

St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

4 & 5 July 14th 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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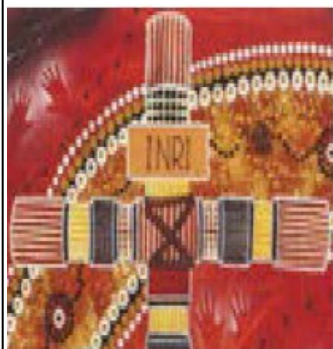
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GOD'S PATIENCE, OUR LEARNING

As is so often the case, today's Gospel needs some cultural context. Jesus addressed his Father as *"Lord of heaven and earth"*. In so doing he affords him the status of a Mediterranean patron or godfather. A patron selects clients and treats them as if they were family. The favourites of this patron are "children" or symbolically all those unable to obtain for themselves. *"Children in the ancient Middle East were the weakest and most vulnerable members of society. About 30 percent died at birth or soon after. Thirty per cent of live births died by the age of six. Sixty per cent did not live past their sixteenth birthday. They had little status within the community or family, and until the age of maturity, the child was considered equal to a slave. In famine, the elder would be fed before the children"* (John J Pilch). **Children or those in need cannot contribute in an 'adult' world but they can offer affection and love. They know God with a deep intimacy beyond intellectual knowledge, and for imparting this grace Jesus gives thanks to his Father.** On the other hand, the *"learned and the clever"* who could be patrons choose not to be (cf. the rich farmer, Lk 12:16-21 and the Pharisees who laid the yoke of 613 commandments upon simple village folk who sought to please God). **As broker for his heavenly Father, Jesus came to lift humanity's burdens. To those who do not know God (in the sense of a deep intimacy), religious and ethical norms appear burdensome. However, for those who do know God with deep intimacy, the yoke of his law is the interior impulse of the Spirit which leads to self-control in contrast to the values of self-indulgence (Second Reading).** 'Flesh' for St Paul is life *"before Christ, ruled by selfishness and sin. 'Spirit' denotes the life of the new creation, pulsating with Christ's unselfish love"* (Brendan Byrne). **Yet, is it that simple? Perhaps many give up on God's call because their response is inconsistent? The effort is too much.** Perhaps it is not either, or? At times we are gifted with a deep awareness. At other times we are self-referenced in 'our wisdom'. I recall when prayerfully considering whether I would go to the seminary visiting St Mary's Church, Onewa Road, Northcote, Auckland down from where I was completing Year 12 at the government co-ed Northcote College. **I experienced a deep intimacy with God, the like of which I have experienced fleetingly since. Indeed, I have had many occasions to be accepting of God's patience in view of my failure to respond to his Spirit. God never gives up on us. My journey continues with a graced awareness. How about you?**

Fr John

PARISH NEWS



Aboriginal Stations of the Cross

Hosted for NAIDOC week by BelSouth Parish's Laudato Si Circle

5:30pm Friday 10 July 2026
St Vincent's Church
5 Bindel Street ARANDA

ALL WELCOME

Joining Aboriginal Catholic Ministry with Caring for Creation

NAIDOC WEEK, 5-12 JULY 2026 celebrates the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. This year we honour half-a-century of the NAIDOC movement. We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation. See foyer demographic handout

The Annual Winter Appeal for Vinnies in our Parish will be held on the 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

WHO ME? YES YOU! We are in need of folk to step up as Readers, to serve as Altar servers or Senior Servers, to take on the practical role of Sacristans, to assist with Children's Liturgy and to be a member of the Parish Liturgy Committee which meets bi-monthly. Pray whether God might be calling you to step forward to your good and the good of the faith community. More info from the Parish Office, Mary from the Liturgy Committee (morrisdm@me.com) or Fr John.

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.

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!

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

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

ANNIVERSARIES

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, Shirley Delamarta, Matt Chunky, 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

	4 & 5 July2026			11 & 12 July2026		
	6 pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda	6 pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda
Reader	Colleen Meadley Gabrielle Jarvis	Christina Rowe Paul Coghlan	Jenny Murphy Graham Williams	Geraldine Lillingston Peter Davies	Yvonne McAdoo Mary Morris	Anne McCarthy Margaret O'Connor
Senior Server	Paul Scholtens	Dennis Morris Sacristan	Bernadette Leger	Robyn Grubmueller	John Woods	Jenny Murphy Sacristan
EMHC	Margaret Toye Michael White	Victoria Aki-Ikpeama Anthony Ikpeama Mary Morris	Mina Chiu Catharina Williams	Judi Ahern Mary Williams	Anita Clifford Jan Woods	Annette Charge Lourdes O'Keefe
Linen/Altar		Margaret Sloane			Margaret Sloane	
Cleaning Group	Bernard W, Catherine G, Patrick T		Betsy Jose, Jenson VL, Nea Jensen (Family)			

ARCHDIOCESAN NOTICES

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT DINNER Thursday 9 July 6pm

Evatt Presbytery For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. RSVP Vocations Director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.

INSTAGRACE 17-19 July

A three-day Catholic residential program organised by Jesus Youth Canberra for teenagers aged 13 to 17. It helps young people grow in self-understanding and develop a personal relationship with Jesus through talks, music, and life testimonies.

Venue: Outward Bound Australia, Naas Road, Tharwa, ACT

Date & Time: Friday, 17 July 2026 (9:00 am) to Sunday, 19 July 2026 (4:00 pm)

Registration Fee: \$290

Registration Closes: 12 July 2026. Register via the [link](#) or contact Jerin Niju on 0469 738 253.

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

Livestream link will be provided upon registration. For more information: 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.

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading [Zechariah 9:9-10](#)

The Lord says this:

‘Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.’

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

(R.) I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **(R.)**

(L.) 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.) All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**

(L.) The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.

The Lord supports all who fall

and raises all who are bowed down. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Romans 8:9.11-13](#)

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Matthew 11:25-30](#)

Jesus exclaimed, ‘I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.’

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion

Jesus longs to bring his love and compassion to everyone. Through your ministry, may his message be brought to those who are unable to be with us at this Eucharistic celebration.