



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

Parish Pastoral Team

Fr Simon Falk -Parish Priest
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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

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

The Ascension of the Lord Year B Sunday 12th May 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 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder
at the heavens?

This Jesus whom you saw ascending
into heaven

will return as you saw him go,
alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) God mounts his throne to
shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the
Lord.**

(R.) All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we
must fear,
great king over all the
earth. **(R.)**

(L.) God goes up with shouts of
joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet
blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing
praise. **(R.)**

(R.) God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy
throne. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of
the world.

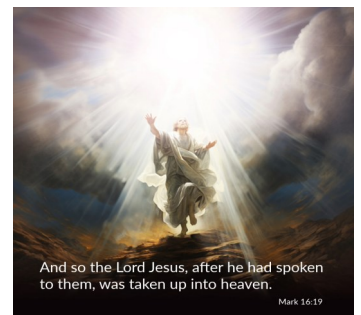
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

Jesus calls us to communicate his love
and truth to the people round us. We
send you from this celebration to
share the Eucharist with those of our
community who could not be with us.



And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken
to them, was taken up into heaven.

Mark 16:19

Next weeks readings:

Gen 11:1-9; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Parish Vision:

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

Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God, thank you for all mothers.

For the new ones, who endure sleepless nights with infants in arms.

For the busy ones, who juggle the pressures of home and family life.

For the steadfast ones, who nurture and care for our special children.

For the patient ones, who always seek to forgive and engage with their pre-teens.

For the persistent ones, who find new ways to connect with their young adults.

For the mother aunts, who step in to cradle and care for nieces and nephews.

For grandmothers, who love and support their precious grandchildren. For the foster mums that are called to gather and cover the fragile ones.

Thank you, Lord for all our beautiful mothers. Help us to support them and keep them in our prayers.

Bless them now, in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

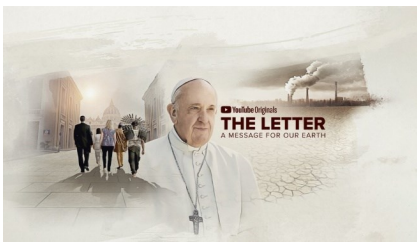


Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle

You are invited to join us on a Thursday each week to pray a Cenacle after the 9:30 am Mass at St Vincent's. The format of the Cenacle consists of the following:

1. Invocation to the Holy Spirit
2. Recitation of the Holy Rosary (5 decades)
3. Prayers for our Holy Father, the Pope
4. Reading and meditation on one of the messages given in the book, "To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons"
5. The Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (as requested by Our Lady of Fatima on the 13th July 1917).

There are leaflets on the Cenacles in the church foyer and the website for the MMP is: mmp-oceania.net



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.

RSVP LaudatoSiACT@gmail.com

Date: Saturday 18 May 2024

Time: 1-3.30 pm

Venue: Orana Centre, Bindel Street, Aranda

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

COMMUNION IN THE HOME ARANDA END OF OUR PARISH

This is an earnest request for help! We are in need of more parishioners to become involved in the ministry of Communion in the Home for those who, for whatever reason, are unable to leave their homes to attend Mass. Over the past six years or so, nine parishioners have generously given their time to fulfil this ministry. Now two or three have retired due to illness or other reasons and we need your help to fill their vacancies. The ministry will take a little of your time once a month but the rewards are great: those we visit are so very welcoming, they show great interest in our parish, they are so grateful that we come and there is joy in the privilege of bringing Jesus into their homes.

Without more helpers we will be forced to make phone calls to cancel Communion in the Home for some weekends. With your help, this will not have to happen.

Please consider giving some time one weekend a month so that the parish may continue Communion in the Home. Please contact Jenny for more information:

jennymurphys@icloud.com or 0437 034 148

Frs. Andrew, Simon and Deacon Joe will be at the Clergy Assembly, 13-16 May at St Clement's, Galong. Topics: Liturgy of the Word with Fr Peter Williams. There will be sessions with others that include topics such as Safeguarding and Wellbeing.

No Jubilees this year!

Grassland Regeneration chat at St Matthews - May 19th 8:30am

The parish Laudato Si Circle has been collaborating with the gardening and mowing groups at St Matthews to regenerate an area with local grassland grasses and plants. This will provide habitat for native insects and birds while reducing the area requiring mowing. The area is under the gum trees near the presbytery.

The celebrate the start of Laudato Si week, Laudato Si Circle group members will be **outside St Matthews after 8:30am Mass on May 19th** to display the plants and chat about their benefits. There will be some plants available for parishioners to take home for their own gardens.

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

Anniversaries: At present we are trying to have a monthly anniversary list but have found that relying on previous years bulletins to make this list is proving to be inaccurate. If you see any errors concerning your family members or friends please email the Parish office. If you do not want your family members or friends on the list please email the parish office: belconnensouth@cg.org.au

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.

Sunday May 12th @ 6pm at Holy Cross Anglican church.



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,
Margaret "Terrie" Embrill,
Maria Hribar,
Clive Blair,
Erin O'Donnell,
Rosemary Shillabeer.

Anniversaries (May)

Andrew Francis Dennis
Fernando R'beiro,
Graeme Clarke,
Graham Jackson,
Harry Hoysted,
Hasiholan Panjaitan,
Helen Torok,
Josephone Abramovic,
June Donnelly,
Steve Brooks,
Peter McLeod,
John Toye,
Margo Prout,
Maria Runko,
Minnie Allam,
Shaun Walls,
Tricia Mitchell,
Rosa Metha,
Brigid Thomas,
John Rutter.

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. Smart Loving – 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

May 25 | menALIVE Weekend for Men

Held at MHoC Parish, Sacred Heart Church in Pearce on the weekend of 25 & 26 May. MHoC along with menALIVE experienced leaders will hold retreat. A weekend of talks, personal testimonies & opportunities for discussion & space to reflect, please register at: <https://canberracatholic.men> Enq: Matt Wolnicki 0438 446 489, Fr Emil 0414 523 036.

June 14 | St. Thomas More Forum

St Thomas More Parish and Forum Annual Dinner 2024 and 19th Annual St. Thomas More Forum Lecture Engaging an AI Generation
Keynote Speaker: Fr Rob Galea, Founder FRG and ICON Ministry
Venue: Mercure Hotel, Braddon
Cost: \$99 (Two Course Dinner and Wine)

Book Now <https://bit.ly/stmf-140624> Or 0416823447 or email forum@stthomasmore.org.au

August 7 | 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 **For more information & tickets visit**

www.tfo.org.au

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

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

Roster for St Matthew's and St Vincent de Paul Churches			
11th May & 12th May			
	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Jenny Murphy	Yvonne McAdoo Mary Morris	Anne McCarthy Michael Allam
Senior Servers	Bernadette Leger	Dennis Morris Sacristan	John Malycha
EMHC	Geraldine Lillingston	John Churchill Joan Murphy	Judi Ahern
Linen/Altar			
18th May & 19th May			
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Readers	Peter Rodda Michael White	Janet Moyle Christina Rowe	Ann Cleary Elizabeth Hannan
Senior Servers	Damien Sloane	Vince Burns	John Malycha
EMHC	Margaret Sloane	Carolyn Burns Kevin McInerney	Jane Burroughs Annette Charge
Linen/Altar			