

# St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

## South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

6-7 September 23rd 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	Page
Sunday	8:30am	Page
	10:00am	Aranda
Samoa (4th Sun)	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 and 5:00pm-5:30pm Page

#### 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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#### IN GIVING WE RECEIVE FAR MORE

**The blossom and wattle are out. New life heralds a change of season. How appropriate that we celebrate Father's Day this weekend.** Fatherhood be-speaks life and nurture in union with their beloved and with God, the source and end of all life. Fathers and father-figures, living or dead are remembered, honoured and prayed for.

*God our Father, we give thanks and praise  
for fathers, young and old.*

*We pray for young fathers*

*who are newly embracing their role.*

*May they find courage and perseverance to balance  
work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.*

*We pray for fathers around the world*

*whose children are lost and suffering.*

*May they know that the God of compassion  
walks with them in their sorrow.*

*We pray for men who are not fathers*

*but who still mentor and guide us with fatherly advice.*

*We remember fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers  
who are no longer with us,*

*but who continue to live in our memory,*

*having nourished us with their love.*

*(From 'Australian Catholics', 1 Sept 2025)*

**As a father wants the best for their child, so God thirsts for relationship with each of us. However, our ego and pride is reluctant to let go and to follow as trusting disciples. Today's readings are about the cost of discipleship. The choice to be a disciple requires renunciation.** *"In a sense what Jesus is doing in the Gospel is simply being honest with his disciples. He foresees that those who follow him will inevitably become caught up in the suffering and death he now sees ahead of him. It is no kindness to his followers to keep them in ignorance of this. He must prick any illusions they have about where following him might lead"* (Brendan Byrne SJ). Fair enough. **Yet being a disciple surely does not require that I "hate" my mother and father?** *"Semitic languages, by and large, do not have a word for "prefer". . . "Hate", then, is simply an expression of rejecting something (possibly quite good in itself) in favour of something considered more desirable. While it would be wrong to water down the strength of Jesus' prophetic utterance, what he is saying, then, is that family allegiances – so strong in the Palestinian culture of Jesus – have to take second place as far as following him is concerned"* (ibid). Jesus illustrates his point with two parables, one about the sense of shame, so strong in Palestinian culture, of a builder unable to complete his project and then the caution of a king up against a vastly superior enemy. **Talk about 'buyer beware'! On the other hand, the 'yes' of discipleship in comparison to the supreme good of the Kingdom finds some proportion. In giving we receive far more.**

Fr John

## LADIE'S LUNCH Thursday 18 September 12 noon.

Venue: Southern Cross Club, Jamison. RSVP by 5pm, Tuesday 16 September: [jennymurphys@icloud.com](mailto:jennymurphys@icloud.com) or 0437 034 148.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During 10 am Mass 7 Sept, 21 Sept, 19 Oct, 2 Nov, 16 Nov, 7 Dec and 21 Dec

### CARITAS AUSTRALIA GAZA APPEAL

- God of light,
- You meet us in the darkest places.
- Every year, when we light our Easter candle, we pray 'may the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our minds and hearts.'
- We pray today that all people may work with you to dispel the darkness of violence and war.
- May this fragile light be a sign of our hope for the people of Gaza.
- May they find healing and lasting peace. Amen.
- If you are able to support **Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal**, donate online at [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413

**WELCOME:** Students and their families as they continue their journey to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.



## Archdiocesan Notices

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY CANBERRA OPEN DAY** 11:00am – 2:00pm, 13 September, Canberra campus, Watson. Info at <https://openday.acu.edu.au/> or contact [futurestudy.CBR@acu.edu.au](mailto:futurestudy.CBR@acu.edu.au)



**KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY** draws on believers from different Christian traditions to minister to the incarcerated ('**Kairos Inside**') and offers a ministry to women who have a family member or friend in prison ('**Kairos Outside**'). To find out more about volunteering with Kairos, call Sandy 0421311626 or go to [www.kairos.org.au](http://www.kairos.org.au). You might consider attending the '**Family Bush Dance**' to raise money for Kairos to be held 7:00pm, next Saturday, 13 September, St Thomas School Hall, Boddington Street, Kam-bah (\$10 single, \$25 family, pay at the door). See foyer poster and material.

**Magnificat Voices of Springtime 20 September 1:00pm – 4:00pm** Chambers Pavilion, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, 15 Blackall St, Barton ACT 2600. Guest presenter Michael Green is a Marist brother with an interest in the Church's ongoing renewal and recontextualising. Jeni Miller is passionate about empowering people to protect God's beautiful creation. A time of shared ecumenical, spiritual conversations and prayer fuelled by Magnificat wisdom. Why don't you join us? Registration fee \$20 [brendan-bergin@mcc.act.edu.au](mailto:brendan-bergin@mcc.act.edu.au)

**CANBERRA CATHOLIC BALL 27 September 2025 7:00pm** Young adults (18-35) Please see Facebook for more information on tickets soon.

