

# St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

## South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

7-8 June Pentecost Sunday (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
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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)	
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Thu	9:30 am	Aranda	
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#### 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)

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#### PRESBYTERY

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#### GUIDED BY THE SPIRIT'S MOVEMENT

**Pentecost: the birth of the Church. So, 'Happy Birthday'!** Many Jews from all over had gathered in Jerusalem for the feast of Pentecost. This Jewish feast, fifty days after Passover, celebrated the grain harvest and the gift of the land. As the Spirit had come upon Jesus at the beginning of his public ministry, so now at Pentecost the Spirit empowers his followers to boldly proclaim the Gospel of God's mercy and reconciliation. **Engagement with the diverse audience in Jerusalem reflects the power of the Spirit to unite and engage all peoples of good will. Contrast this with the Old Testament story of the Tower of Babel (Gen 11:1-9) when for challenging the authority of God, people were punished with a confusion of languages; from which comes our word 'babble'.** Only this week, a friend shared the insight of Nobel Prize Laureate, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn that like his native Russia, the West is now confronting a reality borne by *"Men that have forgotten God"*. Australia has recently been urged (instructed?) to increase defence spending to 3.5% of GDP. There is a logic to the call if you determine defence policy as a consequence of economic well-being, or more truly in the light of perceived threats to the same. However, lest we forget, weapons of war have one purpose: to kill. **How do we measure progress on the premise of winners and losers?** Pope Francis in his autobiography 'Hope' comments: *"When we surrender to the logic of arms, and distance ourselves from dialogue, we tragically forget that weapons, even before they create victims and destruction, engender bad dreams. As Saint Paul VI said in his speech to the United Nations on October 4, 1965: 'They call for enormous expenses. They interrupt projects of solidarity and useful labour. They warp the outlook of nations.' We cannot love people with weapons in our hands" (p.157).* We celebrate Pentecost Sunday in this Jubilee Year of Hope in a world divided and with many individuals isolated and adrift. As 'Pilgrims of Hope' seeking the movement of God's Spirit in our lives and communities, we pray: ***"Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel . . . in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. . . ."***

Fr John

## Archdiocesan Notices

**1700TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUNCIL OF NICAIA, Saturday 7 June, 10 am– 12:20pm**— An ecumenical pilgrimage walk organised in partnership with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia.

Opening liturgy at 10am St Christopher's Cathedral, and concluding with prayer and refreshments at the Greek Orthodox Church of St Nicholas in Kingston. Flyer on foyer notice board.

### **INFORMATION SESSION 16 June 2025 7:00 pm**

Learn more about study options at Catholic Theological College (CTC), and insights into student life. Whether you want to further your career or your knowledge of the Catholic Faith, CTC has the right path/options for you.

Registration: [https://divinity.zoom.us/meeting/register/cd\\_l8r2xT0OScm2NDBLeA#/registration](https://divinity.zoom.us/meeting/register/cd_l8r2xT0OScm2NDBLeA#/registration)

### **ST THOMAS FORUM AND DINNER Friday 27 June 2025 | 6.45pm for 7.30pm**

Will it be Lawful to be a Christian in 2025?

And what the ACT compulsory takeover of Calvary Hospital means for Australia

Keynote Speaker: **Bishop Tony Percy** Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Sydney

Register Now: <https://bit.ly/stmf-270625>

### **AN EVENING OF DIALOGUE: PILGRIMS OF HOPE, 30 July 07:00 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.

### **ARCHBISHOP'S MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE 9 August 2025**

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Eden. This special church has been designated 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)

### **90th ANNIVERSARY OF ST PATRICK'S, BRADDON 19 October 2025**

St. Patrick's Church Braddon was dedicated on 20th October 1935. The anniversary will be commemorated on Sunday, 19th October with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Prowse at 8am followed by refreshments. Organisers wish to contact former pupils to share their memories, to attend the Mass and celebrations on the day. For more information please contact Ray Toohey 0411 182545 or Mary Boyle, [maryeboyle8@gmail.com](mailto:maryeboyle8@gmail.com).

**CORAL'S COTTAGE** located in Narrabundah, offers short-term accommodation for teenagers and young adults up to the age of 25 living with moderate to severe physical and/or intellectual disability under the NDIS. We aim to provide an enjoyable experience, while also nurturing independence away from home. Contact our friendly team to arrange a tour, or for more information please contact [STAbookings@mccg.org.au](mailto:STAbookings@mccg.org.au) or phone 6162 6100 / 6162 5800

**RICKY STUART HOUSE** - Ricky Stuart House is a purpose built, state of the art facility, situated in Chifley and set up to work with children, aged 5-12 years, and their families and support networks, to ensure collaborative relationships to achieve outcomes specific to each child. Contact our friendly team to arrange a tour, or for more information please contact [STAbookings@mccg.org.au](mailto:STAbookings@mccg.org.au) or phone 1800 427 920.

