to: Archbishop's Christmas Appeal
Attn: Deacon Joe Blackwell
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Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick:

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:

David Baker,
Theo Albrecht,
Fulvio Paliaga,
Judith Szmerler,
Judith Williamson,

Anniversaries:

Terry Williams,
Peter Michael Robbins,
Donnika Wright.

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year B)

V. Lord Jesus, you established the house of David to be secure forever and from which the Saviour would be born

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you alone are wisdom and as St Paul declares, you will give us the strength to live the Gospel

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you sent the angel Gabriel to give the good news to Mary so that she would bring Jesus into the world through the power of the Spirit

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

Presider [Collect: Fourth Sunday of Advent]

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ
your Son was made known by the
message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross be brought
to the glory of his resurrection.

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

23rd December & 24th December

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

30th December & 31st December

	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Mary Patton Mary Williams	Mary Morris Janet Moyle	Ann Cleary John Malycha
Senior Servers	Cheryl Hamill	Dennis Morris Sacristan	Robyn Grubmueller
EMHC	Geraldine Lillingston	Helen Baker Joan Murphy	Jane Burroughs Helen Digan
Linen/Altar	Amanda Kabaila Rachelle Stannard		