

St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

30-31 August 22nd 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 2nd and 4th Sundays

Weddings

By appointment

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TO BE GROUNDED OR HUMBLE IN FAITH

'Humility' is the focus of our Gospel today. However, the focus is not just humility in everyday life but humility in acceptance of the invitation to new life in Christ. Jesus is speaking to an audience that is honour and shame based. In the parable of the wedding guest having to move to a lower place, the loss of face and humiliation in that society would be sorely felt. ***"The sense of horror that even the thought of such an experience conjures up gives bite to the situation the parable actually refers to: the great reversal that is to come at the end of time. If everything is going to be reversed when the Kingdom of God is established (see the Magnificat [Luke 1:51-53]; the Beatitudes and Woes [Luke 6:20-26]), those who choose now to sit with the poor and lowly are destined for promotion, while those who sit now with the rich and powerful will find themselves ordered down to the lowest places. So the point is made: if in the case of banquets like this present one you would experience such shame at finding yourself demoted before the eyes of all, just think how much more painful it will be to experience that at the end of the age, when all is decided and set forever!"*** (Brendan Byrne SJ). **Today is Social Justice Sunday. The 2025 Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's Social Justice Statement, 'Signs of Hope on the Edge' addresses homelessness.** Since 1940 Australian Bishops have released a Statement on a key issue in Australian society. Conference President, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, says in the foreword to the statement that services are stretched and under-resourced, making it harder to provide adequate support for those who need it. **An estimated 280,000 people access homelessness services each year, with one in three having a current mental health issue.** Archbishop Costelloe encourages *"all who are baptised to, instead, offer loving friendship to people on the edge of society. Instead of walking by and not noticing the plight of our neighbours, pay attention to them and their plight, listen to their stories, and serve them with the love we learn from Jesus."* **Copies of the Statement were forwarded with the online bulletin. For those who did not receive the online bulletin, copies are available in the foyer or at the ACBC website.** Very much related to the Social Justice Statement is the annual international August-September **'Season of Creation'** inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical *'Laudato Si'*. **At 2:00pm, Saturday, 13 September in St Matthew's Church our parish Laudato Si group will host the Canberra celebration of 'Via Creationis'** (see notice inside bulletin). After the style of the Stations of the Cross, the celebration is a prayerful reflection on the gift of creation, 'our common home'. **Both the challenge of homelessness and issues pertaining to our common home are reflected in the following prayer:**

Creator of all, we praise you for the gift of life and for the faith that unites us in care for our common home. We confess how estranged we have become – from one another, from your Creation, and from our truest selves. **Prince of Peace,** through your wounds, teach us to stand in solidarity with the woundedness of others, of creation, and of the world. Through your resurrection, make us people of hope – with a vision of swords turned into ploughshares and tears transformed into joy. May we come together as one family, to labor for your peace – a shalom where all your people may dwell in safety, and rest in quiet places. Amen.

Fr John

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): The RCIA is the journey of those considering full sacramental communion with the Catholic Church. They are accompanied by members of the parish community and the parish priest. All share life and faith experiences in the light of Church teaching and all are thereby enriched. **The RCIA journey is synodal ('walking together'). It is an experience of being Church in which all, including the wider parish, are enriched.** The RCIA journey culminates at Easter when the candidates are received into the Church. If you know of folk who might be interested candidates, please let them know of the process. If they would like to know more, have them contact me. Likewise, if you would like to know more about being part of the RCIA team let me know.

Fr John

Archdiocesan Notices

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD 5 September 6:00pm

The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn cordially invites you to the Ordination to the Priesthood of **Deacon Joseph Nivaskaran MGL** and **Deacon Michael Last MGL**.

The ceremony will be presided over by Most Reverend Archbishop Christopher Prowse on Friday, 5 September 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at St Christopher's Cathedral, Canberra.

You are most welcome to join the faithful in this solemn celebration as these deacons are ordained to serve as priests in the Church.

ACU CANBERRA OPEN DAY 13 September 11:00am—2:00pm

Join us at the Australian Catholic University - Canberra campus. For more information, go to <https://openday.acu.edu.au/> or contact futurestudy.CBR@acu.edu.au



90th Anniversary of St. Patrick's Church, Braddon 19 October

The anniversary will be commemorated on Sunday, 19th October with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Prowse at 8am followed by refreshments. For more information please contact Ray Toohey 0411 82545 or Mary Boyle, maryeboyle8@gmail.com.

50th Reunion - Class of 1975. Tickets are now available for the reunion of students from **Catholic Girls High School Braddon** and **Daramalan College**, who finished Year 12 in 1975 (including those from that group who finished before Year 12): <https://events.humanitix.com/daramalan-college-class-of-1975-reunion>

The main ticketed event is on Saturday evening, 18th October, with several activities planned over the weekend. For further information, please use one of the event channels:

Facebook: Daramalan College Alumni group; Merici College Alumni group; or Dara - Braddon 1975 group

email: CGHS.Dara1975@gmail.com

Ticket sales close on 6 October.

OFFICE MANAGER- HOLY SPIRIT PARISH, AMAROO

Permanent Part-time – Four days per week (up to 25 hrs) including some evening and weekend work.

