

# St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

## South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

11-12 October 28th 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 (4thSun)	12:00pm 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 Page and 5:00pm-5:30pm Aranda

#### Baptisms

11:30am 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

#### Weddings

By appointment

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#### PRESBYTERY

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### ONE-WITH-US, ALL OF US

**Today's Gospel tells of the cure of ten lepers though only one, a Samaritan comes back to thank Jesus.** Luke, the author of today's Gospel, also wrote the Acts of the Apostles. The latter tells of the spread of the early Church from Jerusalem. Encountering non-Jews or Gentiles, the early Church developed an understanding and practice with respect to what later theologians would refer to as the 'universal will of God'. **In other words, God desires that all be saved, that all have life and have it to the full in Christ (Jn 10:10).** Our Gospel is a precursor to those developments.

**Scripture scholar Henry Wansbrough comments:** *"There was a cordial hatred between Jews and Samaritans – a wretched hybrid race, who accepted only part of the Jewish Bible, and had their own ideas about the coming Messiah. Yet we have already had the story of the Good Samaritan, who succours the wounded traveller, neglected by Jewish priest and Levite. Now only a Samaritan comes back to thank Jesus for the cure from leprosy. Samaritans are the foreigners geographically nearest to Jesus, but hated by the Jews. If the Samaritans can set an example to the Jews, so can many other foreigners. In his initial proclamation Jesus promises salvation to the gentiles, and Luke misses no opportunity to show us gentiles ripe for salvation, the centurion of Capernaum who built the synagogue and whose son is cured, the guests for the banquet, called in from highways and byways. He is preparing for the second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, where the Good News will spread to the ends of the earth, to Rome itself.*

*One of the most important moves before Vatican II was to invite non-Catholic representatives as honoured guests to the Council. One of the most important moves of Vatican II itself was to study how members of other faiths could be saved, and saved by Christ, even without explicit belief in him, and in what way we are all embraced by Christ together. The healing of the Samaritan and his thanks set off an irreversible train of thought."*

**And down to ourselves. What is my response to those of other cultures and faiths?** Do I seek to affirm the movement of the Holy Spirit in all people of good will? The Samaritan was moved to give thanks to Jesus, a hated Jew. Where am I called to see beyond my inhibiting presumptions? And do I give thanks for gift of faith in God, one-with-us, all of us?

Fr John

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

As many parishioners would be aware, the Parish Book Club has been meeting monthly over the past 10 years.

So it is with some sadness that we have decided to wind it up.

Refreshments will be served and we will have a chance to talk about our rich history of reading and discussion!

All parishioners are welcome to join us, especially those who have been members at some time over the last 10 years.

We look forward to a special gathering, so please come along!

Please contact Beth Gibson ([bethgibson@inet.net.au](mailto:bethgibson@inet.net.au) or mobile 0412 846 020

**Our parish will be holding a parish renewal in November with the focus being in our Sunday Masses.**

**Details to follow.**

**NATIVE PLANTS GIVEAWAY**

Pick up some beautiful *native daisies*, *lomandra*, and *lilies* for your garden — **free of charge!**

**Sunday, 19 October, after Masses at Aranda and Page**

Don't forget to **bring along a carry bag** to take your plants home. Let's help our local environment thrive — see you there!

*From the parish Laudato si' Circle*

**Archdiocesan Notices**

**VOCATIONS DINNER AT ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE 6:00pm, Thursday, 16 October** for men discerning a call to the Priesthood. Enjoy a meal, discussion and prayer. RSVP Vocations Director Fr Emil, [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au) or 0414 523 036.

**FORMER STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED ST PATRICK'S (OUR LADY OF MERCY) SCHOOL BRADDON** are warmly invited to join the 90th anniversary 8:00am, Sunday, 19 October Celebratory Mass with Archbishop Christopher or the 12:30pm, Monday 20 October Mass celebrated by Fr Sebastian Luistro SSS. Light refreshments will be served on both days.

**JESUS HEALS THE WOUNDED HEART Saturday 25 October**

Women's Retreat day "Jesus heals the wounded heart" hosted by 'Call to Connect' and supported by the MGL. Registration and morning tea 8.45-9.30am: Holy Spirit Parish Rooms and Church, Amaroo. More information and to register, go to <https://events.humanitix.com/jesushealsthewoundedheart>

**MARIAN PROCESSION Sunday 26 October - Goulburn**

This year's celebration will be a vibrant display of unity, prayer, and peace, bringing together people of all ages, cultures, and Christian traditions. Come with family and friends, walk in procession, pray the Rosary, and gather for Mass as we honour Our Lady and pray for peace in our world. **Bus trip to the Marian Procession** 8 am Pick-up/Drop-off, St John Vianney Primary School Bus Zone, Wara-manga, ACT. Cost: \$47pp Book via the Qkr! App (Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish) or email: [westoncreek@cg.org.au](mailto:westoncreek@cg.org.au).

