

St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

21-22 June The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (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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Korean	3:00pm	Aranda

Weekday Masses

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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 2nd and 4th Sundays

Weddings

By appointment

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TO PARTAKE OF AND TO SHARE THE HOSPITALITY OF GOD

The hospitality of God. This is what today's celebration of the Body and Blood of Christ is all about. As we resume Ordinary Time, we reflect on the extraordinary significance of our Eucharistic gathering and its' implications for our being 'pilgrims of hope'. Our First Reading recounts the meeting of Abraham and Melchisedek, the then Canaanite King of Jerusalem. What is striking here is the openness of both parties. Scripture scholar Brendan Byrne notes that "there is a genuine aura of "hospitality" attending their exchange between the two patriarchs that is not at all alien to the later sense of the Eucharist – though traditional Christian interpretation has focused more upon the sacrificial and sacerdotal aspects of the episode". The latter is captured in the oft-repeated comment about the ordained, "You are a priest forever in the line of Melchisedek" (Heb 7:17). Again, without downplaying the ritual aspects of the Eucharist, our Second Reading sees St Paul criticise the people of Corinth for "unworthily" celebrating the Eucharist or communal meal. Not waiting for everyone deprived those such as servants and slaves who were not masters of their own time, it humiliated them. "Such behaviour so cuts across the meaning of the Eucharist that, in effect, the Corinthians are not celebrating at all" (ibid). **It is significant that today's Gospel, the account of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, is found twice in Matthew and Mark and once in Luke and John.** On a very practical level, the apostles are concerned that the people need to eat. However, they are shocked when Jesus tells them to feed the people themselves. **And therein is the point: the needed hospitality is beyond them but not ministers of the hospitality of God. In fact, there is much left over. "God is never niggardly in hospitality; on the contrary, overflowing abundance is its sign and mark" (op cit).** In speaking of our Eucharistic gathering which this episode foreshadows, Pope Francis noted: "The Eucharist, although it is the fulness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak. . . . Frequently, we act as arbiters of grace rather than its facilitators. But the Church is not a tollhouse; it is the house of the Father, where there is a place for everyone, with all their problems" (n. 47, 'The Joy of the Gospel', 2013). **Moreover, having in our need gathered to be nourished by the Word of God and Holy Communion (the Word become flesh), how might we extend the hospitality of God, or quite simply 'be Eucharist'.** In the foyer you will find copies of two articles: One reflects the changing reality of religion in the lives of younger folk ('The Economist') and the other considers four reflections on dying ('The Tablet'). **Both reflect that we are formed in community and that the Sunday Eucharist is the gathering of the 'community of communities'.**

Fr John

STS PETER AND PAUL'S FEAST DAY 29 June 10:00 am

In celebration of our wonderful Parish of Mary Queen of Apostles and the Old Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul's, we welcome you to Mass at 10 am on Sunday the 29th of June. This will be followed by a morning tea, hosted by the Parish in the Cathedral Grounds.

VOCATIONS DINNER at Calwell Presbytery: Thursday 3 July 6pm. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A meal provided with discussions & prayer. RSVP please contact Vocations Director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.

THE ARMED MAN - a concert for peace and harmony 5 July 2025 3 pm LLEWELLYN HALL ANU

The Canberra Choral Society and The National Capital Orchestra are joining forces again to present a concert of two very special works for chorus and orchestra, 'The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace' by beloved British composer Sir Karl Jenkins, and 'Human Waves' by legendary Australian composer Elena Kats-Chernin AO. Celebrating peace, harmony and resilience, this uplifting concert will be conducted by NCO Music Director Louis Sharpe, with soprano soloist Jillian Halleron and cellist Liam Meany.

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

60th ANNIVERSARY OF ST CLARE'S COLLEGE

Mass: St Christopher's Cathedral – Sunday 10 August

Refreshments & College Tours: St Clare's College following the Mass

We'd love to see as many alumni and past staff as possible — help us spread the word!

