

St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

4-5 April Easter Sunday (A)

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

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 Page

Baptisms

11:30am 2nd and 4th Sundays

Weddings

By appointment

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NEW LIFE 'IN CHRIST'

Jesus is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! This day affirms, and the Easter Candle beautifully symbolises, that light and life conquer darkness and death. Today is the culmination of the Lord's Passover. The movement of the Easter Triduum or three days of Holy Week-Easter began in the upper room with Jesus' self-offering under the form of bread and wine. He enacted this self-offering in washing the feet of his disciples. **Holy Thursday** concluded with the movement to the Garden of Gethsemane where, not without struggle and alone, Jesus resolved to lay down his life. He was betrayed with a kiss (26:49-50) and then mocked, beaten, falsely accused and all but abandoned. **Good Friday** ends in Jesus' self-offering as both priest and victim on the cross of Calvary. The religious and political authorities thought that was the end of that! **Yet three days later women who had remained faithful find his tomb empty. "What do you mean the tomb is empty?" Peter and John run to the tomb, a mixture of hope, disbelief and concern. In the empty tomb awareness dawns. Later appearances of the risen Jesus confirm that nothing will ever be the same again.** The story of the Lord's Passover is an invitation for each of us to embrace new life 'in Christ'. **Last Sunday I joined many others at the annual Palm Sunday Rally for Migrants and Refugees in Civic.** ACT Senator David Pocock began his address by noting that Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey was a parody of those who exercise power at the expense of the dignity of others. Reflective of the latter, US Secretary of Defense Peter Hegseth in an Evangelical Christian Service prayed for *"overwhelming violence of action against those who deserve no mercy"* and *"for every round to find its mark"* in the widely-condemned illegal US-Israeli War. **Pope Leo was unequivocal in his Palm Sunday comment: "Jesus is the King of Peace, who rejects war, whom no one can use to justify war, ... He does not listen to the prayers of those who wage war, but rejects them."** Strong words reflective of the Easter call to reconciliation, communion and new life for all. Might our hearts 'burn within us' as the Risen Lord calls us to new possibilities in this Easter Season (Acts 24:32), *'through him, and with him and in him'* (concluding doxology of the Eucharistic Prayer). **Finally, prayerful congratulations to Apeksha, Brad, Denise, Niroshan, Shinta, Rachel and Xavier who were welcomed into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil, while little Noel was baptised. At this morning's Aranda Mass, Tim will celebrate his First Holy Communion.** The witness of faith was also evident in the large numbers gathered for the Belconnen Second Rite of Reconciliation last Tuesday at St Vincent's, and again, in the efforts of all who enabled our prayerful and beautiful celebration of the Easter Triduum Liturgies. **Finally, copies of the Archbishop Christopher's Easter message are in the foyer. Happy Easter to all!**

Fr John

AFTER MASS

- Morning Tea after 8:30 am Mass 1st Sunday of the month St Matthew's. (5 April)
- Cheese and bikkies after the 6pm Vigil 2nd Saturday of the month St. Matthew's. (11 April)
- Morning Tea after 10am Mass 3rd Sunday of the month St Vincent's. (19 April)



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Project Compassion boxes/envelopes can be returned during Holy Week or at any Easter Mass

CARITAS AUSTRALIA LEBANON EMERGENCY APPEAL

Lebanon is facing one of its most severe humanitarian crises in years, as a sudden surge in violence and mass evacuation orders force families to flee with nothing. Within 24 hours, Caritas Lebanon reported 667,831 newly displaced people seeking safety. Despite the volatile environment, Caritas Lebanon teams are operating across seven governorates, delivering food, essential items, healthcare, psychosocial support, water and hygiene assistance, and protection services. Let us stand in solidarity with our partners in Lebanon. Learn more or make a donation today at www.caritas.org.au/lebanon



VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT DINNER Thursday 9 April 6pm.

Archbishop's house: RSVP Vocations Director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.

Archdiocesan Notices

ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL ARCHIVAL DISPLAY 13 - 17 April 12-2PM.

