

St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

12-13 July 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Msgr John Woods- PP, Fr Andrew Yang-Korean Chaplain, Deacon Joe Blackwell, Jacinta Dinn - Parish Secretary.

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

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH

12 Chewings Street, Page

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

7 Bindel Street, Aranda

Sunday Masses

Saturday	6:00pm	Page
Sunday	8:30am	Page
	10:00am	Aranda
Samoa (4th Sun)	1:00pm	Page
Korean	3:00pm	Aranda

Weekday Masses

Mon	7:00 am	Liturgy of the Word	Page
Tue	5:30pm	Aranda (Adoration 4:45pm)	
Wed	7:00 am	Page	
Thu	9:30 am	Aranda	
Fri	9:30am	Page (Anointing 1st Friday)	
Sat	12:00 pm	Page	

Confessions

Saturday 11:00am-11:30am and 5:00pm-5:30pm Page

Baptisms

11:30am 2nd and 4th Sundays

Weddings

By appointment

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TO SEE AND TO RESPOND

"Never see a need without doing something about it" is the oft-quoted comment of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. No doubt it was inspired in part by today's Gospel of the Good Samaritan. Scripture scholar Fr Richard Byrne SJ notes that without it, **"Christianity would be something else. Here we encounter something truly distinctive of the teaching of Jesus."** To appreciate the point, we need to understand that for the audience of Jesus a 'Good Samaritan' was a contradiction in terms or an oxymoron. Samaritans were dismissed as bad, never good. Today it would be akin to speaking of a "good terrorist" or a "good drug dealer". It is noteworthy that the priest and Levite had reason to move on; contact with the injured or soon to be dead man would prevent them carrying out their sacred duties. **We all have our reasons for avoiding or moving on.** In his autobiography **'Hope'** (2025), Pope Francis reflects on the destruction of lives through wars, corruption, abuse and exploitation. Speaking with Lilliana Segre who was interned in Auschwitz as a teenager, he quotes her one-word answer as to the reason for the horrors of the Nazis: **"Indifference"**. Pope Francis reflects: **"What does it matter to me?" This is Cain's answer to God. "Am I my brother's keeper?" (Gen 4:9). An answer that looks no one in the face: old people, children, mothers, fathers . . ."** **Reflecting on the notion of 'neighbour', Byrne asks what attitude do I bring to the other? Do I see primarily an ethnic, cultural, social or occupational tag? Or do I go through these surface things and see, first and foremost, and with compassion, a fellow human being?"** Byrne continues, **"The 'way to eternal life' is to allow oneself to become in this way an active instrument of the boundary-breaking hospitality of God."** Dr Geoff Davies, author, commentator and scientist writing in 'Pearls and Irritations' (10 July) maintains that it is difficult to address need without 'seeing' and this is increasingly difficult. **"We commonly react with empathy and compassion when others are suffering, even complete strangers, yet we can also be indifferent to suffering or even hostile. Our innate empathy fails in large, citified, civilised societies, for want of direct eye contact . . . If we want to save humanity, we need to save our humanity"**. **Note the convergences of that which science tells us will humanise and the call of faith to see with the eye of divine hospitality. To 'walk together' or the call of Popes Francis and Leo to 'synodality' is to see the other anew and both move forward enriched. The opposite is estrangement and indifference. We are called to be 'Good Samaritans'.**

Fr John

Archdiocesan Notices

WINTER MUSIC RETREAT 19 July 10am –3:30 pm

St Monica's Evatt. A relaxed day of singing, music activities, and fun. Led by two professional musicians (Miriam Miley-Read and Zach Raffan) the retreat will provide **practical advice to improve parish singing** and foster a vibrant music community. It's designed for **everyone**, activities are inclusive and focus on fun, community engagement, and discovering new talents. As well as singing, enjoy a Music Trivia Quiz and other unique activities, making it an exciting parish event. It is a free and catered event. Register here as places are limited: <https://forms.gle/Ey77Ux5saBkuomjd8>. For more information contact theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

INSTAGRACE 18– 20 July 2025 9:00am

3 day Catholic residential program organized by Jesus Youth Canberra. This program is designed to help teenagers explore themselves and develop a personal relationship with Jesus through inspiring talks, music and life testimonies.

Venue: Outward Bound Australia, Naas Rd, Tharwa, ACT,

Date & Time: 18th July 9:00 am to 20th July 4:00 pm. Age group: 13 to 17 years

Registration link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gxf6ViR2uP6cFoetpJT-iloVlHUAskerKM70achXxQI/edit>

AN EVENING OF DIALOGUE: PILGRIMS OF HOPE 30 July 7:00 PM

Acclaimed filmmaker and author Bill Bennett, whose spiritual journey on the Camino inspired his award-winning film *The Way, My Way*. Bill will share how walking the Camino revealed a new way of living - simpler, freer, and more hopeful. Hosted by journalist and community leader Genevieve Jacobs AM, the evening will include a keynote presentation by Bill Bennett; small group discussion and audience Q&A facilitated by Genevieve. Event will be held at Marist College Canberra Registration: <https://events.maristc.act.edu.au/EveningOfDialogue25>

ALIVE: Praise & Worship Night 31 July 7:00pm

Who: Young Adults (18 - 35) Collins Wing, St Benedict's Narrabundah (10 Tallara Pkwy, Narrabundah ACT 2604) Enquiries: Ethan 0413 545 808.