RSVP is essential. Enquiries: stcc.events@stcc.act.edu.au

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

Position Available Parish Support and Safeguarding Development Officer: Closing Date Friday, 27 June

The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn is seeking a dedicated professional to fill the role of Parish Support and Safeguarding Development Officer. This full-time, 38-hour-per-week position offers the opportunity to contribute to the vital areas of parish support, safeguarding, catechist coordination, and chancery operations.

Submit your application, including a letter addressing your qualifications and experience along with your Curriculum Vitae, to Maria Hicks at ipss@cg.org.au For further information, contact Leanne Boyd at leanne.boyd@cg.org.au. **Position Description** <https://bit.ly/4kBAjmt>

Help Christians 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.



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:

Ken Hill, Vito Russoniello, Tony Sealy, Brian Wilson, Austrian Shooting Victims, Alan Driver, Ivan Stibohar, Kay Robinson.

ANNIVERSARIES

Tony Dellamarta, Alan Wilmer, Andrew Francis Dennis, Enrico Guarino, Susina Guarino Palma D'Ambrosio, 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, 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

MEN'S GROUP – Thursday 26 June 25 6:15 PM

The next get together will be at the Parish Centre, Aranda. Please RSVP to paul.pearson@bigpond.com (0412 685 582) by COB TUESDAY 24 JUNE 25



MEN'S GROUP

PARISH OFFICE Thursday 26 June 2025

Kate Whitton will be working in the office. Thank you Kate

Monday 30 June 2025

Jacinta will be away. The office will be closed

LIBRARY NEWS- The following items are now available for loan at **St Matthew's**:

- Doherty, Tony: **Struggling to believe?: the journey of one contemporary believer** 2023 [Church and Catholic Faith]
- Healey, Charles J.: **Praying with the Jesuits: finding God in all things** 2011 [Prayer]
- Pope Francis: **Hope: the autobiography** 2025 [Biography]

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 (preferably within a month) so others can use them

The following items are now available for loan at **St Vincent's**:

- **Lourdes: body and spirit in the secular age** by Mary Harris (Spirituality)
- **Imagine heaven: near-death experiences, God's promises, and the exhilarating future that awaits you** by John Burke (Spirituality)
- **Jesus and the Jewish roots of Mary: unveiling the mother of the Messiah** by Brant Pitre (Mary)

Any queries or suggestions contact Karna O'Dea (St Vincent's) on 0450 811 010

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Reader	Lea Bewick Mary Williams	Paul Coghlan John Duck	Elizabeth Hannah Bernie Leger	Conor Bradley Peter Davies	Yvonne McAdoo Janet Moyle	Anne McCarthy Jenny Murphy
Senior Server	Damien Sloane	Greg Pocock Sacristan	Jenny Murphy	Paul Scholtens	Dennis Morris Sacristan	Bernie Leger
EMHC	Lynne Foster	Jan Woods John Woods	Annette Charge Mina Chiu	Dorothy Lalor	Greg Pocock Cathy Power Damien Power	Helen Digan Karna O'Dea
Linen/Altar		Ann Tierney	Christine Ross		Ann Tierney	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

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading [Genesis 14:18-20](#)

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

‘Blessed be Abraham by God Most High,
creator of heaven and earth,
and blessed be God Most High for handing
over your enemies to you.’

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) You are a priest for ever,
in the line of Melchizedek.**

(R.) The Lord’s revelation to my Master:
‘Sit on my right:

I will put your foes beneath your feet.’ **(R.)**

(L.) The Lord will send from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes. **(R.)**

(R.) A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the daybreak I be-
got you. **(R.)**

(L.) The Lord has sworn an oath he will not
change.
‘You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.’ **(R.)**

Second Reading [1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#)

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.’ In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.’ Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the
Lord;

whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Luke 9:11-17](#)

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, ‘Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.’ He replied, ‘Give them something to eat yourselves.’ But they said, ‘We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.’ For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, ‘Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.’ They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

Communion Antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

**Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Christ’s body has been blessed and broken for us at this Eucharist. Take it now and share it with our brothers and sisters who cannot be here, that they too may share in communion with the Lord and with his people.