

St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

15-16 November 33rd 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 Aranda
Sunday	8:30am Page
	10:00am Aranda
Samoa (4th Sun)	12:00pm Page
Korean	3:00pm Aranda

Weekday Masses

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 Page and 5:00pm-5:30pm Aranda

Baptisms

11:30am 2nd and 4th Sundays

Weddings

By appointment

TO WALK ALONE OR IN FRIENDSHIP

Thank you for your enthusiastic engagement in our Parish Assembly process at all Masses last weekend. Your written responses to the first question about where the Holy Spirit has moved in our parish or more particularly what you value about our parish are available in the foyer. This weekend Phil(omena) Billington will again facilitate our synodal journey. Our question for prayerful consideration and sharing is, "Where is the Holy Spirit calling us?" or "What do you think the Holy Spirit is asking us to introduce to the parish?"

As is so often the case, our Readings today are very apt. They remind us of the need to persevere in the face of opposition sure of final victory in Christ. Unlike the overt opposition faced by the early Church, the opposition we face is indifference and the marginalising of organised religion in the name of an impoverished rationalistic, individualistic and circumscribed worldview. Add to this the inconsistent witness of the Church to what it proclaims and we can understandably buy into cynicism and indifference. **Our greatest opposition can come from within. Many have walked. Others remain by habit.** Most of Jesus's friends deserted him in his hour of need, but he forgave those who persecuted him and he forgave Peter for denying him. **What about us? Is it all worthwhile? Yes, it is. We are called to affirm that we are a body-soul-mind entity formed in community. We draw on both faith and reason to assert that love is the source and end of life and the most noble of human experiences, conquering even death. We find both ultimate meaning and immediate significance in the most mundane events because the One who is totally other has become one-with-us. That changes everything, literally. God seeks friendship with us and through us. Now that is a worldview worth living and, yes, worth dying for.** We may not face the threat of martyrdom but like the early Christians we are called to witness in faith, to 'let go', or in church-speak to share in the cross of Christ. To do so is to die to that which demeans in order to truly live. 'Walking together' through conversations in the Spirit we can fashion anew our friendship with God in Jesus and with each other. We can put legs on our call to be 'disciples of hope'. **Gifted with the Eucharist – "Do this in memory of me" – we are called to be what we celebrate, the body of Christ in our time and place.** Finally, I read the reflections of John Menadue on the 11 November 1975 dismissal of Prime Minister Gough Whitlam. As adviser to Whitlam and later Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, Menadue speaks with firsthand knowledge ('Pearls and Irritations'). On 11 November we also remembered the fallen, especially our first Anzacs. **To remember and to act on what endures in the face of adversity is foundational to healthy politics, community and religion. Lest we forget.**

Fr John

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PRESBYTERY

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Parish Financial Report for October 2025

	Actual	Planned	Variance	
	10 mth to	10 mth to	against	
	31/10/2025	31/10/2025	Plan	
	\$	\$	\$	
Direct Giving	153,422	147,480	5,942	over budget
(Planned Giving and 2nd collection for administration of the Parish)				

Parish Income & Expenditure Statement

Income *	196,296	185,840	10,456	over budget
Expenditure	174,810	176,985	2,175	under budget
Surplus/(Deficit)	21,487	8,855	12,632	

* 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 for details on how to contribute to the Clergy (first collection) and Parish (Planned Giving and second collection).

RCIA: Please pray for those who have begun this journey. Should you or someone you know wish to come into full communion with the church, please contact the Parish Office or Fr John.

AFTER MASS

- **Morning Tea** after 10am Mass **St Vincent's**.

COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR 2026

Did you miss ordering your Columban Calendar? There are 3 spare at the Parish Office. \$10 each.

belconnensouth@cg.org.au or 6254 1827

MEN'S GROUP – Thursday 27 November 6:15 pm

Parish Centre, Aranda.

Please RSVP to

paul.pearson@bigpond.com (0412 685 582) by **COB TUESDAY 25 Nov 25**.

Please pray for the success of **COP 30, the UN Climate Change Conference**, now in session in Belem, Brazil.

Here is a link to Pope Leo's message to participants.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/pont-messages/2025/documents/20251107-messaggio-cop30.html>



Archdiocesan Notices

PARISH OFFICE POSITION for Mary Help of Christian South Woden: a permanent part position of 24hrs (pref Tues- Fri) will suit someone who has experience in an office environment. The role requires strong communication, organisation & liaison skills, experience with database packages. Understanding and respect for the Catholic Church & its teaching. Salary subject to Clerks Award. Contact Fr Emil on 0414 523 036 emil.milat@cg.org.au for the selection criteria. Applications close Fri 28 Nov.

REMEMBERING LIVES LOST TO SUICIDE 24 November 6:00pm – 7:00pm Old Parliament House The Members' Dining Room. Wesley LifeForce Suicide Memorial Service. Counsellors will be present to offer support. The event will feature music, stories of lived experience and hope, and a sunflower ceremony. Attendees are welcome to bring a photo and share a personal tribute on our memorial wall.

