

St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

1 & 2 August 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Msgr John Woods- PP, Fr Andrew Yang-Korean Chaplain, 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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PRESBYTERY

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MORE THAN ENOUGH

The 'feeding of the five thousand' is recounted in all four Gospels. Mary Coloe PBVM says Matthew presents Jesus as Divine Wisdom, inviting people to *"Come and eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have prepared"* (Prov 5:9). **John J Pilch says Matthew contrasts two 'banquets'. One is hosted by Herod in a palace and results in the death of John the Baptist. The other is by the Sea of Galilee and is a miracle with eucharistic overtones; blessing, breaking and giving the loaves.** *"Herod's banquet takes place in an environment of scheming and arrogance and concludes with a murder. Prior to feeding the crowd that was following him, Jesus felt compassion for their needs and healed their sick. Herod's banquet was held at a royal court. Jesus meal with this crowd took place in a "deserted" place by the Sea of Galilee, yet close enough for villagers to purchase food. This phrase, "deserted place", reminds the reader of the wilderness where God fed Israel with the manna. Matthew takes every opportunity to link Jesus with Moses. Contemporary, scientifically minded, rationalist American [and Australian] believers are skeptical about a multiplication of loaves. Some interpreters propose that the "miracle" was Jesus' success in getting this group of people to share their personal provisions. Such sharing would be truly extraordinary for an American [Australian] crowd of individualists but quite commonplace in the group-orientated Mediterranean world."* **How do we affirm community?** A simple acknowledgement of those about to enter the church is surely in order? **The miracle of the 'feeding of the five thousand' plus (women and children who were not counted) affirms that when we share our time, talent and treasure, there is always more than enough. Our sharing is a reflection of God's self-offering in the Eucharist to address our deepest need. God will not be outdone in generosity.**

Fr John

PARISH NEWS

AFTER MASS

- Morning Tea after 8:30 am Mass 1st Sunday of the month St Matthew's, **2 August**
- Cheese and bikkies after the 6pm Vigil 2nd Saturday of the month St. Matthew's, **8 August**
- Morning Tea after 10am Mass 3rd Sunday of the month St Vincent's, **16 August**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday 27 July to 3 August. Open Tuesday 4 August

YOUNGER PARISHIONERS

1st and 3rd **Sundays** Children's Liturgy of the Word continues during the **10:00am St Vincent's Mass**, but not in school holidays. Next: **2 August and 16 August (Parish Family Mass)**

2nd Sunday of the month after 8:30am Mass for Primary School parishioners in the Marian Hall, Page, 9 August.

4th Sunday of the month Children's Liturgy of the Word during the **8:30am Mass at St Matthew's. 23 August**

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Please collect your envelopes from the church foyer. If you do not see yours, please email the office belconnensouth@cg.org.au

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHURCH CLEANING

We are calling for volunteers at St Matthew's.

Please contact the Parish Office; belconnensouth@cg.org.au or 6254 1827 (after 3 August)

ASSISTANCE SOUGHT: Perhaps you might join a roster to collect bread from 'Baker's Delight', Jamison, Tuesdays, 6:30pm? The bread is distributed to our parish schools and through our churches.

Contact the Parish Office (6254 1827)

ST VINCENT'S SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT Friday, 7 August 2026, 7:00pm.

Mark your calendars and gather your friends for a to be a wonderful night of laughter, friendly competition, and community spirit for all to enjoy.

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

Steve Keir, Ellen Hughes, Bob O'Keefe, Fr Troy Bobbin, Richard East, Leon Darmody

ANNIVERSARIES

Sr Mary Angeles, Brian Fitzgerald, Glenn Mowbray, Lorraine Camden, Tim Durick, Eva Cabardo Arado, Sem Anthony Cabardo, John Connelly, Margurita D'Costa, Daphne Sutherland

THE SICK

Rodrigo Perez, Rudi Grcman, Patricia Walker, Sharon Chisholm, Maureen Dalzell, Ivor Thomas, Tim Lindley, Sophy Jacob, Lucas Parker, Brian Fitzgerald, Fr Michael Mullen, Pauline Zerbo, Luke Buckmaster, John Muscat, Kathryn Anderson, John Collard, Angela Collier, Gemma Collier, Anne Darmody, Mary East, Ken Evenden, 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.

