



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

Second Sunday Ordinary in Time Year B  
Sunday 14th January 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:

I Sam 3:3-10; I Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

### 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  
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## Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before  
you, O God,  
and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
We have found the Messiah:  
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and  
grace.  
Alleluia!

## Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Here am I, Lord;**

**I come to do your will.**

**(R.)** I waited, I waited for the Lord.  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my  
mouth,

praise of our God. **(R.)**

**(L.)** You do not ask for sacrifice and  
offerings,

but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and  
victim.

Instead, here am I. **(R.)**

**(R.)** In the scroll of the book it  
stands written

that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law

in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**

**(L.)** Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;

you know it, O Lord. **(R.)**

## Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me,  
and how precious is the chalice that  
quenches my thirst.

## Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

Father, bless our brothers and sisters  
entrusted with the ministry of bringing  
the body of Christ your Son to those  
who are sick. May they also carry your  
love and hope to those they serve. We  
ask this through this same Christ our  
Lord, Amen.

"We have found the Messiah."



John 1:41

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### Next weeks readings:

I Jonah 3:1-5, 10; I Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

## *Parish Vision:*

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

### **Men's Group – Thursday 25 January 2024**

The next get together will be at 6:15 PM on Thursday 25 January 2024 at the Parish Centre, Aranda.

Please RSVP to [paul.pearson@bigpond.com](mailto:paul.pearson@bigpond.com) (0412 685 582) by COB Tuesday 23 January 2024.



**BELCONNEN SOUTH PARISH CHOIR:** There will be choir practice in St Vincent's Church at 5.00 pm on Saturday 20 January, prior to singing the 6.00 pm Mass. All interested in singing will be welcome.

### **Parish Book Club**

Are you interested in expanding your own reading, sharing ideas with others, or simply getting to meet some other people in our Parish? Then you might like to join the South Belconnen Parish Book Club!

A group of six parishioners came together in September 2015 for the first meeting of our Book Club. Since then we have met each month (except January) to discuss a range of reading material. Our membership has changed from time to time, but has remained steady at about 6-8 people at most meetings.

We have read and shared thoughts on many topics such as:

- \* books from our well stocked Parish library.
- \* • the Pope's encyclicals and other 'official' documents.
- \* • the Australian Bishops' Statements that are produced each year.
- \* • books about spirituality, faith development, church movements, and inspirational people.
- \* • Scripture readings.
- \* • journal articles.
- \* • any other relevant reading as determined by the members.

We have discovered we all respond differently to the material, and this enriches our sharing. We meet each month, except January. There is no expectation that all members can complete the reading every month.

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

At this meeting we will be determining our reading list for the year - all members are welcome to contribute to this discussion. New members would be most welcome to join us for this meeting!

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.

**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



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

### **Welcome to New Parishioners!**

If you are new, or have new contact details, please drop us a note at [belconnensouth@cg.org.au](mailto:belconnensouth@cg.org.au) or pop into the Parish Office, in the Orana Centre in Aranda during the week. Open Tuesday and Thursday 9 am to 3pm.

**A New Year** also gives us an opportunity to look around the congregation at Mass. *Who do we know? What gifts have we noticed in them? Might there be a group, or activity, or committee they could be invited to?* 'Time and Talent' surveys are helpful, but the action of *noticing someone and inviting them has another level of impact.*

### **Ash Wednesday is the 14th February 2024.**

As not many Parishioners took up the Advent program 2023 and we ended up having to dispose of many books and wasting money, we will not be ordering the Lenten Program. Here are some options available this year.

*The Catholic Diocese of Wollongong are offering a Lenten Program called PIETA.*

[dow.org.au/shop](http://dow.org.au/shop) or email [orders@dow.org.au](mailto:orders@dow.org.au) or phone 02 4222 2411

Posters on display in the church foyer.

*Living in Harmony: Garratt Lenten Program Year B*

<https://www.garrattpublishing.com.au/product/9781922484734/>

*EVANGELISATION BRISBANE A Resurrected Life*

[https://evangelisation-brisbane.myshopify.com/products/a-resurrected-life\\_pos=1&\\_sid=34e18ac86&\\_ss=r](https://evangelisation-brisbane.myshopify.com/products/a-resurrected-life_pos=1&_sid=34e18ac86&_ss=r)

In addition to Lenten ones those seeking a year-long one can try Sacred space (book) [https://](https://www.paulinebooks.com.au/product/detail.cgi?id=9781788126403)

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version <https://sacredspace.com/>

**Loreto Ex Students' Reunion**— in Canberra Saturday, 16 March 2024

For further details: [loreto.canberra@gmail.com](mailto:loreto.canberra@gmail.com)

## 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,  
Beverley Bailey,  
Avril Fuller,  
Paul Duck,  
Algis Kabaila,  
Bob Laracy.

### Parish Financial Report for December 2023

	Actual	Planned	Variance	
	12 mth to	12 mth to	against	
	31/12/2023	31/12/2023	Plan	
	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Direct Giving</b>	<b>167,233</b>	<b>182,000</b>	<b>- 14,767</b>	<b>under budget</b>
(Planned Giving and 2nd collection for administration of the Parish)				
<b>Parish Income &amp; Expenditure Statement</b>				
Income *	227,637	219,580	8,057	over budget
Expenditure	242,365	312,425	70,060	under budget
Surplus/(Deficit)	- 14,728	- 92,845	78,117	
* Income = Direct Giving and other income				
A fuller report on Parish finances for 2023, including details of capital and maintenance work undertaken, is being prepared and will be made available				

Your ongoing financial support of the Parish and Clergy is required and greatly appreciated.

Details on how to contribute to the first and second collections can be found at <https://bit.ly/3qmQatE>.

**In particular, the first collection (for clergy) has been impacted significantly by COVID-19**

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

#### 13th January & 14th January

	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
<b>Readers</b>	Cheryl Hamill Lorraine Higgins	John Duck Yvonne McAdoo	Gerard Hogan Kate Hourigan
<b>Senior Servers</b>	Bernie Leger	John Woods	John Malycha
<b>EMHC</b>	Margaret Toye	Mary Morris Jan Woods	Judi Ahern Jane Burroughs
<b>Linen/Altar</b>	Maddalena Cobanov Katy Frino		

#### 20th January & 21st January

	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
<b>Readers</b>	Gabrielle Jarvis Geraldine Lillingston	Mary Morris Janet Moyle	Anne McCarthy John Malycha
<b>Senior Servers</b>	Damien Sloane	Dennis Morris Sacristan	Robyn Grubmueller
<b>EMHC</b>	Margaret Sloane	John Churchill Helen Baker Joan Murphy	Annette Charge Mina Chiu
<b>Linen/Altar</b>	Ladies of the Korean Community		