



# 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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[www.facebook.com/southbelconnen/](http://www.facebook.com/southbelconnen/)

<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
Samoaan (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 St Vincent's 4:20-5:20pm

## 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

### 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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B  
Sunday 1st September 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:**

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27;

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry  
to you all the day long.  
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of mercy to all who call to you.

## Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) The just will live in the  
presence of the Lord.**

**(L.)** Lord, who shall dwell on your  
holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his  
heart. **(R.)**

**(R.)** He who does no wrong to his  
brother,

who casts no slur on his  
neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the  
Lord. **(R.)**

**(L.)** He who keeps his pledge, come  
what may;

who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the  
innocent.

Such a man will stand firm for  
ever. **(R.)**

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his  
message of truth,  
that we might be as the first fruits of  
his creation.

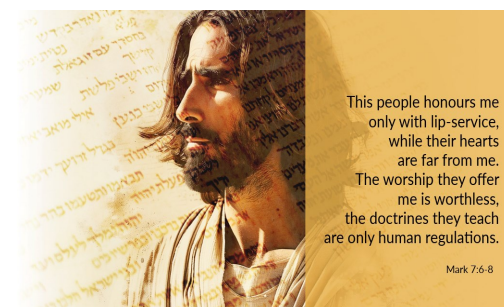
Alleluia!

## Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord,  
that you keep for those who fear you

## 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.



This people honours me  
only with lip-service,  
while their hearts  
are far from me.  
The worship they offer  
me is worthless,  
the doctrines they teach  
are only human regulations.

Mark 7:6-8

## **Next weeks readings:**

Is 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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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*

### **MULTICULTURAL MASS**

We are celebrating our Multicultural Mass on Sunday 3 November at 10am, the usual Sunday Mass time. This is an opportunity for all of ethnic origin to worship and celebrate together with colour and music. The Mass will be followed by a lunch so the celebration will include sharing your favourite dishes with all present. Please put the date of the Mass in your diaries. We will be holding a meeting in October to plan the Mass so if you are interested in attending the Mass and participating in the planning, please contact Catharina Koopman [catharinakoopman@gmail.com](mailto:catharinakoopman@gmail.com) m: 0417 625 130 or Jenny Murphy [jennymurphys@icloud.com](mailto:jennymurphys@icloud.com) m:0437 034 148

### **Healing Liturgy Sunday 8th September for Safe Guarding Sunday at St Vincent's, Aranda.**

11:30 am just after morning tea.

Claim the date. More details to come.

**Children's Liturgy** Held during 10 am Mass at St Vincent's, Aranda. This month Children's Liturgy will be on Sunday 1st September and 15th September.

**Father's Day Appeal – Collection for our retired priests:** There are 25 priests in our Archdiocese. We should remember our retired priests as we celebrate the [theme for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly](#) "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15).

Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift today:

By envelopes

By giving at: [www.cgatholic.org.au/donate](http://www.cgatholic.org.au/donate)

By calling: (02) 6239 9876



Thank you for taking care of our priests in their retirement.

**The Season of Creation** is the annual ecumenical celebration of prayer and action for our common home. It is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together.

The Season of Creation begins on September 1, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.

The theme for Season of Creation this year is "To hope and act with Creation", and the symbol is "The first fruits of hope", inspired by Romans 8:19-25.

Amid the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution, many are beginning to despair and suffer from eco-anxiety. As people of faith we are called to lift the hope inspired by our faith, the hope of the resurrection. This is a hope embodied in concrete actions of prayer and preaching, service and solidarity.

Pope Francis' Message for the 2024 World Day of Prayer for Creation can be found at

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/cura-creato/documents/20240627-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html>

Some events: **Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia (JISA)** are offering a weekly contemplation to your inbox. Register to receive them at: <https://book.venue.life/pch/register/2024-season-of-creation-contemplations>

**Catholic Earthcare's Season of Creation Convocation** 12 - 14 September will inspire with online presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences. The Archdiocesan hub at Marist College on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> is also available on-line. For more information see <https://www.caritas.org.au/soc-convocation>



**TO HOPE AND ACT  
WITH CREATION**

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*  
(Rom 8:19-25)

## Parish News

### Prayer for Father's Day

Gracious God, we ask you to bless fathers and all father figures with such love and faithfulness that children may flourish and grow in righteousness and joy.

Bless those who long to be fathers and those for whom this day is difficult. Amen

**The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** will be celebrated during the 9.30am Mass on Friday 6 September. Morning tea will follow Mass in Marian Hall. A plate to share would be appreciated.



