



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
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Parish Secretary

Jacinta Dinn

St Matthew's Church

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Parish Office

Orana Centre, ARANDA

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Masses:

Saturday	St Matthew's	6:00pm
Sunday	St Matthew's	8:30am
	St Vincent's	10:00am
	St Matthew's	1:00pm
Samoan (4th Sun)		
Korean	St Matthew'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	9:30 am
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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday

Confessions: Saturday

St Matthew's 11am-11:30 am

St Matthew's 5:00pm - 5:30pm

Baptisms:

2nd Sunday St Matthew's 11:30am

4th Sunday St Vincent's 11:30am

Weddings: By appointment

Devotions and Prayer

Prayer Meeting

Monday St Vincent's 10:00am

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B Sunday 21st April 2024

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:
Acts 4:8-22; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the
earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens
were made, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) The stone rejected by the
builders has become the
cornerstone.**

(L.) Give thanks to the Lord for
he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the
Lord
than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the
Lord
than to trust in princes. **(R.)**

(R.) I will thank you for you have
given answer
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders
rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

(L.) Blessed in the name of the
Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of
the Lord;

I will thank you for you have
given answer
and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is
good;
for his love has no end. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the
Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know
me.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock,
alleluia.

Commissioning of Ministers of

Holy Communion:

As you take the Blessed Sacrament to
parishioners who cannot come to
Mass, Jesus is enabling you to continue
his work: through you he is reaching
out to his people.

Next weeks readings:
Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



Parish Vision:

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

St Vincent's Church, Aranda OPEN

The repair works are complete!

All regular Masses at St Vincent's will begin again this Sunday.

 <p>CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE</p>  <p>UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY</p>	<p>Catholic Theological College Sign up for one of 9 online sessions.</p> <p>Engaging Your Faith May 2024</p> <p><i>Theology, Scripture, Meditation, Spirituality, Science & Faith.</i></p> <p>Choose what interests you from \$25 per session. For more information and to register: ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/</p>
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2024 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service will be co-hosted by the three churches of the "Holy Roundabout", St Margaret's Uniting Church, Holy Rosary Catholic Church and Holy Cross Anglican Church.

Holy Cross Church, Hackett Sunday 16th May at 6pm.

Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce One Day Workshop - Life is for Living: the Spirituality of

Ageing All people are invited! When and where: Saturday 27 April, 10am - 3pm at the Parish Centre North Woden, 3 Strangways Street, Curtin. The workshop will be facilitated by Kerin Caldwell sgs (Sisters of the Good Samaritan) Registrations are essential and there is a limit of 30 places. Please register at cgwomen.com.au. There is a contribution cost of \$20 per person. Morning and afternoon tea will be provided, but please bring your own lunch. There are flyers in the church foyers and please contact Beth Gibson on 0412 846 020 with any questions

Parish contribution to the Synod on Synodality

The Parish Pastoral Council hosted an open parish meeting on 6 March 2024 to discuss the Synod on Synodality *Synthesis Report*. We did this in response to an invitation from the Vicar General for the Archdiocese, Fr Richard Thompson, to provide our response to a consultation document prepared by the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference.

The meeting was attended by twenty parishioners and five key points were agreed by the PPC to go forward to the Archdiocese. Our response endorsed the steps being taken towards a more synodal church. We supported the formation of diocesan pastoral councils and increased support for pastoral councils generally. We asked for increased transparency and accountability in all aspects of church governance. We supported the ordination of women to the diaconate and the priesthood. We asked for greater support for lay charisms and ministries to help us realise our parish vision. A copy of the input can be found on the parish website.

Our parish's input was the only contribution received from the Archdiocese. The Vicar General has advised that our input has been forwarded to the body coordinating the Australian church response.

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 about current safeguarding issues by contacting Fr Simon by emailing or phoning the Parish office to arrange an appointment, or by contacting our Safeguarding Volunteer, Ann Cleary, at SafeGuarding.BelconnenSouth@cg.org.au. Specific Safeguarding concerns (including potentially criminal current or historical matters) can be emailed to Maria Hicks, Manager for the Archdiocese's Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding (IPSS) ipss@cg.org.au.

Parish News

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal – Collection for Formation of our Seminarians:

This weekend we especially give thanks for the vocations that have sprung from our own communities – those young men whose families and lives are planted in our local parishes and who, God willing, will return as ordained priests to serve here. Please give a generous **donation** today or begin a **monthly donation** to support the education of our seminarians. Donations can be made through your parish or on-line at bit.ly/goodshepherd2024

Men's Group – 25 APRIL 2024

The next get together will be at 6:15 PM on **THURSDAY 25 APRIL 2024 (ANZAC DAY)** at the Parish Centre, Aranda

Please RSVP to paul.pearson@bigpond.com (0412 685 582) by COB Tuesday 23 April 2024

Library News

The following items are now available for loan at St Matthew's:

- Martin, James: ***Come forth: the raising of Lazarus and the promise of Jesus's greatest miracle*** 2023 [Scripture]
- Keating, Thomas: ***Invitation to love*** 1992 [Spirituality]
- Rossmann, Michael: ***Freedom of missing out: letting go of fear and saying yes to life.*** 2022 [Miscellaneous]

Our libraries are located in the vestibule of each church. Any queries or suggestions contact Megan Thompson (St Matthews) on 6254 0524

Reminder – Please fill in borrowing sheet and return items as soon as you have finished so others can use them.