### **VACANCIES AT SUPPORTED INDEPENDENT HOMES**

At Marymead CatholicCare, there are currently vacancies in two of our residential Supported Independent Living homes within the NDIS CHOICES Program, supporting and empowering people with disabilities, including: a modern home in Kambah for supported independent living, sharing with two friendly, mature individuals; and Dorothy Sales Cottages in Hughes specifically designed for individuals with acquired brain injury. Contact our CHOICES and Aged Care number at 6163 7647.

#### **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:

Alan Driver, Ivan Stibohar, Kay Robinson, Hector Steele, Vito Russoniello, Marcia Jasper, Rosa Veechi .

### ANNIVERSARIES

Alan Wilmer, Andrew Francis Dennis, Enrico Guarino, Susina Guarino Palma D'Ambrosio, Bernard Finnerty.

### 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, 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

**CHURCH CLEANING:** We are looking for parishioners to commit to a cleaning roster for either of our parish churches. Equipment and other needs will be supplied. Committing to the roster would be a very practical way to support your parish by reducing costs and helping to maintain the beautiful ambience of our churches. **If interested, please so indicate on the clipboard form in the foyer.**

**Thank you to those who have responded already**

### AFTER MASS

- **Morning Tea** after 8:30 am Mass first Sunday of the month at **St Matthew's**.
- **Cheese and bikkies** after the 6pm Vigil second Saturday of the month at **St. Matthew's**.
- **Morning Tea** after 10am Mass 3rd Sunday of the month at **St Vincent's**,

**ENCOUNTERING THE PSALMS:** Parishioner, Dr Glenn Burns will present a talk on the Psalms at the Orana Centre after the 9:30am St Vincent's Mass on Thursday 12 June and again at the Mariam Hall, adjacent to St Matthew's Church, on Tuesday 17 June at 7.30pm. The presentation will not be a sermon or a theological lecture but rather an overview of the Psalms so as to deepen our understanding of these prayers we proclaim at each Mass.

### SALVATION ARMY COLLECTION THANKYOU

Generous donations of "small change" raised \$150.00 after 8:30 am Mass for the Salvation Army Annual Door knock

**VILLAGIO SAN ANTONIO AGED CARE HOME** this Friday, 13 June celebrates the feast of St Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church with a Mass commencing at 10:30am in their chapel. Initially an Augustinian, he later joined the Franciscans He was renowned for gentleness in his preaching, if harsh on lax clergy and those oppressing the weak.

**GARDENING HELP:** Adrianna, a parishioner is offering simple gardening services Mon-Sat, 8am-4pm for \$35 per hour, M: 0421 183 847, E: [vanzella.adrianna@gamil.com](mailto:vanzella.adrianna@gamil.com)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY Sunday 15 June 10 am** Mass at St Vincent's, Aranda.

	7 & 8 June			14 & 15 June		
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<b>Reader</b>	Geraldine Lillingston Colleen Meadley	Helen Casey Walker Lino Ale	Marie Carroll Ann Cleary	Lynne Foster Michael White	Janet Moyle Christina Rowe	Gerard Hogan Adora Calub
<b>Senior Server</b>	Damien Sloane	Kevin McInerney Sacristan	Jenny Murphy	Damien Power	Luka Tolovae	Bernie Leger
<b>EMHC</b>	Margaret Sloane	John Duck	Lourdes O'Keefe	Lea Bewick	Kevin McInerney Joan Murphy	Jane Burroughs Robin Taylor
<b>Linen/Altar</b>		Ann Tierney	Amanda Kabaila Rachelle Stannard		Ann Tierney	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**

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world  
and that which contains all things  
understands what is said, alleluia.

**First Reading** [Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11](#)

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit  
and renew the face of the earth.**

**(R.)** Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**

**(L.)** You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

**(R.)** May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** [Romans 8:8-17](#)

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

**Sequence**

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,  
From the clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance give.  
Come, thou Father of the poor,  
Come with treasures which endure;

Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,  
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;  
Pleasant coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,  
Visit thou these hearts of thine,  
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man will stay;  
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour thy dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,  
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die;  
Give us life with thee on high;  
Give us joys that never end.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** [John 14:15-16, 23-26](#)

Jesus said to his disciples

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.  
I shall ask the Father  
and he will give you another Advocate  
to be with you for ever.

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him  
and make our home with him.  
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.  
And my word is not my own;  
it is the word of the one who sent me.  
I have said these things to you  
while still with you;  
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in my name,  
will teach you everything  
and remind you of all that I have said to you.'

**Communion Antiphon**

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit  
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.



**Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:** Take this holy sacrament to our sisters and brothers who are sick or housebound. Share with them the saying of St Paul we heard today: we share the sufferings of Christ in order that we may also share his glory.