

St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

18 & 19 July 16th 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 (4thSun)	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

THE REIGN OF GOD IS LIKE A GARDENER

Divine Wisdom, now present in Jesus, continues to teach those who would listen. If God, the householder, sows only good seed why is it that there are such mixed results? The parable makes two points: firstly, that an enemy is responsible for the weeds, not the householder; secondly that the householder will deal with these weeds at the harvest time.

It is important to read the parable in its context. Jesus is dealing with why so many do not respond to his teaching, for his ministry receives a very mixed response. In the symbolism of the parable, the reign of God that Jesus announces is met by vigorous opposition from the powers of evil. This is the reality in Jesus' time, the reality faced by Matthew's community, and it continues to be our reality. The voice of the Gospel continues to struggle to be heard in our present society. Other values are presented as offering a better way of life: if we allow asylum seekers in, our 'white Australian' quality of life may change, or if we stop embryonic research, we may lose our scientists and possible cures for many illnesses.

With many of the complex issues we face it is not easy to discern the weeds from the wheat. On the two issues named above good people of faith hold different views. The parable seems to suggest that the servants need to live with both the wheat and the weeds and leave the task of judgement to God. Jesus offers this teaching to console and encourage his followers. Their task, as servants, is to sow goodness. The task of destroying evil is God's.

Sr Mary Coloe PBVM, 'Sundays Under the Southern Cross' 2005 p.49

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PARISH NEWS

The Annual Winter Appeal for Vinnies in our Parish will be held **THIS 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, 2 August and 16 August**

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!

LADIES' LUNCH Tuesday 21 July

Usual time and venue.

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

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

HELP is needed at St Vincent's with the following :

- Communion in the Home
- Sacristy Laundry

Please contact Jenny for details if you feel you could help jennymurphys@icloud.com or 0437 034 148

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.

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.

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

ANNIVERSARIES

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

THE SICK

Rodrigo Perez, Rudi Grman, 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

	18 & 19 July2026			25 & 26 July2026		
	6 pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda	6 pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda
Reader	Colleen Meadley Michael White	Janet Moyle Christina Rowe	Michael Allam Lourdes O'Keefe	Lea Bewick Mary Williams	Paul Coghlan Yvonne McAdoo	Conor Bradley Marie Carroll
Senior Server	Paul Scholtens	Damien Power	Bernadette Leger	Robyn Grubmueller	Greg Pocock	Jenny Murphy Sacristan
EMHC	Lea Bewick Lynne Foster	Shaun Cheah Catherine Power	Helen Digan Rachelle Stannard	Catharina Koopman Dorothy Lalor	Carmel Brady Joan Murphy	Lourdes O'Keefe Robin Taylor
Linen/Altar		Margaret Sloane			Margaret Sloane	
Cleaning Group	Marcelo & Marianna P,		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 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

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

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

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

See, I have God for my help.

The Lord sustains my soul.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,

and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading [Wisdom 12:13.16-19](#)

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength,

your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned

and you expose the insolence of those who know it;

but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,

you govern us with great lenience,

for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people

how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,

and you have given your sons the good hope

that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

(R.) O Lord, you are good and forgiving,

full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer

and attend to the sound of my voice. **(R.)**

(L.) All the nations shall come to adore you

and glorify your name, O Lord:

for you are great and do marvellous deeds,

you who alone are God. **(R.)**

(R.) But you, God of mercy and compassion,

slow to anger, O Lord,

abounding in love and truth,

turn and take pity on me. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Romans 8:26-27](#)

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

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 13:24-43](#)

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables

and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion

Take this holy sacrament to our sisters and brothers and impart to them the solidarity of this community, through Christ our Lord.