

# St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

## South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

20-21 September 25th 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) | 12:00pm | 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

#### Weddings

By appointment

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#### PRESBYTERY

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The following article captures the essence of the life and ministry of Bishop Pat Power, a man I was privileged to know most of my life. May he rest in peace. Fr John

### Beloved Bishop Pat Power dies after a life of service to the people of Canberra and Goulburn

15 September 2025 | By [Genevieve Jacobs](#) 'Region News'

Catholic auxiliary Bishop Pat Power, beloved for his compassion, humility and deep love for his community, died this morning (15 September) at the age of 83 after a long illness.

A local to his bootstraps, his focus was always on elevating human dignity and combating human suffering through love and practical action. He had been a priest for 60 years, working consistently with people struggling at the margins, from refugees to Indigenous Australians and those living in poverty in the national capital. Of his time working with the Causeway community, he told the archdiocesan newspaper, *The Catholic Voice*, "Most of them wouldn't have gone to Mass, but they had a great heart for each other. That's what being a Christian and a Catholic is all about — looking out for one another".

Bishop Power offered strong and consistent support to those he believed had been marginalised by the actions of our own and other governments, including the East Timorese and Palestinian people. In 2000, Bishop Power chaired a major ACT Government enquiry into poverty in Canberra and also worked consistently on dialogue across Christian and interfaith communities. In 2012, he retired early from his role as an auxiliary Bishop, deeply troubled by clerical sex abuse, which he called "a terrible stain on the church".

He said the Vatican's habit of secrecy provided conditions for abuse to thrive, creating the gravest crisis faced by the Church since the 16th-century Reformation. Criticising the Church's tendency towards "tinkering around the edges", Bishop Power called for the Catholic hierarchy to address the authoritarian nature of the Church, the participation of women, clergy celibacy and teaching on sexuality. The leadership must hear the voices of the faithful, he said. He believed – and said publicly – much of the promise held out by the reforming Vatican II Council of the 1960s had been lost beneath attempts to reclaim hierarchical authority.

His belief in innate human dignity and the importance of widespread participation in the Church's mission was fundamental to his life, and he was particularly impressed by the late Pope Francis's humble approach to the pontificate. Bishop Power's willingness to make his criticism of church leadership public was a rarity, matched as it was by a deep and faithful commitment to service. It was a courageous approach to leadership that did not always appeal to the institution's upper echelons but won him deep admiration from many in the pews and clergy who agreed with him. His advocacy wasn't limited to church matters, however. He also had time for the profound matters of state, including the South Sydney Rabbitohs' return to the NRL competition.

Patrick Percival Power, always known simply as Father Pat, was born in Cooma but raised in Queanbeyan. He always identified himself as a son of 'Struggle Town', where some of his happiest years were spent as the parish priest, including welcoming Mother Teresa to a packed St Raphael's in 1981. He was educated at St Christopher's School, St Edmund's College in Canberra and Chevalier College Bowral before training for the priesthood at St Columba's College in Springwood and St Patrick's College in Manly.

He was ordained in Queanbeyan on 17 July 1965 and said of his call to the priesthood that he had never regretted a day. Priesthood for him was a "two-way street," where he learned from his congregations, including time spent in Braidwood, Canberra and Goulburn. In 1972, he went to Rome to study for his doctorate in canon law, returning to roles in Canberra as the archbishop's secretary and director of the marriage tribunal, bringing with him great compassion for human relationships and their struggles.

In 1986, he was consecrated bishop by Archbishop Francis Carroll in St Christopher's Cathedral, Canberra, becoming the fifth Auxiliary Bishop of Canberra-Goulburn and the first to be born in the archdiocese. During his time as bishop, he travelled across the archdiocese to churches like my own, St Brigid's at Quandialla, a long way from the centres of power in Canberra.

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## Parish Financial Report for August 2025

|                      | Actual         | Planned        | Variance     |                    |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|
|                      | 8 mth to       | 8 mth to       | against      |                    |
|                      | 31/08/2025     | 31/08/2025     | Plan         |                    |
|                      | \$             | \$             | \$           |                    |
| <b>Direct Giving</b> | <b>123,097</b> | <b>117,984</b> | <b>5,113</b> | <b>over budget</b> |

(Planned Giving and 2nd collection for administration of the Parish)

## Parish Income & Expenditure Statement

|                   |         |         |         |             |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|
| Income *          | 140,886 | 133,980 | 6,906   | over budget |
| Expenditure       | 138,865 | 134,783 | - 4,082 | over budget |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | 2,021   | - 803   | 2,824   |             |

\* Income = Direct Giving and other income

Your ongoing financial support of the Parish and Clergy is required and greatly appreciated. Contact the Parish Office on [belconnensouth@cg.org.au](mailto:belconnensouth@cg.org.au) for details on how to contribute to the Clergy (first collection) and Parish (Planned Giving and second collection).