ROSTERS

	1 & 2 August 2026			8 & 9 August 2026		
	6 pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda	6 pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda
Reader	Peter Davies Lynne Foster	Mary Morris Janet Moyle	Ann Cleary Graham Williams	Gabrielle Jarvis Geraldine Lillingston	Paul Coghlan Christina Rowe	Gerard Hogan Anne McCarthy
Senior Server	Paul Scholtens	Kevin McInerney Sacristan	Bernadette Leger	Robin Grubmueller	Damien Power	Jenny Murphy Sacristan
EMHC	Colleen Meadley Margaret Sloane	Jo Duck John Duck	Jane Burroughs Catharina Williams	Michael White Mary Williams	Shaun Cheah Catherine Power	Mina Chiu Helen Digan
Linen/Altar		Pauline Cunneen			Pauline Cunneen	
Cleaning Group	Jennie D, Mark K, Edward M		Louise M, Jerry K, Peter D, Geoff S			

ARCHDIOCESAN NOTICES

ST. CARLOS ACUTIS EUCHARISTIC NIGHT 11 August 2026 5-8:30pm

Youth and young adults!! Holy Hour with the relic in St Christopher's Cathedral, then moving to Haydon Hall from 6pm for many exciting programs, including a session on the Eucharist by Fr Paul Nulley. Register via the QR code provided or through Instagram @jycanberra.

ST. CARLOS ACUTIS MAJOR RELIC PILGRIMAGE TO TUMUT MISSION 15-16 August

The relic of the Newest Saint and the First Millennial Saint, St Carlo Acutis will make the journey of a pilgrimage to the Tumut Mission

SOUTHSIDE HYMN FESTIVAL 16 August 2:00 – 4:30 pm

All choirs & musicians from South Canberra, Weston Creek, Woden, Tuggeranong, Braidwood, Cooma, Queanbeyan area are invited to play and sing at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Curtin ACT. FREE admission and afternoon tea. Organised by the Knights of the Southern Cross. Registrations close: 6.00pm 26 June 2026. E-mail Bob Perkins at perkins.family@aapt.net.au

STAND FOR LIFE @ Federal Parliament, CBR 17 August 11:30 am

Please join us and stand peacefully with our Christian sisters and brothers for the 4th annual campaign to speak up for the rights of pre-born babies and support Federal pro-life parliamentarians who are trying to progress pro-life legislation. We need thousands to attend! More info <https://www.acl.org.au/babybooties/>

THE ARCHDIOCESAN 2026 ASSEMBLY FESTIVAL-"GET UP! LISTEN! GO!" 22 August 9:00 am – 4:00pm

There will be a hub for this Assembly in the Tumut Mission at Tumut's McAuley College Hall. Please see poster in foyer

Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance;
 O Lord, make haste to help me!
 You are my rescuer, my help;
 O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading [Isaiah 55:1-3](#)

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
 though you have no money, come!
 Buy corn without money, and eat,
 and, at no cost, wine and milk.
 Why spend money on what is not bread,
 your wages on what fails to satisfy?
 Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to
 eat
 and rich food to enjoy.
 Pay attention, come to me;
 listen, and your soul will live.
 With you I will make an everlasting covenant
 out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us:
 he answers all our needs.
(R.). The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
 slow to anger, abounding in love.
 How good is the Lord to all,
 compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
(R.). The eyes of all creatures look to you
 and you give them their food in due time.
 You open wide your hand,
 grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**
(R.). The Lord is just in all his ways
 and loving in all his deeds.
 He is close to all who call him,
 call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Romans 8:35. 37-39](#)

Nothing can come between us and the love of
 Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being
 persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being
 threatened or even attacked. These are the trials

through which we triumph, by the power of him who
 loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no an-
 gel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to
 come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any
 created thing, can ever come between us and the
 love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

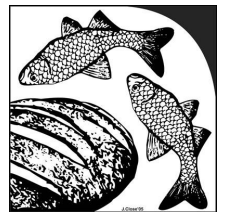
No one lives on bread alone,
 but on every word that comes from the mouth of
 God.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Matthew 14:13-21](#)

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's
 death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where
 they could be by themselves. But the people heard of
 this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot.
 So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and
 he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and
 said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped
 by; so send the people away, and they can go to the
 villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied,
 'There is no need for them to go: give them some-
 thing to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we
 have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them
 here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people
 were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five
 loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and
 said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed
 them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds.
 They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collect-
 ed the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those
 who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say
 nothing of women and children

**Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion**

Brothers and sisters, may you carry Christ, hidden in
 the simplicity of the appearance of bread, to our broth-
 ers and sisters who cannot be here, that we may share
 in the glory of love for ever.