



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

St Vincent de Paul Church

7 Bindel Street, Aranda

Parish Office

Orana Centre, ARANDA
Tues and Thurs 9.00am-3.00pm
(6254 1827)

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Masses:

Saturday	St Vincent's	6:00pm
Sunday	St Matthew's	8:30am
	St Vincent's	10:00am
Samoan (4th Sun)	St Matthew's	1:00pm
Korean	St Vincent'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 & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays St Vincent's 4:20pm

Confessions: Saturday

St Matthew's 11am-11:30 am

St Vincent'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 Ordinary in Time Year B
Sunday 4th February 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:

Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who
made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Praise the Lord who heals
the broken-hearted.**

**(L.) Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. (R.)**

**(R.) The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its
name. (R.)**

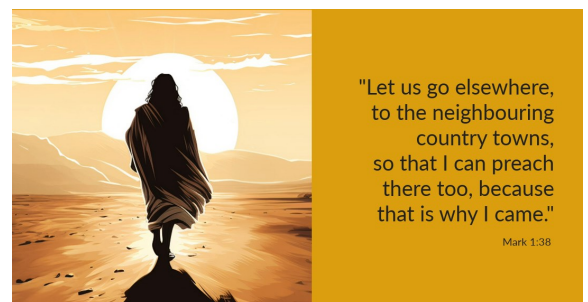
**(L.) Our Lord is great and
almighty;
his wisdom can never be
measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the
dust. (R.)**

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his
mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good
things.

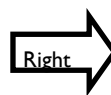
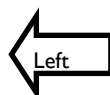
Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

We send out our Eucharistic ministers
to take the body of Christ to those
sick and housebound. May our
ministers and those they visit be
blessed and comforted by the love of
God and be assured of our prayers.



"Let us go elsewhere,
to the neighbouring
country towns,
so that I can preach
there too, because
that is why I came."

Mark 1:38



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Next weeks readings:

Lev 13:1-2; 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-
45

Parish Vision:

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

South Belconnen Parish School of Religion

The Parish School of Religion provides religious education, catechises and sacramental preparation for Catholic children who attend government or private schools. Classes run during school term.

Classes will commence again on the week starting 21 February 2024 at the Orana Centre or via Zoom. For more information and an enrolment form please contact Trish at

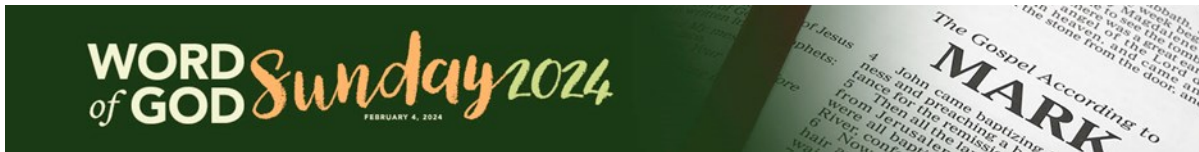
trish_glenn@bigpond.com or on 0408 561 255.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is held during 10 am Mass at St Vincent's on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month, in term time.

All children welcome. Dates for this month: **4 and 18 February.**



Word of God Sunday, instituted by Pope Francis in the apostolic letter *Aperuit Illis* in 2019, encourages the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. Pope Francis proposed setting aside 'a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in the constant dialogue between the Lord and his people'. Pope Francis wants to make it clear how important it is in the daily life of the Church and our communities to refer to the Word of God, a Word that is not confined to a book, but which remains ever alive and becomes a concrete and tangible sign. It is an opportunity to reflect on what room we make in our lives for the scriptures. Pope Francis explains that the Word of God *calls everyone to conversion*, to change our lives, as we cannot remain the same after hearing its life-giving message. 'There is a risk for all of us: overwhelmed by a barrage of words, we let the word of God glide by us: we hear it, yet we fail to listen to it; we listen to it, yet we don't keep it; we keep it, yet we don't let it provoke us to change.' However, "When it enters us, the Word transforms our hearts and minds; it changes us and leads us to direct our lives to the Lord... Here is Jesus' invitation: God has come close to you; recognise His presence, make room for His Word, and you will change your outlook on life."

(Liturgy Committee)

HISTORIC PEWS FOR SALE

40 surplus pews from the restoration of Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral, which have been in storage for around two years. These pews are over 100 years old, made of a combination of cedar, maple and ash.