## Archdiocesan Notices

## CARISTAS AUSTRALIA GAZA APPEAL

God of light,  
You meet us in the darkest places.  
Every year, when we light our Easter candle, we pray 'may the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our minds and hearts.'  
We pray today that all people may work with you  
to dispel the darkness of violence and war.  
May this fragile light be a sign of our hope for the people of Gaza.  
May they find healing and lasting peace. Amen.  
If you are able to support **Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal**, donate online at [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413

## SUNDAY COMMUNION FOR RESIDENTS IN ARCARE:

Would you be interested in being part of a roster to take Holy Communion to grateful Catholic residents recently arrived in 'Arcare', just down from St. Vincent's. If so, contact the Parish Office or Fr John.

**THREE PART SYNODAL FORMATION SERIES** exploring (1) Synodality, (2) Evangelisation and (3) Charisms through an input from Archbishop Christopher, a panel of practitioners and a Conversation in the Spirit. The series commences with Synodality on Thursday, 18 September, 5:30-8:30pm, Haydon Hall (behind the Cathedral), and continuing with Evangelisation on 21 October and Charisms on 20 November. Register at [www.cgevangelisation.org.au/events/series](http://www.cgevangelisation.org.au/events/series)

**'THE BULLETIN'** is a production of the **Archdiocesan Synodal Evangelisation Team**. It reports on parish endeavours arising from our Archdiocesan Assembly of October last year, preparatory to another Archdiocesan gathering next year. Copies of 'The Bulletin' are available in the foyer. **Our parish will be holding a parish renewal in November with the focus being in our Sunday Masses. Details to follow.**

**THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION** is in the process of establishing a branch in the ACT. Membership is open to Catholic doctors, nurses, allied health professionals and medical students. Those eligible are invited to attend the Saturday, 27 September 9:00am Healing Mass at St Christopher's followed by a gathering with refreshments in the Haydon Hall. For more info, visit the website, <https://catholicmedicine.org/>, or contact Dr Paul Burt, [dendritepb@icloud.com](mailto:dendritepb@icloud.com)

**50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION OF CATHOLIC GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL, BRADDON AND DARAMALAN COLLEGE, DICKSON 1975 YEAR 12 (and those who finished earlier) , 18 OCTOBER:** Email [CGHS.Dara1975@gmail.com](mailto:CGHS.Dara1975@gmail.com) or on Facebook go to Darra-Braddon 1975 group. Ticket sales close 6 October.

**DISCOVER PALMS INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING:** Join an online session Thursday, 30 October, 7:00 – 8:30pm where you'll chat with past Palms volunteers and hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities. Match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime! Scan the QR or register at [palms.org.au/event](http://palms.org.au/event), or call 9560 5333, or check out [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:ipss@cg.org.au).

## Parish News

**Pat Power cont:** In a statement, Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn Christopher Prowse said Bishop Power died at Southern Cross Campbell Residential Care in Canberra. "Bishop Pat, a quintessential Canberran, was a priest for 60 years and a bishop for 39 years. He was loved and revered as an outspoken supporter of the poor and marginalised," he wrote. "Funeral arrangements will be announced later. May he rest in peace." Bishop Pat will be missed by many whose lives he touched with his generous spirit, his warmth and his deep love for his fellow human beings, whoever they were and wherever they came from.

**BISHOP PAT POWER'S FUNERAL MASS:** The Funeral Mass for Bishop Pat will be celebrated at **St Christopher's Cathedral, 11:00am, Wednesday, 24 September.** The mass will be livestreamed via <https://www.youtube.com/live/FpXEdxiYLYA> Burial will follow at Woden cemetery after which there will be refreshments in the Haydon Hall behind the Cathedral. A Vigil Mass will be offered at **St Raphael's, 47 Lowe Street, Queanbeyan, 7:00pm, Tuesday, 23 September.**

**ST MATTHEW'S FEAST DAY, 21 SEPTEMBER:** This Sunday, 21 September is the Feast of St Matthew, the patron of the former Page parish and now co-patron of our parish of St Matthew and St Vincent de Paul. We will be seeking the intercession of St Matthew at all Masses but celebrating the Thirty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Prior to the school holidays, children from St Matthew's gathered to celebrate their feast day with a 9:30am Thursday Mass.

