



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

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St Vincent de Paul Church

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Parish Office

Orana Centre, ARANDA

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Masses:

Saturday	St Vincent's	6:00pm
Sunday	St Matthew's	8:30am
	St Vincent's	10:00am
	St Matthew's	1:00pm
Samoan (4th Sun)		
Korean	St Vincent's	3:00pm
Monday	Liturgy of the Word	
	St. Matthew's	7:00am
Tuesday	Liturgy of the Word St	
Vincent's		5:30pm
Wednesday	SLiturgy of the Word St	
Matthew's		7:00am
Thursday	Liturgy of the Word St	
Vincent's		9:30 am
Friday	Liturgy of the Word St	
Matthew's		9:30am
Saturday	St. Matthew's	10 am (23/11)

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 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

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
Sunday 17th November 2024
World Day of the Poor

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:

Dan 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14,18; Mk 13:24-32

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

(L.) O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**

(R.) And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**

(L.) You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness forever. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful, and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

Not everybody in our community has been present with us to share our liturgy. Therefore, we ask you to carry our Eucharistic Lord, along with our love and prayers, to their home(s) so that they can also welcome Jesus into their hearts.



They will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

Mark 13:26

Next weeks readings:

Dan 7:13-14; Rev 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37

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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 transform the world.

Clergy Retreat from Sunday 17th November to the afternoon of Friday 22nd November.

There will be no weekday Masses on Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st or Friday 22nd November. Liturgy of the Word with Communion will be held at the regular Mass times on these days.

Special Mass time for Saturday 23rd November

The Mass on Saturday 23rd November at St Matthew's, Page will be at 10 am.

We will be joining the Little Company of Mary as they celebrate Mass with Fr Hilton Roberts.

Many of you may know Sr. Margaret. You are invited to morning tea after Mass in Marian Hall.

Mass of Anointing

The Mass of Anointing will be held on Thursday 5th December at 9:30 am at St Vincent's Church, Aranda.

Ladies Christmas Luncheon

We are looking at having a Christmas Lunch on Thursday 5th December at 12 noon.

If you are interested in attending please contact Mary Finnerty 0492 804 721 **RSVP Monday 25th November**

Parish Financial Position, Opportunities and Challenges

Copies of the report for the South Belconnen Parish are available in the foyer of both Churches.

New Parish Website

You may have noticed the new Parish signs at both Churches and that they refer to a new website <https://southbelconnenparish.org/>. This website currently only has a landing page that directs users back to the current Parish website. The new website is being populated and updates will be provided as this progresses.

Men's Group – 28 November 2024

The next get together will be at 6:15 PM on **THURSDAY 28 November 2024** at the Parish Centre, Aranda.

Please RSVP to paul.pearson@bigpond.com (0412 685 582) by **COB TUESDAY 26 November 2024**.



SCAM Emails

Another round of scam emails are circulating purporting to be from our clergy requesting assistance/ money/contact. Parishioners please do not respond to these emails and please block the sender.

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

Fr Simon's Farewell

Fr Simon has served the Parish through amalgamation and Covid, given us a chuckle with his homilies and helped many of us with emotional life events, both happy and sad.

Please celebrate Fr Simon's contribution to the Parish at a BBQ lunch at Orana Centre from 11.30am until 1.30pm on Sunday 8 December.

You can contribute to:

- A present for Fr Simon via the special spot on Qkr! phone app or placing on the collection plate an envelope with "Fr Simon" written on it.
- **The lunch by emailing belconnensouth@cg.org.au if you are able to contribute a salad or dessert.**

For catering purposes please email belconnensouth@cg.org.au if you are able to attend.

There is a "**book**" in the foyer of both Churches where you are welcome to write a personal message to Father Simon.

World Day of the Poor

Pope Francis established the World Day of the Poor in 2017 to encourage the global community to reflect on and address the needs of the impoverished. Celebrated annually on the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, this day serves as a poignant reminder of our collective responsibility to support those in need.

The theme for the 2024 observance, "The prayer of the poor rises up to God" (Sirach 21:5), underscores the profound connection between faith and action. Pope Francis emphasises that the prayers of the poor are heard by God, urging us to respond with compassion and tangible support. He reminds us that "God knows the sufferings of his children because he is an attentive and caring father."

