



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

Parish Pastoral Team

Fr Simon Falk -Parish Priest
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Masses:

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| 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 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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
Sunday 22nd 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:

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

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says
the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their
Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

(R.) O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my
mouth. **(R.)**

(L.) For proud men have risen
against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for
God. **(R.)**

(R.) But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing
heart
and praise your name for it is
good. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus
Christ.

Alleluia!

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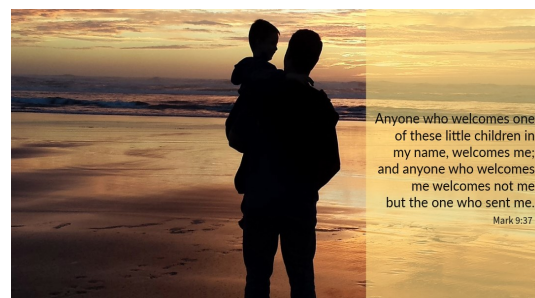
Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to
be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your
statutes.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy

Communion:

We send you with our love and
prayers as you carry the Eucharist to
someone who couldn't be with us
today. May your presence give them
encouragement, hope and a sense of
belonging to our community of faith.



Anyone who welcomes one
of these little children in
my name, welcomes me;
and anyone who welcomes
me welcomes not me
but the one who sent me.
Mark 9:37

Next weeks readings:

Num 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45,
47-48

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 Patron Saints of our Parish

The feast of **St. Matthew**, also called St. Matthew the Evangelist, St. Matthew the Apostle, or Levi, is 21 September. St Matthew was a tax collector working for the Romans and hated by the Jews: tax collectors were considered “cheats and sinners”. Matthew was neither a cheat nor a sinner. Jesus saw him hard at work in the customs house one day, “knew him” as a good man, simply said “Follow me” and Matthew immediately left his work and followed Jesus. Matthew wrote the Gospel that bears his name and died as a martyr. Saint Matthew is the patron saint of bookkeepers and bankers.

The feast of **St Vincent de Paul** is celebrated on 27 September. St Vincent de Paul was born of a peasant family in France in 1581. His desire was to be a priest so he earned money by tutoring until he was able to afford his studies. His great concern was the poor and as he was able to afford it, he gave all the money he could to those who were in great need. He also turned his attention to the sick and to those in prison. He died in Paris at the age of 79 and is the patron saint of all charitable institutions.



The parish is in good hands: St Matthew who took in all the money as his job required, and St Vincent de Paul who gave all the money away- for charity.

Brother Alois from Taize the community, reflected in 2020 on the pandemic and climate change:

“For believers, there is an additional responsibility: the planet is a gift that God entrusts to us; the **Concern for Creation** is an integral part of our faith. In the face of these environmental challenges, a common witness of the Christian denominations and also of the different religions, is even more important – together with all those who find the motivation for their commitment elsewhere. In the aftermath of the pandemic crisis, what we should be afraid of is that inequalities may increase further and that economic recovery may take place without taking sufficient account of the climate emergency. But we also have a huge opportunity to ask ourselves what kind of future we want. Will we be able to seize this moment? (from: https://www.taize.fr/en_article28110.html)

Leaders from many Christian denominations and faiths have been speaking up on their concerns for the world and the impacts on our brothers and sisters, for example:

- the poor and those on fixed incomes who will pay more for food and heating
- those living in areas affected by natural disasters, failing crops and rising sea levels, and
- the animals and plants who can't adapt to rapid changes.

The COVID pandemic showed us that humanity can work together to solve complex challenges when we have the courage to act. Pope Francis in his book “Let us Dream”, also recommends we take the post- pandemic times as a chance for a fresh start. He encourages us to ‘walk together’ – listening and understanding the situation, reflecting, understanding our choices and then taking concrete actions as individuals, communities and countries.

How might each of us hope and act for creation? The children from St Matthew’s school are displaying posters in the church foyer on their thoughts on what we might do and it matters to them.



