



St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul's Parish
South Belconnen
Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

22-23 March 2025, Third Sunday of Lent (C)

Monsignor John Woods-Parish Priest; Fr Andrew Yang-Korean Chaplain; Deacon Joe Blackwell-part-time;
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 Aranda
Sunday 8:30am Page
10 am Aranda (Child's Lit 1 & 3 Sundays)
Samoan (4ttSun) 1pm Page
Korean 3:00pm Aranda

Weekday Masses:

Monday 7 am Liturgy of the Word Page
Tuesday 5:30pm, Aranda (preceded by Adoration
from 4:45pm)
Wednesday 7 am Page
Thursday 9:30 am Aranda
Friday 9:30am, Page (Anointing 1st Friday)
Saturday 12 pm Page

Confessions:

Saturday 11:00am-11:30am, Page and 5:00pm-
5:30pm Aranda

Baptisms:

11:30am 2nd and 4th Sundays

Weddings:

By appointment

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CREDAL ASSENT OR TRUSTING COMMITMENT

Another word for faith is trust. It might be even a better word. Do you more truly trust God or simply believe in God? Faith requires assent to a creed but not necessarily a trusting commitment. In our First Reading Moses has a deep personal encounter with God in the burning bush. **He is called to a deep trust in God.** *"But God's identity remains in mystery: "I am, who I am". Moses prophetic role will be to go to his people and summon them to follow the call of this God – an all-holy God, whom they cannot see, an image of whom they, - unlike other nations - will not be not be allowed to make. They will come to know this God only as they commit to follow Moses in the highly risky project of an escape from their situation of slavery in Egypt" (Brendan Byrne). **The call of Moses to walk in trust provides the background to today's Gospel.** Following his transfiguration, which we reflected on last week, Jesus *"sets his face for Jerusalem" (9:51)*. In line with Moses and all who have spoken in God's name, Jesus assumes the role of **the committed prophet, the anointed of God calling people to conversion in trust.** Thus, in today's Gospel he moves beyond news of the tragedy of the deaths of those killed by Pilate and those who were victims of a disaster to address the potentially greater disaster of eternal ruin. **The stakes are high and the space for conversion may be short.** Further, as Paul in our Second Reading reminds those in Corinth (and us), conversion is not a one-time experience but *"a continual summons to align the reality of one's life with an ever-deepening knowledge of the God who spoke mysteriously to Moses ("I am , who I am") and "became flesh" (John 1:14) among us in the person of Jesus Christ." (ibid)* **As circumstance would have it, our parish and others at this time rejoice with our former Parish Priest Fr Hilton Roberts (1996-2002) who this week celebrates his 90th birthday.** Fr Hilton resides in the St Vincent's Villas, Aranda. He regularly celebrates our parish 11:00am Saturday Confessions and 12 noon Mass. Born in Braidwood in 1935 and ordained in Rome in 1958, Fr Hilton has led God's people in prayer and pastoral ministry for over 66 years. **Happy Birthday Fr Hilton. May you be blessed as you continue to bless us by your ministry and the witness of your deep trust in the Lord.***

Fr John

*Hearing Aid Loop is installed in both Mass centres, St Matthew's only
middle 2 sections turn your hearing aid to the T switch*

Archdiocesan Notices

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: Pope Francis approved the final document from the Synod on Synodality on 26 October 2024. On 11 March 2025 the Vatican released a timeline extending to October 2028 to implement synodality, at which time an ecclesial assembly will be held in Rome. **To be clear: the notion of synodality is the way to 'do church'; by virtue of our baptism all are called and all need to be listened to so that together we can be more attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.** Times of quiet in Mass and in parish meetings are to facilitate a sensitivity to the movement of the Spirit. So too private times of prayerful quiet. **Where is God calling you, me, and all together as a faith community?**

CARITAS AUSTRALIA Third Sunday of Lent 22nd and 23rd of March 2025

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income. **Please donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion **Or by calling:** 1800 024 413



The Caritas Project Compassion Appeal is now available in the Parish QkR App. Your donation helps Caritas Australia in their work with local communities around the world to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.



POPE FRANCIS this week celebrated his 12th anniversary as pope. May the Lord continue to bless him in his health and many other challenges. A copy of the **Pope's Lenten Message** is available in the foyer.

