

St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

5-6 July 14th 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
Samoan (4thSun)	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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PRESBYTERY

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Once a man was asked, "What did you gain by regularly praying to God?"

The man replied, "Nothing...but let me tell you what I lost: anger, ego, greed, depression, insecurity and fear of death."

Sometimes, the answer to our prayers is not gaining but losing; which ultimately is the gain.

Something to think about.

NAIDOC WEEK, 6-13 JULY

Over 1000 Aboriginal folk gathered in Sydney on 26 January 1938 (150 years after European settlement in Australia) to call for full citizenship and laws to improve the lot of Aboriginal people. Remembered as the first **'Day of Mourning'**, it morphed in 1975 into what we know as **NAIDOC Week** (National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee), celebrated from the first to the second Sunday of July.

It continues as a time of both protest and celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. We gather today on the land of the **Ngunnawal people** and pay our respects to their culture and leaders past, present and emerging. The NAIDOC week organisers make the necessary distinction between **'cultural appreciation'** (i.e., "appreciating another culture in a respectful, sincere way that helps broaden perspectives and build cross-cultural connections") and **'cultural appropriation'** (i.e., "using elements of a culture which you do not belong to [as this is] disrespectful, exploitative, hurtful and reinforces racism"). **How might each of us and our parish as a whole further the aspirations of NAIDOC Week? A growth in awareness of pertinent data might stimulate further reflection and action (see foyer sheet prepared by the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council)**

Fr John

Archdiocesan Notices

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-iloWIHUAskerKM70achXxQI/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>

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, millions of people are trapped in a desperate struggle for survival. Conflict, violence, hunger, and displacement are tearing communities apart. In places like the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan and across the Horn of Africa, the situation is critical.

Your support is urgently needed.

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:

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Tony Dellamarta, Alan Wilmer, Bernard Finnerty, Tania Bradley, Max Holmes, Fr John O'Keefe.

THE SICK

Kathryn Anderson, Trevor Blake, Angela Collier, Gemma Collier, Nicole Court, Maureen Dalzell, Anne Darmody, Leon Darmody, Dot Day, 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, Anne Laffan, 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 on the 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

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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

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

	5 & 6 July			12 & 13 July		
	6pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda	6 pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda
Reader	Geraldine Lillingston Colleen Meadley	Christina Rowe Paul Coghlan	Marie Carroll Graham Williams	Michael White Mary Williams	John Duck Janet Moyle	Elizabeth Hannan Gerard Hogan
Senior Server	Paul Scholtens	John Woods	Jenny Murphy	Damien Sloane	Greg Pocock Sacristan	Jenny Murphy
EMHC	Dorothy Lalor	Joan Murphy Jan Woods	Lourdes O'Keeffe Catharina Williams	Colleen Meadley	Kevin McInerney	Rachelle Stannard
Linen/Altar		Margaret Sloane	Ladies of the Korean Community		Margaret Sloane	Amanda Kabaila Rachelle Stannard

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

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading [Isaiah 66:10-14](#)

Rejoice, Jerusalem,
be glad for her, all you who love her!
Rejoice, rejoice for her,
all you who mourned her!
That you may be suckled, filled,
from her consoling breast,
that you may savour with delight
her glorious breasts.
For thus says the Lord:
Now towards her I send flowing
peace, like a river,
and like a stream in spate
the glory of the nations.
At her breast will her nurslings be carried
and fondled in her lap.
Like a son comforted by his mother
will I comfort you.
And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.
At the sight your heart will rejoice,
and your bones flourish like the grass.
To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

- (L.)** Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **(R.)**
- (R.)** 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **(R.)**
- (L.)** He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **(R.)**
- (R.)** Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Galatians 6:14-18](#)

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this

rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!

Gospel [Luke 10:1-12. 17-20](#)

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.



Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion

May you carry Christ in the fullness of his life to those who seek that fullness in all things for his sake and the sake of his Church.