



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

Parish Pastoral Team

Fr Simon Falk -Parish Priest
Fr. Andrew Yang - Korean Chaplain
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The Parish Pastoral Team can be contacted on the office number below.

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Jacinta Dinn

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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
Samoaan (4th Sun)		
Korean	St Matthew's	12pm
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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
Sunday 15th 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:

Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.**

(L.) I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. **(R.)**

(R.) They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.

I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! **(R.)**

(L.) How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. **(R.)**

(R.) He has kept my soul from death,

my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy

Communion:

The chalice of blessing which we bless is a communion in the blood of Christ and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord. May those who receive Jesus Christ in Holy Communion today be nourished on their pilgrimage of life.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Next weeks readings:

Wis2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

Parish Vision:

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



First Holy Communion

We pray for all children receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend and next weekend.

We would also like to thank their families and teachers and catechist who have guided them on their faith journey.

Parish Book Club - 9th Birthday.

In September, the Parish Book Club is celebrating its 9th birthday - a great achievement for our Parish!!

We meet in the Marian Hall at St Matthews on the third Thursday of the month from 11am - 12.30pm.

The meeting usually has around 6-8 participants, and our mailing list is twice that number. (Some people like to keep up with the readings but are not able to come to the meetings.)

Readings are chosen by the group and include: books or parts of books, articles, scripture, church documents, papal encyclicals etc.

Our meetings are relaxed and informal, and participants don't even have to have read the text for the month! In September we are discussing articles reflecting on Baptism (given Pope Francis' recent reminders about the importance of this sacrament), and in October we will discuss the latest Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice statement, 'Truth and Peace, a Gospel Word in a Violent World'. Should be interesting!!

If you would like to know more about the Book Club, please contact Beth Gibson on 0412 846 020 or Megan Thompson on 6254 0524.

Dear volunteers,

Thank you for your commitment to ministry in our parish. We would be unable to continue to provide pastoral and administrative support to our parishioners and community members without your dedication and support.

It is a requirement in the ACT for anyone over 16 years of age involved in activities with children and/or vulnerable persons to hold a current Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) card. At a parish level, this applies to parish priests/staff/volunteers are active in particular ministries. Twice a year, at the end of **March and September** a report of all active WWVP holders is required to be sent to the Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office (IPSS). All parishes in the Archdiocese are required to comply. The Archdiocese can be audited by ACT or NSW Govt agencies at any time. Our parish is committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons and complying with Archdiocesan and Govt requirements for WWVP. Please help us to maintain accurate records for the audits by ensuring your WWVP is current.

“To say that there is nothing to hope for would be suicidal, for it would mean exposing all humanity, especially the poorest, to the worst impacts of climate change” (Pope Francis, *Laudate Deum*, 53)

Events during the 2024 Season of Creation include

- Prayer service using the songs of Taize – 15 September 5:30pm at Emmanuel Lutheran church, Lyons. For more details, contact Caroline Weller - c.weller@internode.on.net
- 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>

At the “holy roundabout” (corner of Antill street and Phillip Avenue, Hackett)

- Saturday 21 September 2–5 pm, **Northside Sustainability Festival** focusing on “active travel”
- Sunday 22 September, 9:30am: **Celebration of Creation Worship**. An ecumenical service hosted by St Margaret's Uniting, Holy Cross Anglican and Holy Rosary Catholic Churches
- Saturday September 21 – global day of action to support the **Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty**. Endorsed by the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Human Integral Development, consider signing the Faith Letter available at <https://fossilfuel treaty.org/faith-letter>



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

**TO HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION**

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

Parish News

This weeping cherry blossom reminds us of the reality of the abuse that occurred in our Parish – it is based in reality, in the earth.

The tree is coming into bloom – reminding us that seasons come and go, and that while the tree is currently bare of leaves, it will soon be covered in leaves and flowers, signs of regrowth and hope.

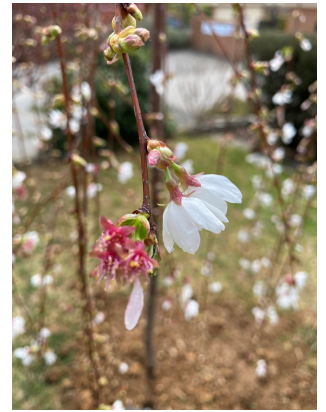
The tree represents the children, families and community that have been betrayed, but continue to have life and to grow.

Ultimately the tree is a sign of hope, of life –

For children to be safe and loved and cared for.

For families to feel confident that all adults will protect their children.

For our community to ensure all children and other vulnerable people are nurtured and kept safe in our midst.



Korean Thanksgiving Day

Sunday 15th September the Korean Community will celebrate Mass together at 12 noon. Note change of time.

Daylight Saving Starts

Sunday 6th October 2024 is the start of Daylight Saving.

Please note that the Vigil Mass will be at St Vincent de Paul Church, Aranda from Saturday 5th October until the end of daylight saving in April 2025.

Men's Group – 26 Sep 2024

The next get together will be at 6:15 PM on **THURSDAY 26 SEP 2024** at the Parish Centre, Aranda.



ST THOMAS AQUINAS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

You are welcome to join St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church Charnwood 50th Anniversary on the 10th of November 2024. 10 am mass will be held at the church followed by celebratory BBQ.

To register for catering purposes: www.stthomassquinascharnwood.com

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

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.

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,
John Turyn,
Olga Turyn,
Jennifer Webster,
Daniel William,
Angela Williams.

All the sick and suffering.

We pray for the deceased:

Else van Pelt-McGahey,
Tom Penders.

Anniversaries (September)

Trevor Preece,
Carol O'Donnell,
Ivan Markac,
Irene Madden,
Terence Quinane,
Nora Gaffney,
Brian Robinson,
Grace Falzon,
Michael Craft,
Kevin Moyle,
Vida Kabaila,
Adam Groves,
Joseph Finnerty,
Libby Ciuffetelli (nee Hogg),
Joe Tonna,
Peter Stubbs,
Fr J Duck,
Ellen McInerney,
John McInerney,
Bernard McInerney,
Diane ODwyer

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

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 8th 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 Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on

0405 440 463

13 October | Marriage Encounter Celebrating 50 years of growing great marriages

Are you married, religious or in Holy Orders? Have you attended Marriage Encounter weekend years ago or just recently? Are you looking to regain the sparkle in your marriage and vocation?. Join in the celebration, input and fellowship on Sun 13 October 2-4 pm at Haydon Hall, Manuka. Enquiries: Grace and Brendan Price grace-maryprice@gmail.com

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

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

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

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. Choose any of the Weekends: Nov 09-10, Feb 22-23

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

14th September & 15th September

	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Lea Bewick Peter Davies	Paul Coghlan Christina Rowe	Ann Cleary Gerard Hogan
Senior Servers	Cheryl Hamill	Damien Power	Jenny Murphy
EMHC	Mary Williams	Joan Murphy Cathy Power	Lourdes O'Keefe Rachelle Stannard
Linen/Altar			

21st September & 22nd September

	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Bernie Leger Lynne Foster	John Duck Yvonne McAdoo	Anne McCarthy Lourdes O'Keefe
Senior Servers	Damien Sloane	John Churchill (Sacristan)	Jenny Murphy
EMHC	Dorothy Lalor	Jo Duck Mary Morris	Jane Burroughs Robin Taylor
Linen/Altar			