



# 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  
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https://twitter.com/BelconnenP

## Mailing Address:

PO Box 4266 Hawker ACT 2614

## 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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B  
Sunday 21st July 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:

Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

## Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

## Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

**(L.) The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**

**(R.) He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.**  
If I should walk in the valley of  
darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook  
and your staff,  
with these you give me  
comfort. **(R.)**

**(L.) You have prepared a banquet  
for me  
in the sight of my foes.**  
My head you have anointed with  
oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

**(R.) Surely goodness and kindness  
shall follow me  
all the days of my life.**  
In the Lord's own house shall I  
dwell  
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

## Gospel Acclamation

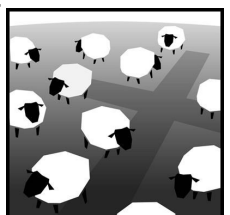
Alleluia, alleluia!  
My sheep listen to my voice, says the  
Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

## Communion Antiphon

Behold, I stand at the door and knock,  
says the Lord.  
If anyone hears my voice and opens  
the door to me,  
I will enter his house and dine with  
him, and he with me.

## Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

In the name of the loving Lord Jesus  
who calls us to follow in his footsteps,  
we send you from this celebration to  
share the Eucharist  
with those who could  
not be with us today.



## Next weeks readings:

2 Kg 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

## *Parish Vision:*

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

**The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference** is undertaking a research project aimed at investigating why Catholics do not participate in regular weekly Sunday Mass (Sunday Mass includes the Saturday Vigil). The project will provide in-depth information about contemporary religious practices and beliefs of Catholics in Australia. The insights would enable parishes, movements, and school communities to respond to the trends in participation in the Church, update the Church's awareness and understanding of the present-day context, and enable responses and collaboration around the underlying factors for non/dis-engagement. We would like to invite you to take part in this research. Please click on the link below (or copy and paste the link into your browser) to access information about the project, and to enter the survey itself.

<https://bit.ly/AbsentFromTheTableSurvey>

You are welcome to share this invitation with others who would be interested in participating in the survey. The survey will run from **Monday, 17 June 2024** and close on **Tuesday, 20 August 2024**. Thank you for considering this invitation to participate.

### **Men's Group – 25 July 2024**

The next get together will be at 6:15 PM on **THURSDAY 25 JULY 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 JULY 2024



**MEN'S GROUP**

### **Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults**

Our adult Catechumen for Baptism in our *Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA), Grace Lieu will be baptised and complete her sacraments of initiation on **Sunday 28th July**. Thank you for keeping Grace in your prayer and for making her welcome.

As the new program is due to start again in September we are interested to see if anyone wishes to explore becoming catholic as an adult. If not, we might wait until next year when the new parish priest arrives. *Do you or someone you know want to become Catholic?* If so, contact the parish office [belconnensouth@cg.org.au](mailto:belconnensouth@cg.org.au). You may also like to check out the Catholic Enquiry Centre <https://nce.catholic.org.au/the-catholic-enquiry-centre/about/the-catholic-enquiry-centre>.

### **The Roundtable Series**

**What:** Prayerful dialogue in the spirit of synodality on key topics relevant to the life and mission of the Church in the lead in to the **Archdiocesan Assembly**. Further information can be found at <https://www.cgevangelisation.org.au/roundtables/>

The next topic in the series is on **Reconciliation and First Nations: Healing Wounds Receiving Gifts**

**When:** Saturday 20 July 2024, 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Where: **St Christophers Pastoral Centre + Zoom**. Register at <https://tally.so/r/nPE4LV>

The following topic in the series is **Complimentarity in Life and Mission – Witnessing to the equal Dignity of Women and Men**

**When:** Thursday 1 August, 4:30 – 6:30pm

Where: St Christophers Pastoral Centre + Zoom. Register at <https://tally.so/r/mDIboR>

## Parish News

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

### 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

The parish community is invited to Morning Tea following the 10am Mass at St Vincent's Church, Aranda, on Sunday, 21 July 2024 in the Orana Centre to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of our friend & parishioner DOT DAY from Aranda.

### The Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola 31 July

To celebrate the feast of St Ignatius, the members of the Christian Life Community (CLC) are again offering the parish the opportunity to participate in an Ignatian style meditation known as a Field Hospital Exercise. This title refers to a statement made by Pope Francis in 2013 in an interview when asked about his feelings for the Church. The Pope's response was that he saw the Church like a Field Hospital where many broken souls could go to have their wounds cared for.

The dates/times for the meditations are as follows:

**Saturday 27 July: St Matthew's** beginning at 5.35pm in the side chapel. Concluding at 5.55pm for 6pm Mass.

**Sunday 4 August: St Vincent's** beginning 10 minutes after the 10am Mass. We will use the sunny, side block of the Church facing the Orana Centre. The meditation will take 25 minutes.