**DISCOVER PALMS INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING:** Join an online session Thursday, 30 October, 7:00 – 8:30pm where you'll chat with past Palms volunteers and hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities. Match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime! Register at [palms.org.au/event](https://palms.org.au/event), or call 9560 5333, or check out [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

**ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S TASKFORCE** invites you to their **Annual Dinner, 6:00pm, Friday, 31 October, Canberra Southern Cross Club, Woden**. A panel of three women will discuss how institutions such as our Catholic Church and schools can address gender-based violence. The speakers will bring a message of hope in this Jubilee Year! Money raised will go to **MacKillop House** here in Canberra for the support of women and children fleeing domestic violence. Ticket are \$80 ea. Bookings at [events.humanitix.com.au](https://events.humanitix.com.au); Click 'Search Events', then Canberra, then enter 'Annual Dinner' in the search portal. Alternatively, you might want to purchase a raffle ticket via 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](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).

## Parish News

## Prayer Requests

**WORLD MISSION DAY:** Next weekend we will have the opportunity to support the Church's mission to reach out to all peoples in the name of Christ. Mission Sunday is a time to offer prayerful and practical support to Christian missionaries working in challenging but life-giving situations. So too, it is a time for each of us to be renewed in our baptismal dignity. The Australian Catholic Bishops remind us that our encounter with Jesus and our discipleship (renewed especially when we gather for the Sunday Eucharist) lead to mission or lives lived in witness to the good news of Jesus. World Mission Sunday calls us to renewal in both the communal and personal dimensions of our faith.

### AFTER MASS

- **Cheese and bikkies** after the 6pm Vigil second Saturday of the month at **St. Vincent's**. (Saturday 11 October)
- **Morning Tea** after 10am Mass 3rd Sunday of the month at **St Vincent's**. (Sunday 19 October)

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Maria Mammolitti, Br Bob Wallace CFC, Joan Jackson,

### ANNIVERSARIES

Susan Metcalfe, Joseph Tonna, Adam Groves

### THE SICK

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, Joachim Exell, Tony Fuller, Fr Chris Gardiner OFM, Ivan Guevara, Denise Hampson, Pat Hannon, Madellon Harvey, Margaret Keen, Charlie King, Sally Marchant, Bob Longland, John Malycha, Jon-Paul Mather, Paul Mowbray, Pamela Myatt, Barry Joseph O'Leary, Oscar Perez, Francis Power, Sam Ross, Matthew Schembri, Pat Stakelum, Anthony Stewart, Kate Sweeney, John Turyn, Olga Turyn, Bro Bob Wallace, Jennifer Webster, Angela Williams.

**MONDAY LITURGY OF THE WORD AND HOLY COMMUNION:** The 7am Monday time has proven to be problematic with very few elderly parishioners attending. A suggestion is that a later time, say 9:30am would be better patronised. If you have any thoughts, please contact the Parish Office or Fr John.

**RETROSPECTIVE OF THE LATE EVELYN SARVAAS ORTIZ. 24 October 2025 12pm - 6pm & 25 October 10 am-6pm** (afternoon tea 3-4pm) Gorman Arts Centre, Ainslie Ave., Braddon

Evelyn was an active member of the St Vincent's Parish where she ran a social group for the elderly. She carved and painted beautiful wooden and ceramic items often inspired by religious themes. **One of these was the wooden processional cross she gifted to St Vincent's Church which will be part of the exhibition.** She also made a Vexillum with fellow parishioner Norton Foster for the Legion of Mary which will be on display. Queries or RSVP contact Jane Mobellan 0410 290 798. See poster in the foyer.

**ST VINCENT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL MINI MARKET DAY**  
**Saturday 18 October 10 am—2 pm**

Come along to support the school community with items for sale including books, clothes, raffles, a bake sale and sausage sizzle to raise funds for school equipment.

**LADIES' DINNER! Monday 20 October, 6 pm**

Southern Cross Club, Jamison.

RSVP [jennymurphys@icloud.com](mailto:jennymurphys@icloud.com) or 0437 034 148 by 5pm Friday 17 October.

	11 & 12 October			18 & 19 October		
	6pm Aranda	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda	6 pm Aranda	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda
<b>Reader</b>	Michael White Mary Williams	Yvonne McAdoo Mary Morris	Bernie Leger Jenny Murphy	Lea Bewick Conor Bradley	Janet Moyle Christina Rowe	Marie Carroll Lourdes O'Keefe
<b>Senior Server</b>	Damien Sloane	Dennis Morris Sacristan	Paul Scholtens	Robyn Grubmueller	John Woods	Bernie Leger
<b>EMHC</b>	Lea Bewick	Carolyn Burns Vince Burns	Rachelle Stannard	Lynne Foster	Carmel Brady Jan Woods	Jane Burroughs Robin Taylor
<b>Linen/Altar</b>		Mary Morris			Mary Morris	Maddalena Cobanov Katy Frino
<b>Cleaning Group</b>	1	3				

**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**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

**First Reading** [2 Kings 5:14-17](#)

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

**(L.)** Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. **(R.)**

**(R.)** The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.

He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**

**(L.)** All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** [2 Timothy 2:8-13](#)

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.  
If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.  
If we disown him, then he will disown us.  
We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,  
for he cannot disown his own self.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,  
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** [Luke 17:11-19](#)

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

**Communion Antiphon**

The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



**Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion**

As you take the risen Lord to parishioners unable to be with us because of age or sickness, may they see in it a sign of God's abiding faithfulness and love for them.