THE HOLY PLACES COLLECTION will be taken up on Good Friday for the support of the Church's works in the war devastated Holy Land. Last year Australia contributed \$1,534,519.59, of which our archdiocese contributed \$43,809.55

COMBINED EASTER CELEBRATION FOR WESTERN AND ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS on 20 April this year is noteworthy. So too, the 2200th anniversary of the Council of Nicea (325AD) to proclaim the nature of Jesus.

CARLO ACUTIS will be canonised the first saint of the new millennium on 27 April. His deep faith and work with IT in promoting the same has inspired many of Gen Z.

THE REVISED NEW JERUSALEM BIBLE has been announced as the new Lectionary for the Catholic faithful of Australia, New Zealand and Ireland. Copies of the bible are available at the Catholic Bookshop behind the Cathedral.

Tetelestai - Miracle Healing Service 24 - 25 March 2025

TETELESTAI – Miracle Healing Service, which will take place on March 24 and 25, from 6 PM to 9 PM at St Benedict's Parish, Narrabundah Catholic Church, which is led by renowned Catholic preacher - Br. Sajith Joseph.

Contact echristcare@gmail.com

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:

Michael Thompson, Andre Kieswimmer, Rosemary Crowley, David Kwadijk, Maria Simon, Helen Crennan

ANNIVERSARIES

Penny Durick, John Connolley, Peter Dawson, Sean Reiher, Paul Richter, Margaret Wilkinson, Greg Donnelly, Carmela Russoniello, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Madeleine Williams, Bryan Ward.

THE SICK

Pope Francis, 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, Ivan Guevara, Pat Hannon, Margaret Keen, Charlie King, Sally Marchant, Bob Longland, John Malycha, Glenn Mowbray, 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, Michael Worsnop, Angela Williams.

Parish News

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION will be celebrated at this Tuesday's 5:30pm Mass at Aranda.

CLAIM THE DATE: LENTEN SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION for our parishioners and those from North Belconnen and Charnwood Parishes will be held at

St Matthew's, Page, 7:00pm, Tuesday, 15 April.



FIRST RECONCILIATION: We pray for those families preparing with their son or daughter to celebrate their First Reconciliation. May this be a graced time of awareness of God's love and mercy.

Praying the Franciscan ecological Stations of the Cross
5:30 pm Friday 4 April 2025 Aranda.

MEN'S GROUP – 6:15 pm Thursday 27 March 2025

The next get together will be at the Parish Centre, Aranda. We will aim for a B-B-Q again this month. Please RSVP to paul.pearson@bigpond.com (0412 685 582) by COB TUESDAY 25 MARCH 25.

LADIES' DINNER 6 pm Monday 31 March 2025

Southern Cross Club, Jamison, RSVP 5pm Friday 28 March
jennymurphys@icloud.com or 0437034148.

DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER

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.

Christian Meditation

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday 6 - 7 pm at the Orana Centre. All other Wednesdays via zoom. From 6 April, 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm

Centring Prayer

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

Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests

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

22nd March & 23rd March

29th March & 30th March

	6pm Aranda	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda	6 pm Aranda	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda
Reader	Gabrielle Jarvis Geraldine Lillingston	Paul Coghlan Mary Morris	Michael Allam Elizabeth Hannan	Colleen Meadley Mary Patton	Mary Morris Helen Casey	Lisa Harris Graham Williams
Senior Server	Bernie Leger	Luka Tolovae	Paul Scholtens	Cheryl Hamill	John Woods	Jenny Murphy
EMHC	Lea Bewick	John Churchill Kevin Mcinerney	Jane Burroughs Annette Charge	Lynne Foster	Joan Murphy Jan Woods	Helen Digan Katharina Williams
Linen/Altar		Mary Morris			Mary Morris	

Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

First Reading [Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15](#)

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Responsorial Psalm**(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.**

(L) My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**

(R.) It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**

(L) The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **(R.)**

(R.) The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. **(R.)**

Second Reading [1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12](#)

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel [Luke 13:1-9](#)

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

Communion Antiphon

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion

May the Lord bless you as you take his body and blood to those who are sick that they may receive him into their hearts and be united with this community of prayer.