

St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

24-25 May Sixth Sunday of Easter (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 2nd and 4th Sundays

Weddings

By appointment

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PRESBYTERY

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"It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves"

This year is the 1700th anniversary of the proclamation of the Nicene Creed. And this is a big deal because? Well, those assembled from the then united Church of East and West affirmed that Jesus was **'consubstantial'** or of the same substance as the Father. This foundational affirmation about Jesus – 1 person, 2 natures (divine and human) – was contrary to the Arian heresy which claimed that Jesus was sent by but not equal to the Father, certainly not 'consubstantial'. If the Arian understanding had carried the day, we would say that Jesus was at best a major prophet but not true God and true man. **In a similar vein and much earlier, today's First Reading records discernment of the Council of Jerusalem (c50AD) that the Church would have a universal mission.** This decision was contrary to the position of those (including St Peter early on) who believed that Christianity should remain a sect within Judaism. **And so? We are not a ghetto Church but a people seeking encounter with all people of good will in the name of the Good News of Jesus Christ.** The same discernment of the will of the Holy Spirit was operative in the conclave which elected Pope Leo XIV. In effect, they said, *"It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves that Cardinal Robert Prevost should be the next pope in succession from St Peter."* **It is noteworthy that the motto of Pope Leo XIV – 'In the One, one' – mirrors the decision of the Council of Jerusalem. Does this mean that anything goes? No.** While the universal significance of Jesus is inclusive and not exclusive, people of faith and people of good will seek to act in accordance with their conscience, consistent with what it means to be fully human (cf. John 10:10). Again, the living tradition of the Church discerns that in a consistent manner. Meanwhile, the outreach of God's love and mercy continues unless rejected. And therein is our task: to be that hand, that voice, that witness to the love and mercy of God revealed fully in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. **Archbishop Christopher recently announced the appointment of four young adults as his Synodal Evangelisation Team - Huw Warmenhoven, Evangelisation Animator, Chloe Kelly, Parish Animator, Christian Nobleza, Liturgy and Christian Unity Animator, and Christopher Gilroy, Youth and Discipleship Animator.** They will assist him to further the discerned work of our Archdiocesan Assembly of last October and to assist in the conduct of Parish Assemblies prior to another Archdiocesan Assembly towards the end of next year. **Our parish will be undertaking a parish assembly at weekend Masses over some weeks. We will be discerning the movement of the Holy Spirit and seeking to respond. Details will follow.** Meanwhile, please understand that you are precious in the sight of God for who you are and what you do to share God's love in your homes, parish, offices, friendships, associations and prayerful aspirations for a better world. **Discernment together will enhance what is already happening. Please remember this intention in your prayer.**

Fr John

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion: This is the body of Christ, who welcomes every sinner to his table. Bring his body now to those who cannot share in our Eucharist today with our loving prayers. May it be a promise to them of Christ's unfailing love and compassion, bringing them consolation and healing and strength in mind and body.

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.

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>

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY SUNDAY EVENT 1 June 2025 11 am

For the celebration of the Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents & the Elderly, Mass at St Christopher's followed by EVENT at 12pm in the Haydon Hall, Manuka. The Archbishop will be available to bless your family. Light refreshments provided – but you must register online here <http://www.bit.ly/MFR2025>.

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.

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 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 or phone 1800 427 920.

HERITAGE AND SACRAMENTAL ADMINISTRATOR: Position Vacant- Mary Queen of Apostles Parish Goulburn: Part Time, Permanent role. For more information contact: goulburn@cg.org.au

[National Reconciliation Week - Reconciliation Australia](#)

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

Bridging Now to Next

27 MAY – 3 JUNE

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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:

Frank Caputo, Alain Gilsoul, Alan Driver, Ivan Stibohar.

ANNIVERSARIES

Minnie Allam, Joseph & Linda Balthazaar, Bernadine Ward, Alan Wilmer.

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, Sam Ross, Matthew Schembri, Pat Stakelum, Anthony Stewart, Denis Tarbuck, John Turyn, Olga Turyn, Jennifer Webster, Michael Worsnop, Angela Williams.

Parish News

LADIES LUNCH –TUESDAY 3 JUNE 12 noon This month we begin our lunchtime celebration of winter! At the Southern Cross Club, Jamison, Over the following months we will change days to allow those who work the opportunity to attend. RSVP by 5pm Monday June 2 on 0437034148 or jennymurphys@icloud.com

MEN'S GROUP – THURSDAY 29 MAY 25 6:15 pm

The next get together will be at the Parish Centre, Aranda. Please RSVP paul.pearson@bigpond.com (0412 685 582) by COB TUE 27 MAY 25

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Sunday 1 June 10 am Mass at St Vincent's, Aranda.

GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL 31 May –1 June 2025

For the support of our seminarians. The Archdiocese currently has 6 seminarians - Dylan House, Jeremy Cains, Isaac de Roadt, Nicholas Barry, Cinnil Thomas and Bran Grgic, - at Good Shepherd Homebush, Sydney. At next weekend Masses you will have the opportunity to make a contribution to support this appeal.

PLATE RACKS/STANDS: We are looking for donations to the St Vincent's library so that beautiful books can be displayed. Please leave the donations in the St Vincent's Library.

WHO OWNS THE HOLY LAND? You are invited to a panel discussion hosted by the Palestine Israel Ecumenical Framework (PIEN), 6:30pm, Wednesday, 28 May, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, 15 Blackall St, Barton ACT. See flyer in foyer.

Tinnies for Vinnies

Vinnies has now received a total of \$16,000 from the Tinnies initiative. Thank you for your support. To participate, just leave your 10c refundables near the Parish Centre garage, Aranda.



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**,



24 May & 25 May

31 May & 1 June

	6pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda	6 pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda
Reader	Lea Bewick Conor Bradley	Paul Coghlan Christina Rowe	Kate Hourigan Ann Cleary	Peter Davies Peter Rodda	John Duck Yvonne McAdoo	Adora Calub Lourdes O'Keefe
Senior Server	Damien Sloane	Luka Tolovae	Jenny Murphy	Paul Scholtens	John Woods	Bernie Leger
EMHC	Mary Williams	Jo Duck John Duck	Jane Burroughs	Judi Ahern	Jo Duck Jan Woods	Helen Digan
Linen/Altar		Janet Moyle	Maddalena Cobanov Katy Frino		Ann Tierney	Ladies of the Korean Community

Hearing Aid Loop is installed in both Mass centres, St Matthew's **only** middle 2 sections turn your hearing aid to the 1 switch

Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading [Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29](#)

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

(R.) O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**

(L.) Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**

(R.) Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23](#)

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height,

and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel [John 14:23-29](#)

Jesus said to his disciples:

'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 I have said to you.
Peace I bequeath to you,
my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say:
I am going away, and shall return.
If you loved me you would have been glad to know that
I am going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.
I have told you this now before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.'

Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