As part of the 2026 ACT Heritage Festival, the Archdiocesan Archive is hosting an exhibition of items relating to our Cathedral. In Haydon Hall, for 1 week commencing Sunday 12 April 12.30.

NATIONAL ANZAC DAY MASS 7:45 am 25 April

St Christopher's Cathedral, Forest, ACT. You are requested to be at the Cathedral by 7.45am for 8.00am Mass. Mass will be celebrated at 11 am at St Matthew's, Page,

ST CLARE'S COLLEGE ENROLLING FOR 2027: Discover St Clare's and see her thrive.

We are also pleased to announce that **Year 7 and 8 Scholarship applications** for the 2027 intake are now officially open. Visit the website for information and registration. stcc.act.edu.au

MERICI COLLEGE ENROLLING NOW

Visit www.merici.college for all dates and information for our Open Day and enrolment events.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation

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.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM will be celebrated at St Matthew's Church, Page

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY

(Stations of the Cross | 1:00 am, Aranda)
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil 7:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

St Matthew's Church, Page 8:30am
St Vincent's Church, Aranda. 10:00am
Korean Mass St Vincent's 3:00pm

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Patricia Turnbull, Ante "Tony" Markezic, Giuseppina Blasi, Fr Dermot Clinton, Judy James, Michael "John" Kain, Denis De Marco, Ray Minius.

ANNIVERSARIES

Madeleine Williams, Carmela Russoniello, Moya Lahiff, Rosemary Crowley, Margaret Wilkinson

THE SICK

Rocco Barbaro, Aileen Barnroider, Maureen Dalzell, Ivor Thomas, Tim Lindley, Sophy Jacob, Ruth Duffy, Shirley Dellamarta, Matt Chuncky, Lucas Parker, Brian Fitzgerald, Fr Michael Mullen, Pauline Zerbo, Luke Buckmaster, John Muscat, Paul Collins, Margaret Wilson, Daryl Brohman, Kathryn Anderson, Anna Blackwell, Trevor Blake, John Collard, Angela Collier, Gemma Collier, Anne Darmody, Leon Darmody, Denis Dellamarta, 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, Pamela Myatt, Barry Joseph O'Leary, Oscar Perez, Francis Power, Sam Ross, Pat Stakelum, Anthony Stewart, Cate Sweeney, Jennifer Webster, Angela Williams.

For those who are not able to attend Mass:
would you like Holy Communion to be brought to you at home? Please contact the Parish Office 6254 1827 or belconnensouth@cg.org.au.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

The Franciscans also support medical centres, schools and suffering communities. With the horrific hostilities presently smothering the Holy Land and the Middle East, the need for support has never been greater. Please consider giving generously this Good Friday. Envelopes are also available in the church foyers.

END OF DAYLIGHT SAVING

From next weekend the Saturday 6:00 pm Mass will be at St Matthew's, Page

	4 & 5 April 2026			11 & 12 April 2026		
	7pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda	6 pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda
Reader	EASTER	Janet Moyle Christina Rowe	Margaret O'Connor Lourdes O'Keeffe	Conor Bradley Gabrielle Jarvis	Helen Casey Paul Coghlan	Bernie Leger Anne McCarthy
Senior Server	VIGIL	Greg Pocock Sacristan	Paul Scholtens	Damien Sloane	Kevin McInerney Sacristan	Jenny Murphy
EMHC		Carmel Brady Joan Murphy	Michael Allam Jane Burroughs	Judi Ahern Margaret Sloane	Mary Morris Jan Woods	Mina Chiu Helen Digan
Linen/Altar		Mary Morris			Mary Morris	
Cleaning Group						

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD Easter Sunday (A)

Entrance Antiphon

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.

You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.

Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading [Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43](#)

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end. **(R.)**

(R.) The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **(R.)**

(R.) The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Colossians 3:1-4](#)

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;

and Christ, the undefiled,

hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel [John 20:1-9](#)

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion

Dear friends, as you bring the Blessed Sacrament to our sick and housebound friends, let them sense the joy of our Lord's resurrection on this day.