



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

## 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	St. Matthew's	9:30am
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-11:30am	
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

## The Holy Family Year B Sunday 31st 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:**  
Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk2:22-40

## Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste,  
and found Mary and Joseph and the  
Infant lying in a manger.

## Responsorial Psalm(

**(R.) The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

**(R.)** Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

○ sing to him, sing his praise;  
tell all his wonderful works! **(R.)**

**(L.)** Be proud of his holy name,  
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.

Consider the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face. **(R.)**

**(R.)** Remember the wonders he has done,  
his miracles, the judgements he spoke.

○ children of Abraham, his servant,  
○ sons of the Jacob he chose. **(R.)**

**(L.)** He remembers his covenant for ever,  
his promise for a thousand

## 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)

**Email:** BelconnenSouth@cg.org.au

**Safeguarding:** ipss@cg.org.au

generations,  
the covenant he made  
with Abraham,  
the oath he swore to Isaac. **(R.)**

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

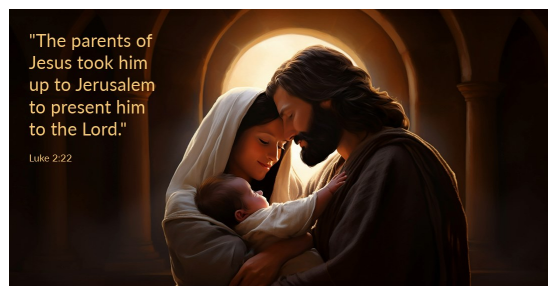
In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets;  
now he speaks to us through his Son.  
Alleluia!

## Communion Antiphon

Our God has appeared on the earth,  
and lived among us.

## Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

May the Lord's blessing be with you as you visit our sick and housebound parishioners, bringing them the gift of his loving presence in the Eucharist. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



"The parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord."  
Luke 2:22

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**Next weeks readings:**  
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## *Parish Vision:*

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

### **News from the Archdiocese**

#### **CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION (CPE) 400 HOUR FOUNDATIONAL UNIT**

Are you drawn to

Growing in knowledge, understanding and developing skills that will enable you to offer effective pastoral and spiritual care?

Deepening your awareness of spirituality in your life and of people's spiritual needs, hopes and concerns during times of illness?

Becoming more aware of your own values, attitudes and assumptions?

A CPE Foundational Unit will be offered as a blend of both online and in person sessions conducted on Wednesdays from February to June 2024. (Limited places are still available.)

Please contact Barbara Hall at [barbarahall1909@gmail.com](mailto:barbarahall1909@gmail.com) or phone: **0418 413 731** for more information and an application form. Applications are now open.

#### **Calling Catholic Mental Health Professionals**

Join the Raphael Network, founded in 2023 for Australian Catholic mental health professionals. We blend psychology with Christian anthropology—body, mind, spirit—and Catholic teachings. Enjoy online talks, an annual retreat, and peer support. We're a hub for holistic well-being, referrals, and resources. Apply at [www.raphaelnetwork.org.au](http://www.raphaelnetwork.org.au)

#### **Palms Australia**

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567. WEB: [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

#### **CatholicCare Retirement Villas - Aranda and Campbell**

CatholicCare currently has several vacancies at our retirement villas based in Aranda and Campbell. For further information on the vacant villas and to view the villas please contact e.   
Dominica McNamara, Retirement Villas Manager, on [property.management@catholiccare.cg.org.au](mailto:property.management@catholiccare.cg.org.au) or on 6162 6100 to indicate your interest.

**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

## 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 dimply 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

### 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/>

Loreto Ex Students' Reunion— in Canberra Saturday, **16 March 2024** For further details: [loreto.canberra@gmail.com](mailto:loreto.canberra@gmail.com)



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.

**and Go.**

**ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Please find enclosed my |  Cheque |  Money Order

I prefer to use my |  Bankcard |  Visa |  Mastercard

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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:

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,  
Fulvio Paliaga,  
Judith Szmeler,  
Judith Williamson,

#### Anniversaries:

Terry Williams,  
Peter Michael Robbins,

## 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)

### **CatholicCare Retirement Villas - Aranda and Campbell**

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Dominica McNamara, Retirement Villas Manager, on [property.management@catholiccare.cg.org.au](mailto:property.management@catholiccare.cg.org.au) or on 6162 6100 to indicate your interest.



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

#### **30th December & 31st December**

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

#### **6th January & 7th January**

	<b>Aranda 6.00pm</b>	<b>Page 8.30am</b>	<b>Aranda 10.00am</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Peter Davies Irena Davis	Paul Coghlan Christina Rowe	Lisa Harris Colleen Rowe
<b>Senior Servers</b>	David Ross	John Churchill Sacristan	John Malycha
<b>EMHC</b>	Colleen Meadley	Helen Baker	Karna O'Dea Robin Taylor
<b>Linen/Altar</b>	Robin Taylor		