



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

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7 Bindel Street, Aranda

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 St Vincent's 4:20-5:20pm

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

Centering Prayer

2nd & 4th Wednesday of month 7.30pm Marian Hall, Page

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
Sunday 25th August 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:

Josh 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

(R.) I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.

The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**

(L.) The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth.

The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. **(R.)**

(R.) They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **(R.)**

(L.) Many are the trials of the just man

but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. **(R.)**

(R.) Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed.

The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.

Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy

Communion:

Dear friends, as you bring the body of our Lord to our sick and housebound brothers and sisters, reassure them of our prayer and of our love for them in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Next weeks readings:

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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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

MULTICULTURAL MASS

We are celebrating our Multicultural Mass on Sunday 3 November at 10am, the usual Sunday Mass time. This is an opportunity for all of ethnic origin to worship and celebrate together with colour and music. The Mass will be followed by a lunch so the celebration will include sharing your favourite dishes with all present. Please put the date of the Mass in your diaries. We will be holding a meeting in October to plan the Mass so if you are interested in attending the Mass and participating in the planning, please contact Catharina Koopman catharinakoopman@gmail.com m: 0417 625 130 or Jenny Murphy jennymurphys@icloud.com m:0437 034 148

Healing Liturgy Sunday 8th September for Safe Guarding Sunday at St Vincent's, Aranda.

11:30 am just after morning tea.

Claim the date. More details to come.

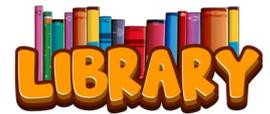
Social Justice Statement 2024-25 - Office For Justice, Ecology and Peace

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2024/07/25/social-justice-statement-2024-25/>

In the 2024 – 2025 Social Justice Statement, “Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World”, Australia’s Bishops scrutinise the signs of our own troubled times, observe the violence around us, and ask why it is so. They also ask what is needed if there is to be peace.

Library News

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



- ◆ Gilbert, Sarah: ***Unconventional women: the story of the last Blessed Sacrament Sisters in Australia.*** 2024 [Women- Religious Life].
- ◆ Halik, Tomas: ***The afternoon of Christianity: the courage to change.*** 2024 [Church and Catholic Faith] “...a poignant reflection on Christianity’s crisis of faith while offering a vision of the self-reflection, love, and growth necessary for the church to overcome and build a deeper and more mature faith.”

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 borrow them

Volunteer Opportunities - English Teachers, Youth Workers & Youth Ministers

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Caqliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2025 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. Applications close October 31st, 2024. Send us an enquiry - www.caqliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

Parish News

Father's Day Appeal – Collection for our retired priests: There are 25 priests in our Archdiocese. We should remember our retired priests as we celebrate the [theme for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly](#) "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15).

Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift today:

By envelopes

By giving at: www.cgatholic.org.au/donate

By calling: (02) 6239 9876

Thank you for taking care of our priests in their retirement.

Columban Calendars-Orders CLOSING this week

We are taking orders for the 2025 Columban Calendars. Please email Jacinta at the Parish

Office: belconnensouth@cg.org.au or call the Parish office by **Thursday 29th August**.

Only 9 orders have been received!



Men's Group – 29 AUG 2024

The next get together will be at 6:15 PM on **THURSDAY 29 AUG 2024** at the Parish Centre, Aranda.

Please RSVP to paul.pearson@bigpond.com (0412 685 582) by COB TUE 27 AUG 2024.

18-20 October | Come, Holy Spirit - Archdiocesan Assembly

All are invited to take part in the Archdiocesan Assembly that will explore the theme 'Come Holy Spirit.' This will focus on celebrating the Year of the Holy Spirit and explore new opportunities for evangelisation and synodality in the life and mission of our local Church going forward.



Where Canberra + Narooma + Cooma + Young + Goulburn
When Friday 18th October - Sunday 20th October 2024
Info Detailed information, registration and formation materials available online at cgevangelisation.org.au/assembly

We are also looking for Parish representatives. As a Parish, discern and decide who you invite to be your Assembly Delegates. Along with Fr Simon, a selection of two to six representatives, is suggested.

Please see the posters and flyers in the Church foyers for more information

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.

Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick:

Kathryn Anderson,
Trevor Blake,
Ian Brown,
Angela Collier,
Gemma Collier,
Anne Darmody,
Leon Darmody,
Denis Dellamarta,
Joachim Exell,
Tony Fuller,
Fr Chris Gardiner OFM,
Pat Hannon,
Margaret Keen,
Charlie King,
Wendy LeBlanc,
Nick LeRay Meyer,
Bob Longland,
John Malycha,
Tony Marker,
Mary Matthews,
Glenn Mowbray,
Pamela Myatt,
Stephen New,
Karna O'Dea,
Barry Joseph O'Leary,
Francis Power,
Matthew Schembri,
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:

Kathleen Paterson
Wendy White,
Ann Crooks,,
Manuel Canizales,
Patricia Blake,
Anta Supomo,
Emmy Quinn.
Else van Pelt-McGahey,
Tom Penders.

Anniversaries (September)

Adam Groves,
Libby Ciuffetelli nee Hogg,
Joe Tonna,
Peter Stubbs
Fr J Duck
Trevor Preece
Grace Falzon

31 August | Cultural Competency | 10:00AM

The Catholic Women's Taskforce, Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn has a workshop on 31 August. Kylie Shea, a Ngunnawal woman will facilitate the sessions where we will learn about Ngunnawal culture.

Venue: Parish Centre Aranda Register via www.cgwomen.org.au

8 September | Marymead CatholicCare High Tea Buffet | 2:00pm

Join the Marymead CatholicCare Auxiliary for a high tea buffet while raising much needed funds for Marymead CatholicCare. Where: Mecure Canberra, corner of Ainslie & Limestone Avenue, Braddon.

Tickets are \$60 per person. Bookings close on 22 August 2024. Visit mccg.org.au for more details on how to book.

7 September | ADORATION RETREAT |

Are you carrying rocks in your daily spiritual backpack? Unload some burdens and refill with hope. Join Sr Kate Atkins, an experienced spiritual guide, as we journey towards Jubilee 2025.

Where: St Benedict's Church, 10 Tallara Parkway, Narrabundah Saturday 7 September

Lunch and Morning Tea provided. \$20 donation

12 - 14 September | Season of Creation Convocation 2024 - Catholic Earthcare Caritas Australia

Catholic Earthcare Convocation 12-14 September 2024. 12-13 September online presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences. Saturday 14 September in the Archdiocesan Hub to transform learning into action (online available). Register here: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1231165>

Contact: catholicearthcare@caritas.org.au

21 September | PREPARED: CatholicPsych Institute Mental Health Crisis Response Training | 9AM

Join Dr Greg Bottaro from New York for exclusive training event in Canberra, tailored for educators, campus ministers, parish & diocesan staff, parents, and priests, addressing the urgent need to respond to the growing mental health crisis. Learn to identify and address mental distress through a Catholic lens. Register at

www.trybooking.com/CULHL

26 September | Encountering God in Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is Sacred Reading. It is a way of prayer whereby we allow the Word of God to touch our hearts and change our lives. It is a dialogue of love between the person and God as heart speaks to heart through the Word. This weekend retreat focusses on the process of lectio divina by engaging participants in the ancient art of reading and praying with the Word of God in scripture.

For more details ring 0242360011 Ext. 114 Cost: \$150

17 October | Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev. Mark Ha

Thursday 17 October 2024 at 5.00pm at St Christopher's Cathedral Forrest, Canberra

9-10 November | ENGAGED ENCOUNTER RETREAT

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. For further information visit: www.engagedencounter.org.au. Choose any of the Weekends: Nov 09-10, Feb 22-23

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

24th August & 25th August

	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Bernie Leger Geraldine Lillingston	Paul Coghlan Irena Dennis	Michael Allam Anne McCarthy
Senior Servers	Damien Sloane	Kevin McInerney Sacristan/EMHC	Jenny Murphy
EMHC	Margaret Sloane	Jo Duck John Duck	Jane Burroughs Lourdes O'Keefe
Linen/Altar			

31st August & 1st September

	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Mary Williams Peter Rodda	John Duck Mary Morris	Gerard Hogan Belen Lamond
Senior Servers	Bernie Leger	John Woods	Jenny Murphy
EMHC	Michael White	Jo Duck Jan Woods	Annett Charge Mina Chiu
Linen/Altar			