CHRISTMAS PARK 5-11 December, Hall.

Support St. Anthony's Bread, help families in need, decorate trees, or perform on stage. See Canberra's 17m Christmas tree and over 400 festive trees!

If you'd like to support us by performing at this year's Christmas charity event, please visit our website or contact Robert at 0451 683 110 to register before 15 November 2025.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT 6 December 6:30 pm

O Come Let Us Adore Him

Bring a picnic and your family and friends to The Canberra Times Carols by Candlelight.

Stage 88, Commonwealth Park, .Entry is free.

The Carols are brought to you by The Canberra Times, Woden Valley Youth Choir, 2CA/2CC, National Capital Authority, Canberra Southern Cross Club, Eclipse Sound and Lighting, ECG Electrical, Canberra City Band and charity partner Lifeline.

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.

PARISH RENEWAL UPDATE

The Handout on Parish and the Collated Responses are available at the Churches, for those who do not receive the email bulletin.

If you wish to make contact my email:

philomenabillington@gmail.com

Thank you for your wonderful participation.

Blessings Phil Billington

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 16 Nov, 7 & 21 Dec during 10 am

Mass at St Vincent's, Aranda.

CHURCHCLEANING: More help is needed at St Matthew's and St Vincent's. Many hands make light work. If interested, please contact the Parish Office 6254 1827 or belconnen-south@cg.org.au

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Francis Moloney SDB, Graham Richardson, Sr Monica Stallard RSM ,Helen Felton.

ANNIVERSARIES

Elizabeth Smith, Brian Coates, Nance Wilmer, Ian Brown, Terry Williams, Fr Phil Buckley (former Page PP)

THE SICK

Steven Prowse, Jacqueline Donohue, Kathryn Anderson, Elizabeth Binetti, Anna Blackwell, Trevor Blake, John Collard, Angela Collier, Gemma Collier, Nicole Court, Maureen Dalzell, Anne Darmody, Leon Darmody, Denis Dellamarta, Shirley Dellamarta, Helen Driver, Mary East, Richard East, Ken Evenden, Joachim Exell, Tony Fuller, Fr Chris Gardiner OFM, Ivan Guevara, Denise Hampson, Pat Hannon, Madellon Harvey, Margaret Keen, Charlie King, Bob Longland, John Malycha, Sally Marchant, Paul Mowbray, Pamela Myatt, Barry Joseph O'Leary, Oscar Perez, Francis Power, Sam Ross, Pat Stakelum, Anthony Stewart, Cate Sweeney, Jennifer Webster, Angela Williams.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS are being received. The names of those for whom Mass will be offered are noted in the foyer of both churches. May they rest in peace to rise in Easter glory.

ARANDA ST VINCENT DE PAUL

A very big thank you for your generous donation over the year so far. It is indeed a valuable and significant contribution to the activities of the Aranda St Vincent De Paul Society in assisting those in need in our community. The call for help certainly does not go away.

However, we are continually looking for new members to join the St Vincent De Paul Society here in Aranda especially as in recent years we have had a few retirements. By participating in the work of the Society you are putting your faith into direct action in helping those in need. Training and guidance are provided for future new members.

Contact Stewart Chapman on 0484254678 if you are considering joining and wish to learn more about the St Vincent De Paul Society.

PARISH BOOK CLUB - Thursday 20 November Marian Hall, Page 11am - 12noon -an invitation for the final meeting.

Please contact Beth Gibson (bethgibson@iinet.net.au or mobile 0412 846 020

15 & 16 November

22&23 November

	6pm Aranda	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda	6 pm Aranda	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda
Reader	Peter Rodda Michael White	Mary Morris Janey Moyle	Gerard Hogan Margaret O'Connor	Lynne Foster Mary Williams	Paul Coghlan John Duck	Jenny Murphy Lourdes O'Keefe
Senior Server	David Ross	John Woods	Jenny Murphy	Damien Sloane	Kevin McInerney	Bernie Leger
EMHC	Geraldine Lillingston	Greg Pocock Jan Woods	Annette Charge Robin Taylor	Margaret Sloane	Jo Duck Mary Morris	Jane Burroughs Mina Chiu
Linen/Altar		Janet Moyle	Christine Ross		Janet Moyle	Maddalena Cobanov Katy Frino
Cleaning Group				4	Catherine Gilbert, Bernard Williams,	

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 Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading [Malachi 3:19-20](#)

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

(L.) Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. **(R.)**

(R.) Let the sea and all within it, thunder;
the world, and all its peoples.

Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord. **(R.)**

(L.) For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.

He will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with fairness. **(R.)**

Second Reading [2 Thessalonians 3:7-12](#)

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

Gospel [Luke 21:5-19](#)

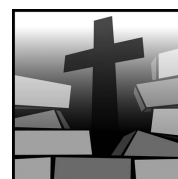
When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

Communion Antiphon

Amen, I say to you: Whatever you ask in prayer,
believe that you will receive,
and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.



Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion

Lord God of life and love, you are our riches on our journey through life towards you. Make us instruments of your peace and your hope.