**PRAYERFUL CONGRATULATIONS** to all the young parishioners who gathered with their families at each of our Masses last weekend to celebrate their First Holy Communion. May they continue to be nourished by Word, Sacrament and Community.

**VIGIL MASS RELOCATION:** A reminder that the Saturday 5:00pm Reconciliation or Confessions and the 6:00pm Vigil Mass will move from St Matthew's to St Vincent's on Saturday, 4 October with the commencement of daylight saving that weekend

**MONDAY LITURGY OF THE WORD AND HOLY COMMUNION:** The 7am Monday time has proven to be problematic with very few elderly parishioners attending. A suggestion is that a later time, say 9:30am would be better patronised. If you have any thoughts, please contact the Parish Office or Fr John.

### MEN'S GROUP – THURSDAY 25 SEP 25 6:15 PM

The next get together will be at the Parish Centre, Aranda.

Please RSVP to [paul.pearson@bigpond.com](mailto:paul.pearson@bigpond.com) (0412 685 582) by **COB TUESDAY 23 SEP 25.**

## Prayer Requests

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bishop Pat Power, Robert Redford, David Lewis, Afghanistan earthquake victims, Dr. Neil Harrigan, Sonja Perinovic, Ugo Damiano

### ANNIVERSARIES

Susan Metcalfe, Joseph Tonna, Vida Kabaila, Malcolm Petrie, Carmel Petrie, Michael Craft, Kevin Moyle, Thomas Pearson, Eileen Pearson, Adam Groves, Fr Jim Duck, Marie McMahon.

### THE SICK

Kathryn Anderson, Elizabeth Binetti, Trevor Blake, John Collard, Angela Collier, Gemma Collier, Nicole Court, Maureen Dalzell, Anne Darmody, Leon Darmody, Denis Dellamarta, Shirley Dellamarta, 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, Jon-Paul Mather, Paul Mowbray, Pamela Myatt, Barry Joseph O'Leary, Oscar Perez, Francis Power, Sam Ross, Matthew Schembri, Pat Stakelum, Anthony Stewart, Kate Sweeney, John Turyn, Olga Turyn, Bro Bob Wallace, Jennifer Webster, Angela

|                      | 20 & 21 September            |                                |                                     | 27 & 28 September                |                                |                                   |
|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                      | 6pm Page                     | 8:30 am Page                   | 10 am Aranda                        | 6 pm Page                        | 8:30 am Page                   | 10 am Aranda                      |
| <b>Reader</b>        | Mary Patton<br>Michael White | Paul Coghlan<br>Christina Rowe | Ann Cleary<br>Gerard Hogan          | Colleen Meadley<br>Mary Williams | Helen Casey<br>Mary Morris     | Elizabeth Hannan<br>Anne McCarthy |
| <b>Senior Server</b> | Damien Sloane                | Damien Power                   | Jenny Murphy                        | Paul Scholtens                   | Luka Tolovae                   | Bernie Leger                      |
| <b>EMHC</b>          | Mary Williams                | Jo Duck<br>Cathy Power         | Jane Burroughs<br>Annette Charge    | Michael White                    | Kevin McInerney<br>Mary Morris | Mina Chiu<br>Helen Digan          |
| <b>Linen/Altar</b>   |                              | Yvonne McAdoo                  | Amanda Kabaila<br>Rachelle Stannard |                                  | Yvonne McAdoo                  | 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**

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.

**First Reading** [Amos 8:4-7](#)

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy  
and try to suppress the poor people of the country,  
you who say, 'When will New Moon be over  
so that we can sell our corn,  
and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?  
Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,  
by swindling and tampering with the scales,  
we can buy up the poor for money,  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'  
The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,  
'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

**(R.)** Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord!

May the name of the Lord be blessed  
both now and for evermore! **(R.)**

**(R.)** High above all nations is the Lord,  
above the heavens his glory.

Who is like the Lord, our God,  
who has risen on high to his throne  
yet stoops from the heights to look down,  
to look down upon heaven and earth? **(R.)**

**(R.)** From the dust he lifts up the lowly,  
from the dungheap he raises the poor  
to set him in the company of princes,  
yes, with the princes of his people. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** [1 Timothy 2:1-8](#)

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,  
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** [Luke 16:1-13](#)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. 'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

**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**

Our sisters and brothers who are sick long for the bread of life. Take it to them and with it, our love and prayers. May they find consolation through God's loving presence in their lives.