

# St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

## South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

19-20 July 16th 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

#### Weddings

By appointment

#### PARISH OFFICE (MON, TUE & THU)

Orana Centre, 7 Bindel Place, Aranda  
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#### PRESBYTERY

12 Chewings Street, Page  
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### HOSPITALITY OFFERED, HOSPITALITY RECEIVED

**Jesus engaged through the everyday.** He revealed 'something more' through sickness, wine, yoked oxen, water, bread, shepherds, racism, fishing, love, taxes, mustard seeds, children, grief, sin, hypocrisy, storms . . . **Today's First Reading and Gospel see the imparting of 'something more' or deeper significance in acts of hospitality. And it is not just hospitality offered, it is also hospitality received.** In our First Reading the now old Abraham offers hospitality to three strangers, who also present as one. Some Fathers of the Church saw this as foreshadowing what we call the Trinity. Abraham's guests promise that Abraham's aged wife Sarah will have a child. Sarah laughs at the idea (Gen 18:12). In fact, her son's name Isaac, which means 'laughs' or 'smiles' is a pun reflective of her response. **As the guests received hospitality, they also give. The promise made to Abraham is that he will be the father of a great people (Israel) and a blessing for all nations (Gen. 18:18).** However, conflating a religious belief (Judaism) and politics (Zionism) is to say the least problematic, as was 'Christendom' (cf. the Inquisition). The separation of church and state to serve the common good is nonetheless also problematic when the call to stamp out 'anti-semitism' does not take account of the fact that Palestinians are Semites too. **God's hospitality is extended to all for the good of all. To undermine that for the advantage of a relative few is contrary to the universal hospitality of God fully revealed in Jesus. So too in our Gospel Martha misses the point.** She appears to have a legitimate complaint about providing hospitality for Jesus while Mary just sits and listens to him. Martha however fails to understand, as we often do too, *"that the Lord's primary intent toward us is to bestow upon us life, love and salvation, rather than to make use of our service"* (Brendan Byrne). **Do we create the space to receive the hospitality of God? Or do we just presume to get on with it on our terms? I often do. Hence the need for personal and communal prayer to be first renewed in our awareness of God's love. We are called to be transformed in the Lord's image and likeness, not for the Lord to be transformed into ours. The call of a 'synodal' Church is to first listen and then respond to where the Spirit is discerned to be calling.** In our Second Reading from Colossians, Paul or possibly a disciple very familiar with his thought, speaks of his ministry *"to draw the nations of the world into the riches of salvation previously confined to Israel. There is no part of the human world where the saving power of Christ is not ready to break out"* (ibid). **Might we be a recipient of God's loving embrace and part of the mission of the Church. Lord, that I might see and respond as you would have it.**

Fr John

## **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**

Winter meetings will be via zoom from 6 pm For information please call 0414278774

### **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

## ***Archdiocesan Notices***

### **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.

### **SAINT MARY MACKILLOP FEAST DAY 8 August 2025 North Sydney**

- Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel at 8:00 am and 6:00 pm
- Glen Roy Green at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm
- Live Stream at 10:00 am <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HIQzdjSCLN4>

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:Australia@mothersprayers.org)

### **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](http://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](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).

## Prayer Requests

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Glenn Mowbray, Patrick Power, Marie Baker, Dot Day, Peter Leonard, Denis Tarbuck, Lachlan Rearedon, Joy Huber, Gabriel Rockwood, Victims of war in Iran, Israel, Gaza, South Sudan and Ukraine.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Tim Durick, Clare Menezes, Mirela Manenica.

### 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, Paul Mowbray, Pamela Myatt, Barry Joseph O'Leary, Oscar Perez, Francis Power, Sam Ross, Matthew Schembri, Pat Stakelum, Anthony Stewart, John Turyn, Olga Turyn, Jennifer Webster, Angela Williams.

### MEN'S GROUP – THURSDAY 31 JULY 2025 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 29 JULY 25.

### LADIES' LUNCH Wednesday 6 August 12 noon

at the Southern Cross Club, Jamison

Please RSVP by 5pm Monday 4 August: [jennymurphys@icloud.com](mailto:jennymurphys@icloud.com) 0437 034 148

### JUBILEE YEAR 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 25 September - 4 October 2025

Cross the Holy Door in Rome. Celebrate the Jubilee Year visiting holy places in Rome, Lanciano (Eucharistic Miracle), Assisi, Pompei, Montecassino and the Amalfi Coast.

Enquiries: [pp@mibp.org.au](mailto:pp@mibp.org.au) or text 0417 259 617.

## Parish News

### 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](mailto:belconnensouth@cg.org.au)

### Library News -St Matthew's:

- Silf, Margaret: **The other side of chaos: breaking through when life is breaking down** 2011 [Spirituality]
- Rohr, Richard: **The tears of things: prophetic wisdom for an age of outrage** 2025 [Spirituality]
- Tracy, Sarah Thomas: **18 powerful women of the Bible** 2023 [Scripture]

Any queries or suggestions contact Megan Thompson (St Matthews) on 6254 0524

**Reminder** – Please fill in the borrowing sheet and return items as soon as you have finished

### Parish Financial Report for June 2025

	Actual	Planned	Variance	
	6 mth to	6 mth to	against	
	30/06/2025	30/06/2025	Plan	
	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Direct Giving</b>	92,218	88,488	3,730	over budget
(Planned Giving and 2nd collection for administration of the Parish)				

### Parish Income & Expenditure Statement

Income *	104,256	100,520	3,736	over budget
Expenditure	115,957	106,656	- 9,301	over budget
Surplus/(Deficit)	- 11,701	- 6,136	- 5,565	
* 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).

19 & 20 July				26 & 27 July		
	6pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda	6 pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda
<b>Reader</b>	Lea Bewick Peter Davies	Yvonne McAdoo Christina Rowe	Ann Cleary Anne McCarthy	Conor Bradley Geraldine Lillingston	Christina Rowe Paul Coghlan	Marie Carroll Lourdes O'Keefe
<b>Senior Server</b>	Damien Sloane	Damien Power	Jenny Murphy	Paul Scholtens	Dennis Morris Sacristan	Jenny Murphy
<b>EMHC</b>	Margaret Sloane Margaret Toye	Jo Duck Cathy Power	Jane Burroughs Robin Taylor	Michael White	Kevin McInerney Joan Murphy Greg Pocock	Annette Charge Mina Chiu
<b>Linen/Altar</b>		Margaret Sloane	Robin Taylor		Margaret Sloane	Christine Ross

**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**

See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**First Reading** [Genesis 18:1-10](#)

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'  
Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

**(L.)** Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
he who does not slander with his tongue. **(R.)**

**(R.)** He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**

**(L.)** He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** [Colossians 1:24-28](#)

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the

Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart  
and yield a harvest through perseverance.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** [Luke 10:38-42](#)

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

**Communion Antiphon**

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord.  
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me,  
I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.



**Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion**

May you be welcomed by our absent friends, as you bring them these signs of God's hospitality and friendship. May these holy gifts lead our brothers and sisters to greater life and freedom, through Christ our Lord.