



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

Parish Pastoral Team

Fr Simon Falk -Parish Priest
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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	9:30am
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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday

Confessions: Saturday

St Matthew's 11am-11:30am

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B Sunday 28th 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 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the
assembly of your people.**

(R.) My vows I will pay before
those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have
their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those
who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever
and ever! **(R.)**

(L.) All the earth shall remember
and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations
worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the
mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go
down to the dust. **(R.)**

(R.) And my soul shall live for him,
my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to
generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to
peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has
done.' **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says
the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the
branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him,
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

May you take this gift of the Lord to
our friends who cannot be with us in
person. May it bring healing and new
life to them and to you. We ask this
in the name of the same Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.



Next weeks readings:

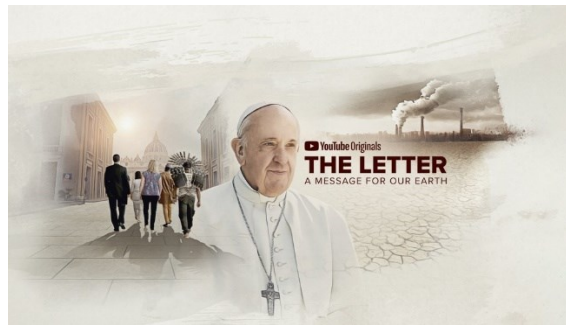
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48;

1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Parish Vision:

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

Film afternoon



The parish Laudato Si' circle is hosting a community screening of the movie **The Letter: a message for our earth**. It tells the story of a group of people who were invited to Rome to share with Pope Francis their perspectives and solutions to the environmental crises. The protagonists include a young girl from India, a refugee from Senegal, 2 marine scientists from Hawaii and an indigenous man from the Amazon. The 80 minute film will be followed by afternoon tea. Everyone welcome, however, it is not suitable for primary school aged children.

Date: Saturday 18 May 2024

Time: 1-3.30 pm

Venue: Orana Centre, Bindel Street, Aranda

TAIZE PRAYER: 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.



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

Fertility Awareness Methods



Archdiocese of
Canberra Goulburn

Local health professionals and qualified instructors are available help you understand and manage your fertility in an effective and non-invasive manner. Achieve or avoid pregnancy naturally. Address reproductive health issues holistically. See *Fertility Awareness Methods* at www.marriagefamily.org.au

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

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.

2 May | The Marriage Course Inner North Canberra

Nicky Gumbel says “There’s no marriage that can’t be improved.” *The Marriage Course* offers practical support and ideas to strengthen your relationship, in a fun, impactful way, all from the comfort of your own home *via zoom*. Starts Thursday 2nd May 7:00 – 9:00 for 9 weeks, including a closing dinner. Watch presentations with other couples but discuss content privately with your spouse. The cost is \$48 for a pair of workbooks required for the course.

Register for the course at <https://cgatholic.org.au/marriagefamily/home/marriage-course-inner-north-canberra-parish-registration-form/>

More information at <https://cgatholic.org.au/marriagefamily/married/>

Enquiries helena.zobec@cg.org.au or 0405 440 463

Feel free to contact me for any additional information required.

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.**

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre: PRESENTER: Fr. Paul Maunder, OCD & Cristina Leontini, translator of **Life and thoughts of Mariam Baouardy**, ‘the little nothing’

Illiterate, child-like, naive, poor, a ‘the little nothing’, this Teresian Carmelite nun founded the Carmel of the Holy Child Jesus in Bethlehem. She bore the wounds of the “Ecce Homo” in her body and offered her sufferings in loving union with her Lord for mercy upon sinners. Fr Paul and Cristina Leontini will present her life and comment on her way of the cross in the context of today’s sufferings, especially in the Holy Land.

WHEN: May 10 - 12, 2024 • 6pm (Fri) - 12:30 pm (Sunday)

WHERE: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW

COST: \$330

Please register at the following link: www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program

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,
Sr Mary Corkeron RSM,
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,
Pat Stakelum,
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,
John Staunton,
Colin Colquhoun,
Iris Sloane,
Denis Hally-Burton,
Margaret "Terrie" Embrill,
Maria Hribar,
Clive Blair.

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

27th April & 28th April

	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Lorraine Higgins Gabrielle Jarvis	Irena Denis Christina Rowe	Elizabeth Hannan Lisa Harris
Senior Servers	Bernadette Leger	John Churchill Sacristan & EMHC	John Malycha
EMHC	Lynne Foster	Mary Morris Joan Murphy	Mina Chiu Helen Digan
Linen/Altar			

4th May & 5th May

	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Geraldine Lillingston Bernie Leger	Paul Coghlan John Duck	Gerard Hogan Kate Hourigan
Senior Servers	Damien Sloane	John Woods	Jenny Murphy
EMHC	Dorothy Lalor	Kevin McInerney Jan Woods	Rachelle Stannard Robin Taylor
Linen/Altar			

Catholic Theological College

Sign up for one of 9 online sessions.

Engaging Your Faith

May 2024

Theology, Scripture,
Meditation,
Spirituality, Science &
Faith.

Choose what interests you from
\$25 per session.

For more information and to register:

ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/