ARCHBISHOP'S ST MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE 9 August 2025

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Eden A designated church for the Jubilee Year of Hope

- Pilgrimage walk starts at 11.00 am from Eden Sports Ground
- Reconciliation available during the walk
- Mass at 12.00 pm
- Visit Mary MacKillop Hall
- Please arrange your own transport

For inquiries, email woodb4922@gmail.com

MOTHERS PRAYERS RETREAT DAY 23 August 2025 8:45 AM - 4:00 PM

Become like children (Matt 18:3-5)

Come aside together for a day - ignite the child within as we explore, share, pray for our children and have fun in this nurturing community. The day includes talks, reconciliation and an introduction to Mothers Prayers. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Gluten free options will be available for morning tea but not for lunch.

Parish Centre, Holy Trinity Church 3 Strangways Street, Curtin ACT 2605

REGISTER BY 8 August <https://www.trybooking.com/DBRES> ENQUIRIES Anne at Australia@mothersprayers.org

HELP CHRISTIAN IN THE HOLY LAND

Aid to the Church in Need is providing urgent support to the Church in Israel and Gaza in the ongoing conflict. Without your help, many desperate Christian families will be forced to leave. To make an emergency donation visit www.aidtochurch.org/holyland or scan the QR code.



Caritas Australia appeals for support for vulnerable communities across Africa

Across Africa, conflict, violence, hunger, and displacement are tearing communities apart. In the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan and across the Horn of Africa, the situation is critical.

Please donate to Caritas Australia's Africa Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/africa or phone 1800 024 413

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.

Communicating Safeguarding concerns: Parishioners are encouraged to raise any safeguarding issues by contacting Fr John by emailing or phoning the Parish office or by contacting our Safeguarding Volunteer, Ann Cleary, at SafeGuarding.BelconnenSouth@cg.org.au.

The Manager for the Archdiocese's Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding, Maria Hicks, can be contacted at ipss@cg.org.au.

Prayer Requests

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Dot Day, Sandra Neit, Emelia Simpson, Paul Shanahan, Lorraine Camden, Lachlan Rearedon, Joy Huber, Gabriel Rockwood, Victims of war in Iran, Israel, Gaza, South Sudan and Ukraine.

ANNIVERSARIES

Tania Bradley, Max Holmes, Fr John O'Keefe, Tim Durick, Clare Menezes

THE SICK

Kathryn Anderson, Trevor Blake, Angela Collier, Gemma Collier, Nicole Court, Maureen Dalzell, Anne Darmody, Leon Darmody, Denis Dellamarta, Stephen Dinn, Helen Driver, Mary East, Richard East, Joachim Exell, Tony Fuller, Fr Chris Gardiner OFM, Ivan Guevara, Denise Hampson, Pat Hannon, Madellon Harvey, Margaret Keen, Charlie King, Sally Marchant, Bob Longland, John Malycha, Glenn Mowbray, Paul Mowbray, Pamela Myatt, Barry Joseph O'Leary, Oscar Perez, Francis Power, Gabriel Rockwood, Sam Ross, Matthew Schembri, Pat Stakelum, Anthony Stewart, Denis Tarbuck, John Turyn, Olga Turyn, Jennifer Webster, Michael Worsnop, Angela Williams.

Parish News

The **St Vincent de Paul Society** is conducting its annual **Winter Appeal** in the Parish this weekend 12 -13 July. You can donate by either giving cash, using the envelopes provided or through the eftpos system which will be set up at each weekend Mass. Please give generously. Thank you Aranda and Page Vinnies Conferences

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Available for collection in the church foyer. Please contact the Parish office if yours is not there: 6254 1827 or belconnensouth@cg.org.au

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation

VISIT OF BISHOP STEPHANUS: Auxiliary Bishop of Fr Andrew's Diocese of Daejeon, South Korea, Bishop Stephanus travelled from Sydney to visit the parish during the week. Bishop Stephanus stayed at the Page presbytery and celebrated Mass with the Korean Catholic community at St Vincent's and next day Bishop Stephanus and Fr Andrew met with Fr Richard Thompson VG to discuss the future of the Korean Chaplaincy. We give thanks for the blessings of the Korean Catholic community.

DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER

Devotion and Prayers

Monday 10 am St Vincent's, Aranda.

Ignatian Spirituality

2nd Monday 7:30pm Orana Centre, Aranda OR 2nd Wednesday 11 am, Orana Centre, Aranda.

Christian Meditation

1st and 3rd Wednesday 5.30 pm Orana Centre, Aranda. Other Wednesdays via zoom.

Centring Prayer

2nd & 4th Wednesday of month 7.30pm Marian Hall, Page

Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests

Thursday after 9:30am Mass, Aranda

	12 & 13 July			19 & 20 July		
	6pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda	6 pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda
Reader	Michael White Lea Bewick	John Duck Janet Moyle	Elizabeth Hannan Gerard Hogan	Lea Bewick Peter Davies	Yvonne McAdoo Christina Rowe	Ann Cleary Anne McCarthy
Senior Server	Damien Sloane	Greg Pocock	Jenny Murphy	Damien Sloane	Damien Power	Jenny Murphy
EMHC	Colleen Meadley	Kevin McInerney	Rachelle Stannard	Margaret Sloane Margaret Toye	Jo Duck Cathy Power	Jane Burroughs Robin Taylor
Linen/Altar		Margaret Sloane	Amanda Kabaila Rachelle Stannard		Margaret Sloane	Robin Taylor

Hearing Aid Loop is installed in both Mass centres, St Matthew's **only** middle 2 sections turn your hearing aid to the T switch

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading [Deuteronomy 30:10-14](#)

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

(R.) This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R.)**

(L.) As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **(R.)**

(R.) The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **(R.)**

(L.) For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Colossians 1:15-20](#)

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –
all things were created through him and for him.
Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.
As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection

to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Gospel [Luke 10:25-37](#)

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.



Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion

As you take the body of the Lord to our sisters and brothers who cannot be with us, show them the love and care of Christ for all people in every kind of need.