Any questions? Contact Jenny 0437 034 148 or [jennymurphys@icloud.com](mailto:jennymurphys@icloud.com)



### Parish Pastoral Committee

The Parish Pastoral Committee (PPC) met on 3 July and covered several matters including:

- The response to the call for new PPC members. The outcomes of the nomination process will be announced shortly. Retiring member Brendan Gibson was thanked for his extensive contribution as co-chair.
- The benefit of having additional sources of live music for some occasions like multicultural masses or youth-focussed celebrations.
- The continued positive engagement between the parish and the schools was acknowledged, in particular the beautiful Confirmation on 2 July.
- Given limited response from parishioners, planning for a Parish Lament and Healing ceremony in the Safeguarding Sunday week will be progressed with the Liturgy Committee and the one volunteer.
- Sarah Lowe will convene the Parish Website Development Group to finalise requirements.
- The design for a new Parish Sign at each site was approved. Each sign will match the colour of the existing school sign at each site (as the Parish does not have a specific colour design). To avoid clutter and need to update regularly, the wording will be minimal: the name of the church and Parish, a welcome, office phone number and website name.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:ipss@cg.org.au).

## 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,  
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,  
Ralph Peters,  
Francis Power,  
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:

Michael Taylor,  
Ralph Peters,  
Claire Menezes.

### Anniversaries (July)

Judith Anderson,  
Monica Colhoun,  
Maxwell Holmes,  
Geoff Hubbard,  
Margaret Mackey,  
Patricia McNally,  
Helen Torok,  
Joseph Falk,  
Ron Tuckerman,  
Mebel Stephens,  
David Clarke,  
Amando Doronila,  
Marie O'Sullivan,  
Stephano D'Archie,  
Tim Durick,  
Jack Laraey,  
Joe Mewburn,  
Horace Monaghan,  
Kevin Joseph O'Leary,  
Palma D'Ambrosio,  
Susina Guarino,  
Enrico Guarino,  
Gorind Sharma .

### 3 August | MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE

Please join Archbishop Christopher Prowse and the Parish of St Peter's Pambula, in commemorating Australia's first saint, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. 11.00am (optional) Pilgrim's walk from Eden AFL grounds to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Refreshments will be available at Church. 12.00 noon Concelebrated Mass with Archbishop Christopher Prowse and visiting priests 1.00 pm Lunch will be provided by the Parish of Pambula. An occasion to share fellowship with other pilgrims. If there are any special dietary requirements, please make these known to us, by emailing our parish office at [pambula@cg.org.au](mailto:pambula@cg.org.au) Please book in via following link [Archbishop's Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage](#)

### 7 August | Tim Fischer Oration on Ethics in Public and Political Life 2024 | 6PM

We are at the crossroads in Australia in particular, and in the Western World in general. Fundamental human values are under great strain, and so an overarching societal narrative is becoming opaque. The Tim Fischer Oration aims to enlighten and encourage us to seek out and promote a free and fair society. Do join us in our noble endeavour. **Speaker:** Professor Helen Alvare, Levy Endowed Chair in Law and Liberty at Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University **Q&A:** Chris Uhlmann, Political Journalist and TV Presenter [www.tfo.org.au](http://www.tfo.org.au)

### 8 August | Save the Date: Archdiocesan Women's breakfast with Dr Helen Alvare

Join us for the Women's Breakfast with Dr Helen Alvare on Thursday, August 8th. In a relaxed conversation style, we will explore meaningful connections in marriage, family, career, mission, and community-building. 7:00 for 7:30 - 9:00 Canberra Room Hyatt. Tickets: \$30 - Students \$25. Purchase online at [www.tfo.org.au/women-breakfast/](http://www.tfo.org.au/women-breakfast/)

### 13 August | Marriage Preparation Courses

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: Tues 13<sup>th</sup> August 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at Marymead CatholicCare. *Engaged Encounter*- Sydney, Sat 17 & Sun 18 August. *SmartLoving* – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information or to register go to [www.marriagefamily.org.au](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au) Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**

### 17-18 August | 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](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au). Choose any of the Weekends: Aug 17-18, Nov 09-10, Feb 22-23

### 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](http://www.cgwomen.org.au)

### 17 October | Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev. Mark Ha 5.00pm at St Christopher's Cathedral

### 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

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

### 20th July & 21st July

	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
<b>Readers</b>	Geraldine Lillingston Colleen Meadley	Mary Morris Janet Moyle	Anne McCarthy Jenny Murphy
<b>Senior Servers</b>	Bernie Leger	Damien Power	John Malycha
<b>EMHC</b>	Mary Williams	Joan Murphy Cathy Power	Helen Digan Rachelle Stannard
<b>Linen/Altar</b>			

### 27th July & 28th July

	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
<b>Readers</b>	Peter Rodda Mary Williams	Paul Coghlan Christina Rowe	Michael Allam Lourdes O'Keefe
<b>Senior Servers</b>	Bernie Leger	John Churchill Sacristan	Jenny Murphy
<b>EMHC</b>	Michael White	Jo Duck John Duck	Jane Burroughs Robin Taylor
<b>Linen/Altar</b>			