For more information, please get in touch with Christopher in the Parish Office: E: goulburn@cg.org.au

M: 040 363 1797

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

Parish News



- **Morning Tea after 8:30am Mass**
1st Sunday of the Month at St. Matthew's, Page.
4th February
- Cheese and bikkies with wine after 6pm Vigil Mass at **St. Vincent's, Aranda** 2nd weekend of the month. **Saturday 10th**
- Morning Tea after 10am Mass 3rd Sunday of the Month at **St. Vincent's, Aranda.**
18th February

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

On behalf of the Aranda and Page Conferences of the St Vincent de Paul Society, we sincerely thank Parishioners for the generous support given to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

We look forward to your continued support for the poor in our community



Preparing for Ash Wednesday

Everyone is invited to bring back their palms and palm crosses and place them in the basket in the foyer of each church or bring the to **5.30pm Mass on Tuesday 13 February for a palm burning ritual after the Mass**, at St Vincent's. The ash from these palms are then used on Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday Masses

7.00am St Matthew's

9.30am at both churches (attended by each school)

6.00pm at St Matthew's

Parish Book Club

Our first meeting for 2024 will be held on **Thursday 15 February at 1.30pm in Marian Hall** at St Matthews in Page.

If you would like to find out more about the Book Club, please contact Beth Gibson on 0412 846 020 or Megan Thompson on 6254 0524.

Secretary/Administration Officer Position - Holy Spirit Parish

Permanent Part-time – Four days per week (23 hrs) Tuesday to Friday – 9.00am to 3.15pm

For the full job description and selection criteria, please [click here](#) or visit our parish [website](#).

Applications: To apply please provide a covering letter which includes your response to the Selection Criteria along with your Curriculum Vitae to Fr Troy Bobbin at recruitment@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au. Contact Theivani on 0472 921 518 or 6242 9622 (Tuesday to Friday).

Vocations Dinner at Archbishop's House. Thursday 8 February at 6pm. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.



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,
Fr Chris Gardiner OFM,
Pat Hannon,
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,
John Turyn,
Olga Turyn,
Jennifer Webster,
Angela Williams.

All the sick and suffering.

We pray for the deceased:

Recently:

Judith Williamson,
Josie Wright.

Anniversaries:

Algis Kabaila,
Bob Laracy,
Paul O'Callaghan,
Mary Vas,
June Donnelly,
Peter Donnan,
Rex French,
Penny Durick.

February | Marriage Preparation Course

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: *FOCCUS* - Tues 13th Feb 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at CatholicCare. *Evenings for the Engaged* - Sat 10th & 17th Feb 9-3pm. *Engaged Encounter*- Sydney, Sat 24 & Sun 25. *SmartLoving* – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information contact marriage.preparation@cg.org.au To register go to www.marriagefamily.org.au

Enquiries: Contact Lara Kirk on lara.kirk@cg.org.au or Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**

The St Vincent's Christian Meditation group is starting up again after the Christmas/New Year recess.

Our first meeting for 2024 is on **Wednesday 7 February** in the parish hall Orana from 6 to 7 pm.

We meet in person on the first and third Wednesdays. All other Wednesdays we meet on zoom.

Interested newcomers are very welcome.

More info Anne-Marie 0414278774

14 MARCH | AN EVENING WITH FR TIMOTHY RADCLIFFE OP

Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP was Master of the Order of Preachers from 1992 to 2001. A member of the community at Blackfriars, Oxford, he is the author of several very popular books and an internationally reputed speaker and retreat-giver.

Date: Thursday 14 March 2024, **Place:** Merci College Wise Street Braddon

Time: 5.30 -7.00pm

Free Tickets: <https://bit.ly/4bISurY>

Roster for St Matthew's and St Vincent de Paul Churches			
3rd February & 4th February			
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Jenny Murphy Mary Patton	Helen Casey John Duck	Kate Hourigan Colleen Rowe
Senior Servers	David Ross	John Woods	John Malycha
EMHC	Lea Bewick	Kevin McInerney Jan Woods	Rachelle Stannard Robin Taylor
Linen/Altar	Amanda Kabaila Rachelle Stannard		
10th February & 11th February			
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Peter Rodda Michael White	Yvonne McAdoo Mary Morris	Elizabeth Hannan Gerard Hogan
Senior Servers	Bernadette Leger	Vince Burns	Robyn Grubmueller
EMHC	Lynne Foster	Carolyn Burns	Judi Ahern
Linen/Altar			