



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

Parish Pastoral Team

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Masses:

Saturday	St Vincent's	6:00pm
Sunday	St Matthew's	8:30am
	St Vincent's	10 am
Samoan (4ttSun)	StMatthew's	1pm
Korean	St Vincent's	3:00pm
Monday	Liturgy of the Word	
	St. Matthew's	7am
Tuesday	St Vincent's	5:30pm
Wednesday	St Matthew's	7 am
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
4:45-5:20pm

Confessions: Saturday

St Matthew's 11am-11:30 am
St Vincent's 5:00pm - 5:30pm

Baptisms:

2nd Sunday St Matthew's 11:30am
4th Sunday St Vincent's 11:30am

Weddings: By appointment

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Sunday 16th February 2025

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:

Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of
your name.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Happy are they who hope in
the Lord.**

(L.) Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of
the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of
scorners,
but whose delight is the law of
the Lord
and who ponders his law day and
night. **(R.)**

(R.) He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall
prosper. **(R.)**

(L.) Not so are the wicked, not
so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of
the just
but the way of the wicked leads
to doom. **(R.)**

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave
them;
they were not disappointed in what
they craved.

Prayer of Commissioning

Lord, as our ministers bring your
sacred presence to those who cannot
be with us, may they feel your light and
your hope, and be assured of our love
and compassion for them in their time
of need.



Happy are you when
people hate you,
drive you out, abuse you,
denounce your name
as criminal, on account of
the Son of Man.

Luke 6:22

Next weeks readings:

1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49;
Lk 6:27-38

Parish Vision:

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

FOCUS REVERSAL

Passing through Wodonga recently, I noticed a billboard advertising an audio-visual display about the Bonegilla Migrant Camp. Bonegilla was the first stop for many post World War II folk seeking a new life in Australia. They came with so little and have enriched Australia so much. The audience of Jesus were 90 per cent peasants. Their well-being was dependent on the forces of nature and those who controlled their lives otherwise. It is in that context that we read today's Gospel of the Beatitudes from Luke. **However, to claim that to be 'poor in spirit' is a blessing or something to give thanks for and to insist that being well-off is a problem was counter-cultural in the time of Jesus and even more so in materialistic Australian society. And therein is the rub.** Scripture scholar Brendan Byrne would have it that in the Beatitudes Jesus *"is insisting that what most people reckon to be advantages and disadvantages are relativised and indeed reversed in view of a particular vision of God – a God who has pledged to act on behalf of the poor and marginalised rather than the rich and well off. What the Beatitudes basically call for is a preparedness to be vulnerable in the light of this understanding of God and God's faithfulness."* In fact, *"a vulnerable community can become for the afflicted an instrument of God's power."* Indeed, as God is on the side of the vulnerable, one can claim that *"it is the vulnerable who make the world safe for humanity."* Tell that to Donald Trump and his transactional understanding of politics and economics. Tell that to an Australian audience which appears more concerned about interest rates than their true and lasting happiness. **Yet the fact is until we acknowledge our deepest personal and communal needs, true peace and prosperity will elude us.**

This weekend I am supplying for weekend Masses at Cobargo, Bermagui and Narooma. Fr Mark Ha (South Tuggeranong Assistant Priest) will be celebrating our Vigil Mass and Fr Andrew, back from holidays, will be celebrating our two Sunday morning Masses. Fr John

FR TONY PERCY: This week Pope Francis appointed Fr Tony Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney. Fr Tony grew up in Cooma and was ordained in 1990. He is a former Rector of Good Shepherd Seminary, Homebush and former Vicar General of the Archdiocese. His episcopal ordination will be celebrated in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney on Friday, 2 May. We offer Fr Tony our prayerful congratulations as he prepares for this new ministry for the People of God.

FR HILTON ROBERTS will soon celebrate his 90th Birthday. Gather to celebrate at either St Simon's, Georgina Cres Kaleen, 2–4pm, Sat 8 March (RSVP Christine 0401 169800) or at the 8:30am St Matthew's Mass, Sunday, 23 March with morning tea to follow. Fr Hilton was Parish Priest of the former St Michael's, Kaleen and the former St. Matthew's, Page. He continues to celebrate the 11:00am Confessions and 12 noon Mass each Saturday at St Matthew's, and is a much loved resident in St Vincent Villas, Aranda.

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 John 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.

Parish News

Children's Liturgy returns this Sunday for 2025. Children are invited join leaders in the Parish Centre for a brief Liturgy session during 10 am Mass at St Vincent's on the first and third Sunday of the month. All welcome — we look forward to seeing you there!



- **Morning Tea** after 8:30am Mass 1st Sunday of the month at **St Matthew's, Page, 2nd February**
- **Cheese and bikkies** with wine 2nd weekend of the month after 6pm Vigil Mass at **St. Vincent's, Aranda, 8th February**
- **Morning Tea** after 10am Mass 3rd Sunday of the Month at **St Vincent's, Aranda, 16th February**

Devotions and Prayer

Centering Prayer

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

Prayer Meeting

Monday 10:00am at St Vincent's, Aranda.

Ignatian Spirituality

Every 2nd Monday 7:30pm at St Vincent's Church, Aranda OR every 2nd Wednesday 11 am-12:30pm at the Orana Centre, Aranda.

Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests

Thursday after 9:30am Mass at St Vincent's, Aranda

Christian Meditation (Resumes end of January 2025)

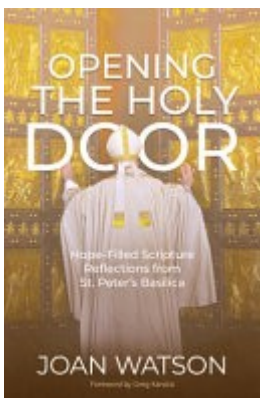
Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday 6 - 7 pm at the Orana Centre, Aranda. All other Wednesdays via zoom.