Tuesday to Friday – 9.00am to 3.00pm

For the full job description and selection criteria, please contact Theivani Evers on 02 6242 9622 or theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au (Tuesday to Friday).

The successful candidate will be a practicing Catholic who is enthusiastic, friendly and approachable. To apply please provide a covering letter outlining your skills, experience and qualifications along with your Curriculum Vitae to Fr Troy Bobbin via email to recruitment@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au.

Please nominate at least three referees one of which will need to be a Parish Priest.

Closing date: 5:00pm Friday 5 September 2025

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.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

The annual collection for our retired priests will be taken up next weekend. There are 24 priests of our Archdiocese who after years of faithful and generous service now come under the care of the Clergy Retirement Foundation. The annual Father's Day Appeal raises much needed funds to meet the needs of these priests and to give them security in their retirement years. At next weekend's Masses, you will have the opportunity to donate to this Appeal. All gifts are tax deductible. Please give generously as you have in the past. Donations can also be made at www.cgcatholic.org.au/donate or Qkr app under "SPECIAL APPEALS".

SEASON OF CREATION EVENT

At 2-3pm on Saturday 13-September, Belconnen South parish welcomes all to join in the **Way of Creation** at St Matthews Church, Page. This is a Christian prayer service to pray the creation story in Genesis, alongside praise for the story of the cosmos as revealed through our scientific understandings. Light refreshment follows. Invitations are also being extended to other Christian faith communities in our area.



RECENTLY DECEASED:

Dr. Neil Harrigan, Victorian Police shooting victims, Sonja Perinovic, Ukrainian Bishop Peter Stasiuk, Bob Simpson, Ugo Damiano, Chris Logan, John Pratt, Michael Tlise, Bishop Peter Elliott, Col Joye, Fr Chris Riley, Sam Backo, Peter Cook, John Bryan, Glenn Mowbray, Victims of war in Iran, Israel, Gaza, South Sudan and Ukraine.

ANNIVERSARIES

Vida Kabaila, Malcolm Petrie, Carmel Petrie, Michael Craft, Kevin Moyle, Thomas Pearson, Eileen Pearson, Max Holmes, Tim Durick, Douglas Dowler

THE SICK

Kathryn Anderson, Elizabeth Binetti, Trevor Blake, Angela Collier, Gemma Collier, Nicole Court, Maureen Dalzell, Anne Darmody, Leon Darmody, Denis Dellamarta, Shirley 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, 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, Jennifer Webster, Angela Williams.

MOWING AT ST MATTHEW'S: SATURDAYS 8AM

Volunteers sought to join a small team of women and men. For details, contact John Duck 0403895256

COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2026 ORDER NOW!

Please contact the Parish Office 6254 1827 (during office hours Mon, Tue & Thu) or belconnensouth@cg.org.au

ORDERS CLOSE: 4 September 2025 (LAST WEEK TO ORDER)

MASS WITH ANOINTING

Friday 5 September at 9.30am followed by morning tea in Marian Hall. A plate to share would be appreciated.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During 10 am Mass 7 September, 21 September, 19 October, 2 November, 16 November, 7 December and 21 December

	30 & 31 August			6 & 7 September		
	6pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda	6 pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda
Reader	Lea Bewick Mary Williams	Paul Coghlan Mary Morris	Anne McCarthy Lourdes O'Keefe	Conor Bradley Peter Davies	John Duck Yvonne McAdoo	Gerard Hogan Anne McCarthy
Senior Server	Damien Sloane	Luka Tolovae	Bernie Leger	Damien Slaone	Kevin McInerney Sacristan	Jenny Murphy
EMHC	Margaret Sloane	Cathy Power Damien Power	Jane Burroughs Mina Chiu	Geraldine Lillingston	Mary Morris Joan Murphy	Karna O'Dea Lourdes O'Keefe
Linen/Altar		Pauline Cunneen	Christine Ross		Yvonne McAdoo	Maddalena Cobanov Katy Frino

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

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.

First Reading [Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29](#)

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.
The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,

and then you will find favour with the Lord;
for great though the power of the Lord is,
he accepts the homage of the humble.

There is no cure for the proud man's malady,
since an evil growth has taken root in him.

The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

(R.) The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **(R.)**

(L.) Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **(R.)**

(R.) You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them new life.
It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24](#)

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses:
not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness,
or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice
speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no
more should be said to them. But what you have come
to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the
heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have
gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in
which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heav-
en. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge,

and been placed with spirits of the saints who have
been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who
brings a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;

learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Luke 14:1, 7-14](#)

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the
house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they
watched him closely. He then told the guests a para-
ble, because he had noticed how they picked the
places of honour. He said this, 'When someone in-
vites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in
the place of honour. A more distinguished person
than you may have been invited, and the person who
invited you both may come and say, "Give up your
place to this man." And then, to your embarrass-
ment, you would have to go and take the lowest
place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to
the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your
host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up high-
er." In that way, everyone with you at the table will
see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself
will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself
will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a
dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations
or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy
by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party,
invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that
they cannot pay you back means that you are fortu-
nate, because repayment will be made to you when
the virtuous rise again.'

Communion Antiphon

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



Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion

May our thoughts and prayers accompany you as you
carry the Eucharist, the bread of life, to those who
cannot be with us today.