For families, this day presents an opportunity to instill values of empathy, generosity, and social responsibility. Engaging in acts of giving not only aids those in need but also strengthens familial bonds and fosters a culture of kindness. Simple actions, such as preparing meals for the homeless, donating to local charities, or volunteering time, can make a significant impact.

In his message, Pope Francis calls for a commitment to prayer and action, stating, "We need to make the prayer of the poor our own and pray together with them."

The Final Document of the Synod – English Translation

A working translation of the Final Document of the Synod on Synodality is now available in an English translation. A copy is attached to this email, as well as copies being available through the Synod website of the General Secretariat:

<https://www.synod.va/en/news/final-document-of-the-xvi-assembly.html>

St. Thomas More Forum

Wednesday 20 November 2024 | 7.30PM - 9PM

Beyond Tradition: Envisioning the Role of the Catholic Church in a Changing World

Keynote Speaker: Professor Darius von Güttner

Campus Dean, Canberra, Australian Catholic University

Register Now: <https://bit.ly/stmf-201124>

Venue: Holy Faith Hall, 30 White Cres, Campbell ACT

Cost: \$20 per person or \$10 for students/Concession

RSVP: 12 pm Monday 18th November 2024 forum@stthomasmore.org.au or 0412 128 038

Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick:

Kathryn Anderson,
Lorraine Birch,
Trevor Blake,
Ian Brown,
Angela Collier,
Gemma Collier,
Nicole Court,
Anne Darmody,
Leon Darmody,
Denis Dellamarta,
Richard East,
Joachim Exell,
Tony Fuller,
Fr Chris Gardiner OFM,
Pat Hannon,
Margaret Keen,
Charlie King,
Sally Marchant,
Nick LeRay Meyer,
Bob Longland,
Barbara McLean,
John Malycha,
Tony Marker,
Glenn Mowbray,
Pamela Myatt,
Karna O'Dea,
Barry Joseph O'Leary,
Francis Power,
Matthew Schembri,
Pat Stakelum,
Anthony Stewart,
John Turyn,
Olga Turyn,
Jennifer Webster,
Angela Williams.

All the sick and suffering.

We pray for the deceased:

Alessandro Bianchi,
Maureen May Taylor,
John Arnold,
Tony Ugrinic,
Evelyn Savaas,
Ian Brown

Anniversaries (November)

Ailsa Jones,
Jim O'Brien,
Brian Coates,
Jo-Anne Flatley-Allen,
Ronald Mcnamara,
Judith Williamson,
Richard Reid,
Kieran Dunn,
Dianne White,
Leonardo Lopez, Sr.,
Mary Armstrong,
Nance Wilmer,
And all those on the
November Masses list

Marriage Preparation Courses

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: *Engaged Encounter*- Sydney, Sat 9 & Sun 10 November. *Evenings for the Engaged*, Sat 9 & 16 November. *FOCCUS* - Tues 10th December 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at Marymead CatholicCare. *SmartLoving* – 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 Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**

16/17 November

23/24 November

30 Nov/01 Dec

10 December 2024 | Last call for Marriage Preparation before mid-February 2025

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24 November | Christ the King Parish of Taralga 90TH Anniversary| 9.30AM

Christ the King Parish of Taralga Celebrates 90 years of Worship in the Church built by Bishop Barry. Please come and celebrate with them at 9.30 am Mass followed by morning tea, on the Feast of Christ the King,

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22-23 February | 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: Feb 22-23, May 17-18, Aug 16-17

Roster for St Matthew's and St Vincent de Paul Churches			
16th November & 17th November			
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Geraldine Lillingston Michael White	Janet Moyle Christina Rowe	Conor Bradley Ann Cleary
Senior Servers	David Ross	Damien Power	Jenny Murphy
EMHC	Judi Ahern	Mary Morris Cathy Power	Karna O'Dea Lourdes O'Keefe
Linen/Altar			
23rd November & 24th November			
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Lynne Foster Mary Williams	Helen Casey Paul Coghlan	Marie Carroll Elizabeth Hannan
Senior Servers	Cheryl Hamill	John Woods	Paul Scholtens
EMHC	Lea Bewick	Joan Murphy Jan Woods	Rachelle Stannard Robin Taylor
Linen/Altar		Janet Moyle	