Men's Group – THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY 25

The next get together will be at 6:15 PM on **THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY 25** at the Parish Centre, Aranda.

Please RSVP to paul.pearson@bigpond.com (0412 685 582) by COB TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 25.



2025 Jubilee Year of Hope: Online Book Group Starting Thursday 6 March

Inner North Canberra Parish is hosting an online book group to help parishioners engage in the Jubilee Year

Every 25 years, pilgrims from all over the world flock to Rome for a jubilee year to walk through a special door on the northside of St. Peter's Basilica--the Holy Door. This bronze Holy Door uniquely depicts the salvation story, from the dawn of creation to the present, through sixteen panels that inspire the faithful to connect their lives to the timeless story of Jesus Christ. Join us as we embark on an armchair pilgrimage from home, reading Joan Watson's "Opening the Holy Door" with scriptural reflections that provide a meaningful way to mark the Year of Hope. Starting Thursday 6 March @ 8pm online.

For more information contact Emily via innernorth@cg.org.au.

Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick:

Kathryn Anderson,
Lorraine Birch,
Trevor Blake,
Angela Collier,
Gemma Collier,
Nicole Court,
Anne Darmody,
Leon Darmody,
Denis Dellamarta,
Helen Driver,
Mary East,
Richard East,
Joachim Exell,
Tony Fuller,
Fr Chris Gardiner OFM,
Pat Hannon,
Margaret Keen,
Charlie King,
Sally Marchant,
Bob Longland,
John Malycha,
Glenn Mowbray,
Paul Mowbray,
Pamela Myatt,
Barry Joseph O'Leary,
Francis Power,
Sam Ross,
Matthew Schembri,
Pat Stakelum,
Anthony Stewart,
John Turyn,
Olga Turyn,
Jennifer Webster,
Michael Worsnop,
Angela Williams.

All the sick and suffering.

We pray for the deceased:

Peter Harrington,
Barbara McLean,
Geoff Reid,
John Woodward,
Len Sheargold,
Swedish Shooting Victims.

Anniversaries (February)

Debbie Banes,
Fr. Neville Drinkwater,
Victor White,
Vin Kane,
Rex French,
Doug Blake,
Con Cassidy,
Kevin Burke,
Jim Notaras
John McQuitten,
Colleen Cassidy,
Tudor Thomas,
Jose Mauricio Pereira de Oliveira
Peter Donnan
Penny Durick
Stefano (Steve) D'Archie
Paul Duck,
Robby King,
Ebbel Bierman,
Cathy Kane,
Sue Carmody.

26 February 2025 | Chamber Philharmonia Cologne | 7:00pm

Vivaldi, Mozart, Tchaikovsky and Paganini complete this delightful summer program, at St Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral Goulburn: 7pm Wednesday the 26th of February.

Ticket sales are available at the door in cash 1/2 an Hour prior to the concert, or at www.trybooking.com/CXCVE

12 March 2025 | The Magic of Baroque Music | 7:00pm

The Australian Brandenburg Orchestra is delighted to bring the timeless beauty of Baroque music to your doorstep as part of our 2025 Regional New South Wales tour. Join us for an intimate evening as a small ensemble of the Brandenburg's finest musicians perform a selection of enchanting works from the Baroque era on Period instruments.

<https://www.brandenburg.com.au/live-concerts/events/regional>

13 March 2025 International Women's Day Breakfast | 7:30 AM- 9.00 AM

Join the Catholic Women's Taskforce of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn for a special breakfast event in celebration of International Women's Day! Venue: Ainslie Football Club, 52 Wakefield Ave, Ainslie ACT.


Cost: \$40 per head

This year's breakfast features a keynote address by Dr. Trudy Dantis, a distinguished leader in Catholic research and pastoral studies. Dr. Dantis, Director of the National Centre for Pastoral Research.

19 May 2025 | Jubilee of Families European Pilgrimage

St Peter's Parish, Pambula, together with Fr George Ogah invite you to join our Jubilee of Families European Pilgrimage. In this dedicated jubilee year, be inspired to encounter the pathways of some of the Church's greatest saints. 19 May-4 June, 2025.


Contact pambula@cg.org.au for more information.



Cursillo Retreat

Save the date: 4-6 April at St Clement's, Galong. A Cursillo is a faith formation course; the word 'Cursillo' literally means 'short course' in Spanish. The first Cursillo was held in Spain in 1944 and in Canberra-Goulburn in 1966.

Contact Michael and Erica michaelderaadt@gmail.com.
More information is available at <https://bit.ly/cursillo2025>



Roster for St Matthew's and St Vincent de Paul Churches			
15th February & 16th February			
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Colleen Meadley Peter Rodda	Mary Morris Janet Moyle	Lisa Harris Gerard Hogan
Senior Servers	David Ross	Damien Power	Jenny Murphy
EMHC	Michael White	Joan Murphy Cathy Power	Karna O'Dea
Linen/Altar		Pauline Cunneen	
22nd February & 23rd February			
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Mary Patton Mary Williams	Paul Coghlan Christina Rowe	Kate Hourigan Anne McCarthy
Senior Servers	Damien Sloane	John Woods	Paul Scholtens
EMHC	Catharina Koopman	John Duck Jan Woods	Lourdes O'Keefe Rachelle Stannard
Linen/Altar		Pauline Cunneen	