- **Morning Tea** after 8:30am Mass 1st Sunday of the month at **St Matthew's, Page**, 1st September
  - **Cheese and bikkies** with wine 2nd weekend of the month after 6pm Vigil Mass at **St. Matthew's, Page**, 7th September
  - **Morning Tea** after 10am Mass 2nd Sunday of the Month at **St Vincent's, Aranda**, 8th September.
- Please note the **change of date** for the morning tea at St Vincent's, Aranda for this month

### 18-20 October | Come, Holy Spirit - Archdiocesan Assembly

All are invited to take part in the Archdiocesan Assembly that will explore the theme 'Come Holy Spirit.' This will focus on celebrating the Year of the Holy Spirit and explore new opportunities for evangelisation and synodality in the life and mission of our local Church going forward.



**Where** Canberra + Narooma + Cooma + Young + Goulburn  
**When** Friday 18th October - Sunday 20th October 2024  
**Info** Detailed information, registration and formation materials available online at [cgevangelisation.org.au/assembly](http://cgevangelisation.org.au/assembly)

**We are also looking for Parish representatives.** As a Parish, discern and decide who you invite to be your Assembly Delegates. Along with Fr Simon, a selection of two to six representatives, is suggested.

Please see the posters and flyers in the Church foyers for more information

### Volunteer Opportunities - English Teachers, Youth Workers & Youth Ministers

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2025 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. Applications close October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Send us an enquiry - [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au) or [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)

### 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,  
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,  
Francis Power,  
Matthew Schembri,  
Pat Stakelum,  
Anthony Stewart,  
Sophie Turner,  
John Turyn,  
Olga Turyn,  
Jennifer Webster,  
Daniel William,  
Angela Williams.

### **All the sick and suffering.**

### We pray for the deceased:

Kathleen Paterson  
Wendy White,  
Ann Crooks,,  
Manuel Canizales,  
Patricia Blake,  
Anta Supomo,  
Emmy Quinn.  
Else van Pelt-McGahey,  
Tom Penders.

### Anniversaries (September)

Adam Groves,  
Libby Ciuffetelli nee Hogg,  
Joe Tonna,  
Peter Stubbs  
Fr J Duck  
Trevor Preece  
Grace Falzon,  
Ellen McInerney.  
John McInerney,  
Bernard McInerney.  
Vida Kabaila ,  
Diane ODwyer.

### **8 September | Marymead CatholicCare High Tea Buffet | 2:00pm**

Join the Marymead CatholicCare Auxiliary for a high tea buffet while raising much needed funds for Marymead CatholicCare. Where: Mecure Canberra, corner of Ainslie & Limestone Avenue, Braddon.

Tickets are \$60 per person. Bookings close on 22 August 2024. Visit [mccg.org.au](http://mccg.org.au) for more details on how to book.

### **7 September | ADORATION RETREAT |**

Are you carrying rocks in your daily spiritual backpack? Unload some burdens and refill with hope. Join Sr Kate Atkins, an experienced spiritual guide, as we journey towards Jubilee 2025. **Where:** St Benedict's Church, 10 Tallara Parkway, Narrabundah Saturday 7 September Lunch and Morning Tea provided. \$20 donation

### **13 September | Living in the Divine Will Retreat | 5pm**

St Clement's Conference Centre Galong NSW. Lead by Frs Hugh Thomas CSSR and Emil Milat. Friday 5pm 13 September to after lunch Sunday 15 September. The talks focus on how various saints and mystics draw us to live in the Holiness of God. For more info, contact Fr Emil on [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au)

### **21 September | PREPARED: CatholicPsych Institute Mental Health Crisis Response Training | 9AM**

Join Dr Greg Bottaro from New York for exclusive training event in Canberra, tailored for educators, campus ministers, parish & diocesan staff, parents, and priests, addressing the urgent need to respond to the growing mental health crisis. Learn to identify and address mental distress through a Catholic lens. Register at

[www.trybooking.com/CULHL](http://www.trybooking.com/CULHL)

### **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

### **8 October | Marriage Preparation Courses**

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: *FOCCUS* - Tues 8<sup>th</sup> October 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](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au) Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on

**0405 440 463**

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

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

### **9-10 November | 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: Nov 09-10, Feb 22-23

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

### 31st August & 1st September

	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
<b>Readers</b>	Mary Williams Peter Rodda	John Duck Mary Morris	Gerard Hogan Belen Lamond
<b>Senior Servers</b>	Bernie Leger	John Woods	Jenny Murphy
<b>EMHC</b>	Michael White	Jo Duck Jan Woods	Annett Charge Mina Chiu
<b>Linen/Altar</b>			

### 7th September & 8th September

	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
<b>Readers</b>	Michael White Mary Patton	Yvonne McAdoo Janet Moyle	Marie Carroll Colleen Rowe
<b>Senior Servers</b>	Damien Sloane	Vince Burns	Jenny Murphy
<b>EMHC</b>	Judi Ahern	Carolyn Burns	Helen Digan
<b>Linen/Altar</b>			