

St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

11 & 12 July 15th 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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HAPPY ARE YOUR EYES BECAUSE THEY SEE, AND YOUR EARS BECAUSE THEY HEAR

The ground around Lake Galilee slopes up from the lakeshore and forms a natural amphitheatre that amplifies sound so that Jesus' words would be heard easily by the crowd. Last week Jesus was revealed as Divine Wisdom; in today's Gospel we see Wisdom teaching her children in Parables.

A parable works only if individuals in the crowd can identify with the images. The Galilean audience would readily picture the scene of a farmer scattering his seed on the ground. The challenge is, where do they/you stand in relation to receiving the seed/word of God. Are you hovering on the edge, lacking real commitment and prey to other concerns? Are you a disciple of the 'good times' only, lacking depth when tough times come you have no firm roots to sustain you?

Since using parables was a common method of teaching in Jesus' time, the crowd would be hearing the parable in terms of their own living. The story is like a mirror held up to them to see in it the reflection of their own response to God's word. It is likely that some found his teaching uncomfortable and needed to leave. The word they heard made too many demands. But there is also the hope that the parable can invite change as the individual confronts his/her own behaviour, realises its inadequacy, and experiences a change of heart.

The parable reflects Jesus' own experience of ministry. He speaks the word to the crowds but only a few take his words to heart and become disciples. If this is true for Jesus it will also be true for his followers.

Sr Mary Coloe PBVM, 'Sundays Under the Southern Cross' 2005 p.48

PARISH NEWS

Fr Troy Joseph Bobbin PP

- Born: Boorowa 28 October 1962
- Parents: Maurice (dec) and June nee Corcoran; (siblings: Kym Patterson, Daren (Daz) Connolly, Perry and Lee Bobbin).
- Education: St Patrick's Boorowa, Latham Primary ACT and St Francis Xavier College, Florey ACT
- Seminary: St Paul's Seminary, Kensington NSW.
- Ordained a Deacon: 27 October 1995
- Ordained a Priest: 17 May 1996, St Peter Chanel's, Yarralumla ACT by Archbishop Francis Carroll.
- Parishes and Appointments: Young, Calwell ACT, Ardlethan and Barellan, West Wyalong and then West Wyalong Mission, Queanbeyan, Gunghalin ACT.

May he now rest in peace and rise in Easter glory.

The Annual Winter Appeal for Vinnies in our Parish will be held next weekend 18-19 July 2026 to support the ongoing work of the Page and Aranda Conferences of the Society. Vinnies members will be in the foyer over that weekend to receive your donations. EFTPOS facilities and envelopes and a collection plate will be available for your donations. We thank you for your continued support.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday 13 July to 21 July. Open Thursday 23 July

Monday 27 July to 3 August. Open Tuesday 4 August

YOUNGER PARISHIONERS

On the **first and third Sundays** Children's Liturgy of the Word continues during the **10:00am St Vincent's Mass**, but not in school holidays. Next: **19 July**

On the **second Sunday of the month after 8:30am Mass** there will be an engaging gathering of **Primary School parishioners in the Marian Hall, Page**, facilitated by Grace and Nelson our Parish Youth Workers.

And as of this month, on the **fourth Sunday of the month** there will be Children's Liturgy Word during the **8:30am Mass at St Matthew's**.

Spread the word!

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

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

LADIES' LUNCH Tuesday 21 July

Usual time and venue.

RSVP to jennymurphys@icloud.com or 0437 034 148 by Monday 20 July 5pm.

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

Fr Troy Bobbin, Robert East, Leon Darmody, Fr Brian Egan, Sr Ursula Drennan RSM , Katie Babic, Tarian Dixon, Emily Robinson, Elizabeth Basevi.

ANNIVERSARIES

Glenn Mowbray, Lorraine Camden, Tim Durick, Eva Cabardo Arado, Sem Anthony Cabardo, John Connelly, Margurita D'Costa, Daphne Sutherland, Ken Hill, Bernard Finnerty

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

	11 & 12 July2026			18 & 19 July2026		
	6 pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda	6 pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda
Reader	Geraldine Lillingston Peter Davies	Yvonne McAdoo Mary Morris	Anne McCarthy Margaret O'Connor	Colleen Meadley Michael White	Janet Moyle Christina Rowe	Michael Allam Lourdes O'Keefe
Senior Server	Robyn Grubmueller	John Woods	Jenny Murphy Sacristan	Paul Scholtens	Damien Power	Bernadette Leger
EMHC	Judi Ahern Mary Williams	Anita Clifford Jan Woods	Annette Charge Lourdes O'Keefe	Lea Bewick Lynne Foster	Shaun Cheah Catherine Power	Helen Digan Rachelle Stannard
Linen/Altar		Margaret Sloane			Margaret Sloane	
Cleaning Group				Marcelo & Marianna P, Brendan G		Paul P, David R, Mary W, Bill P

ARCHDIOCESAN NOTICES

CENACLE: "Who is the Church?". 21 July 5 pm

Veritas Building, Australian Catholic University. Online offering is available for those outside Canberra.

Free but registration is required: bit.ly/formation-forum-church ilnformation: institute@cg.org.au

JULY VERITAS LECTURE, ACU, WATSON 22 July 5:30 pm

This lecture explores what it means to design health research by First Nations Peoples.

GUINNESS AND GOD 22 July 6:30 pm –9pm

Full details at www.guinnessandgod.com. King O'Malley's Irish Pub, City Walk, Civic. Run by ACU & Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn.

EUCCHARISTIC RETREAT DAY– DOMINICAN SISTERS OF ST CECILIA Saturday 25 July, 8:30am - 3:30pm

Sacred Heart Primary School, Pearce & Mary Help of Christians Parish, South Woden. Contact the Sisters at sydney@op-tn.org and register via trybooking.com/DLVXK.

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

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading [Isaiah 55:10-11](#)

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

(L.) You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **(R.)**

(R.) And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. **(R.)**

(L.) You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **(R.)**

(R.) The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.

They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Romans 8:18-23](#)

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Matthew 13:1-23](#)

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock

where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of [Isaiah](#) is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,
see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
their ears are dull of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes,
for fear they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their heart,
and be converted
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion

Dear friends, as you bring the body of the Lord to our sick and housebound brothers and sisters, reassure them of our prayers and of our love for them in Christ Jesus our Lord.