**SONGS OF OPEN COUNTRY - choral concert 4 October 6:00pm** Canberra Choral Society (CCS) welcomes Spring with Songs of Open Country, to be presented in Wesley Uniting Church, Forrest This specially curated concert, under the direction of Dan Walker, CCS Music Director, with Dr Anthony Smith on piano, features beautiful choral music that evokes a sense of place, tells stories of vast landscapes, and celebrates the celestial forces that shape them. An uplifting and moving musical evening.

**50th REUNION - Class of 1975– 18 October** Tickets are now available for the reunion of students from **Catholic Girls High School Braddon** and **Daramalan College**, who finished Year 12 in 1975 (including those from that group who finished before Year 12): <https://events.humanitix.com/daramalan-college-class-of-1975-reunion>

Facebook: Daramalan College Alumni group; Merici College Alumni group; or Dara - Braddon 1975 group

email: [CGHS.Dara1975@gmail.com](mailto:CGHS.Dara1975@gmail.com) Ticket sales close on 6 October.

### 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).

## FATHER'S DAY APPEAL– Collection for our retired priests

Please give generously to the Father's Day Appeal conducted at all Masses this weekend. Special envelopes are provided in the church and donors will be issued with a tax deductible receipt. Donations can also be made at [www.cgatholic.org.au/donate](http://www.cgatholic.org.au/donate) or Qkr app under "SPECIAL APPEALS" or you could call Financial Services on 6239 9876 to make a donation over the phone.

## SEASON OF CREATION EVENT

At 2-3pm on Saturday 13-September, Belconnen South parish welcomes all to join in the **Way of Creation** at St Matthews Church, Page. This is a Christian prayer service to pray the creation story in Genesis, alongside praise for the story of the cosmos as revealed through our scientific understandings. Light refreshment follows. Invitations are also being extended to other Christian faith communities in our area.



## RECENTLY DECEASED:

Afghanistan earthquake victims , Dr. Neil Harrigan, Victorian Police shooting victims, Sonja Perinovic, Ugo Damiano

## ANNIVERSARIES

Vida Kabaila, Malcolm Petrie, Carmel Petrie, Michael Craft, Kevin Moyle, Thomas Pearson, Eileen Pearson, Max Holmes, Tim Durick, Douglas Dowler, Marie McMahon, (Fr) Jim Duck

## THE SICK

Kathryn Anderson, Elizabeth Binetti, Trevor Blake, Angela Collier, Gemma Collier, Nicole Court, Maureen Dalzell, Anne Darmody, Leon Darmody, Denis Dellamarta, Shirley 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, 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.

**SUNDAY COMMUNION FOR RESIDENTS IN ARCARE:** Would you be interested in being part of a roster to take Holy Communion to grateful Catholic residents recently arrived in 'Arcare', just down from St. Vincent's. If so, contact the Parish Office or Fr John.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):** The RCIA is the journey of those considering full sacramental communion with the Catholic Church. They are accompanied by members of the parish community and the parish priest. All share life and faith experiences in the light of Church teaching and all are thereby enriched. **The RCIA journey is synodal ('walking together'). It is an experience of being Church in which all, including the wider parish, are enriched.** The RCIA journey culminates at Easter when the candidates are received into the Church. If you know of folk who might be interested candidates, please let them know of the process. If they would like to know more, have them contact me. Likewise, if you would like to know more about being part of the RCIA team let me know.

Fr John

	6 & 7 September			13 & 14 September		
	6pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda	6 pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda
<b>Reader</b>	Conor Bradley Peter Davies	John Duck Yvonne McAdoo	Gerard Hogan Anne McCarthy	Lynne Foster Geraldine Lillingston	Christina Rowe Janet Moyle	Jenny Murphy Lourdes O'Keefe
<b>Senior Server</b>	Damien Sloane	Kevin McInerney Sacristan	Jenny Murphy	Damien Sloane	Kevin McInerney Sacristan	Bernie Leger
<b>EMHC</b>	Geraldine Lillingston	Jo Duck Joan Murphy	Karna O'Dea Lourdes O'Keefe	Margaret Toye	Jan Woods	Robin Taylor
<b>Linen/Altar</b>		Yvonne McAdoo	Maddalena Cobanov Katy Frino		Yvonne McAdoo	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 T switch

**Entrance Antiphon**

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**First Reading** [Wisdom 9:13-18](#)

What man can know the intentions of God?  
Who can divine the will of the Lord?  
The reasonings of mortals are unsure  
and our intentions unstable;  
for a perishable body presses down the soul,  
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.  
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,  
laborious to know what lies within our reach;  
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?  
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not  
granted Wisdom  
and sent your holy spirit from above?  
Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened  
and men been taught what pleases you,  
and saved, by Wisdom.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

**(L.)** You turn men back into dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**

**(R.)** You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**

**(L.)** Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?

Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**

**(R.)** In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** [Philemon 12-17:Phlm 9-10, 12-17](#)

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I

mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,  
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** [Luke 14:25-33](#)

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

**Communion Antiphon**

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;  
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

**Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion**

Dear friends, as you visit sick and housebound people with the Blessed Sacrament, let them see the joy of the Lord in your face