Canberra Bach Ensemble

Don't miss the **Canberra Bach Ensemble's** enchanting concert, a preview of their upcoming **Leipzig Bach Festival** performance! Experience the brilliance of Bach's Chorale Cantata Cycle 1724-1725 with three mesmerizing chorale cantatas: **BWV 9, 107, and 178.**

Under the direction of Andrew Koll, immerse yourself in the timeless beauty of Bach's masterpieces on 11-12 May at St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka.

Whether you're a seasoned aficionado or new to classical music, this concert offers an unforgettable journey through Baroque brilliance. Secure your tickets now for a weekend of musical enchantment before the Canberra Bach Ensemble takes the stage at the **2024 Leipzig Bach Festival.**

MERICI COLLEGE ENROLLING NOW

A wonderful opportunity for prospective families to see the College in action, meet our students and attend the Principal's Address, Year 7 and 11 Information Evenings and lots more.

Visit www.merici.college for all dates and information for our Open Day and enrolment events.

- Open Day, Principal's Address and Year 7 2025 Information Night: Wednesday 8 May
- Be a Merici Girl Days: 3, 6, 13 May
- Talk and Tours: 11 May

Healing Rally with Damian Stayne - Wednesday 1st May @ St Peter Chanel's Church, Weston Street, Yarralumla from 7pm - 9:30pm. Everyone is welcome! Praise, worship, healing prayer and joy in the Holy Spirit! Damian is a Catholic lay evangelist from the UK. He ministers powerfully in the charisms of preaching and healing. To register call/text Susanna 0419 902 293 or Neda 0415 266 019.

Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick:

Kathryn Anderson,
Trevor Blake,
Ian Brown,
Angela Collier,
Gemma Collier,
Ann Crooks,
Anne Darmody,
Leon Darmody,
Denis Dellamarta,
Joachim Exell,
Tony Fuller,
Fr Chris Gardiner OFM,
Greg Glass,
Pat Hannon,
Margaret Keen,
Charlie King,
Wendy LeBlanc,
Nick LeRay Meyer,
Bob Longland,
Tony Marker,
Glenn Mowbray,
Pamela Myatt,
Karna O'Dea,
Barry Joseph O'Leary,
Matthew Schembri,
Paul Scholtens,
Terry Stewart,
Anthony Stewart,
Sophie Turner,
John Turyn,
Olga Turyn,
Jennifer Webster,
Daniel William,
Angela Williams.

All the sick and suffering.

We pray for the deceased:

Theresa McKinnon (mother of
Beth Gibson),
Greg Donnelly,
David Quan Wing,
Geoff Reid,
Joan Crowley,
John Staunton,
Colin Colquhoun,
Iris Sloane,
Denis Hally-Burton,
Margaret "Terry" Embril,
Maria Hribar,
Clive Blair.

YOUNG CHRISTIAN STUDENTS

Students in Years 7 - 12
Next Meeting: 28 April 2024
7:00pm – 9:00pm[after the
6:00pm Mass]
St John the Apostle Parish
Centre
Contact the Parish Office for
more
information kippax@cg.org.au

Anniversaries (April):

Annette Quinn,
Madeleine Williams,
Helen McKeown,
Herman Melis,
Ronald Davis,
Noel Johnson,
Emmalea Klaassen,
Aurora Clayton,
Leo Wyche,
Carmella Russoniello,
Bryan Ward,
Moya Lahiff,
Kathleen Thorue,
Bob Huchison,
Anastasia Kasmirah,
Kathleen Thorue,
Kenneth Groves,
Brigid Thomas.
Rosa Metha,
Neil Malycha
Iris O'Leary,
Aniela (Angela) Subiepanck,
Esther Holmes,
Joseph Balthazaar,
Linda Balthazaar.

4 May | CANBERRA'S GAZA CEASEFIRE PILGRIMAGE

This will be a prayerful show of solidarity with cities around the world on Saturday, 4 May. Some will walk the length of the Gaza Strip (41 kms), commencing atop Mt Ainslie at 4am, with a 10am liturgy at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton and a 1.30pm gathering at Regatta Point before the last 6kms. All welcome.

Further info: 0413 840 555 / adair.obrien@outlook.com

18 May | Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples

Engaged Encounter- Sydney, Sat 18 & Sun 19 May. FOCCUS - Tues 11th June 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at Marymead CatholicCare. Evenings for the Engaged- Sat 13 & 20 July. SmartLoving – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information or to register go to www.marriagefamily.org.au Enquiries: Text 0405440463

May 20 – 22 | A Current of Grace

Renewing Catholic Schools as Centres of Evangelisation: An invitation is extended to Australian and international Catholic education and other Church leaders to a conference focused on renewing Catholic schools as centres of evangelisation, emphasising two high-impact strategies – Staff and Leader formation and student formation for peer-to-peer ministry. More details at www.catholicvoice.org.au

Roster for St Matthew's and St Vincent de Paul Churches			
20th April & 21st April			
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Readers	Lynne Foster Cheryl Hamill	Helen Casey Janet Moyle	Marie Carroll Ann Cleary
Senior Servers	Bernadette Leger	Vince Burns	John Malycha
EMHC	Margaret Sloane	Jo Duck John Duck	Jane Burroughs Annette Charge
Linen/Altar			
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