Daylight Saving Starts

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

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

Parish News

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 m: 0417 625 130 or Jenny Murphy jennymurphys@icloud.com m:0437 034 148

Women's Retreat day

'Call to Connect' Catholic Women's Ministry warmly welcomes all women to a retreat day.

God's love transforms

Guest speakers: Sharon Brewer & Rachel Fleurant MGL

On: Saturday 12th October 10am-3.15pm

At: St Monica's Church and parish room

Cost: \$27.19 lunch and morning tea. No refunds due to costs incurred.

Registration: calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com

Programme includes short talks, prayer and private reflection, sharing in small groups.

"I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God" Ephesians.3:18-1



This month we welcome:

Brianna Violet Crowley and

Kian Lukas Meibusch

Who will be Baptised this month.

First Holy Communion

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

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



| Parish Financial Report for August 2024 | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|----------|--------------|
| | Actual | Planned | Variance | |
| | 8 mth to | 8 mth to | against | |
| | 31/08/2024 | 31/08/2024 | Plan | |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Direct Giving | 116,959 | 113,792 | 3,167 | over budget |
| (Planned Giving and 2nd collection for administration of the Parish) | | | | |
| Parish Income & Expenditure Statement | | | | |
| Income * | 136,051 | 148,288 | - 12,237 | under budget |
| Expenditure | 151,396 | 162,144 | 10,748 | under budget |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | - 15,345 | - 13,856 | - 1,489 | |
| * Income = Direct Giving and other income | | | | |
| Your ongoing financial support of the Parish and Clergy is required and greatly appreciated despite reduced Mass attendance. | | | | |
| Details on how to contribute to the first and second collections can be found at https://bit.ly/3qmQatE . In particular, the first collection (for clergy) has been impacted significantly by COVID-19. | | | | |

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,
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,
Daniel William,
Angela Williams.

All the sick and suffering.

We pray for the deceased:

Stephen New,

Anniversaries (September)

Trevor Preece,
Carol O'Donnel,
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,

25 September | Speed Networking for Catholic Women | 6.30pm – 8.30pm

An event for Catholic Women looking to connect with other women of faith and learn from each other's life experiences and career paths. Join us on Wednesday 25th September, 6.30-8.30pm in the Haydon Hall - 55 Franklin St, Forrest. Enquiries: restore.network.cbr@gmail.com

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

29th Sept | Respect Life Sunday | Resources

Head to <https://cgcatholic.org.au/respect-life-sunday/> for wonderful downloadable resources from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference for family & friends, pastoral care workers and Healthcare Professionals accompanying the dying in an environment of legalised Voluntary Assisted Dying.

29th Sept | Respect Life Sunday | I am Mass | 12pm Brunch & Expo | Manuka

Archbishop Christopher will celebrate Respect Life Sunday at the I am Cathedral Mass followed by a Light Luncheon and Expo of groups supporting and advocating for human life at its most vulnerable. All welcome. Queries la-ra.kirk@cg.org.au

29th Sept | Respect Life Sunday | Speaker | Haydon Hall

The ACT Right to Life Association is hosting speaker Monica Doumit, on Sunday 29th October at 12:45pm in the Haydon Hall, Manuka. Monica has been influential in legislative battles on life, marriage, and family issues. As the ACT prepares to implement liberal euthanasia laws, she will share insights on the future of the prolife movement. Speaker, Q&A, Refreshments. Contact actrtlassoc@gmail.com

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

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.

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

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

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

| 22nd September 23rd 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 | | | |
| 29th September & 30th September | | | |
| | Page 6.00pm | Page 8.30am | Aranda 10.00am |
| Readers | Gabrielle Jarvis | Mary Morris Janet Moyle | Michael Allam Marie Carroll |
| Senior Servers | Damien Sloane | Dennis Morris (Sacristan) | Jenny Murphy |
| EMHC | Lynne Foster | Joan Murphy Cathy Power Damien Power | Annette Charge Mina Chiu |
| Linen/Altar | | | |