

St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

27 & 28 June 13th 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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TO RECEIVE AND TO SHARE THE HOSPITALITY OF GOD

Matthew's audience were Jews before becoming Christians. Matthew is at pains to portray Jesus as the Messiah who would fulfil the hopes of the Old Covenant with Moses. **In fact, he portrays Jesus as the 'New Moses' (Matt 5).** However, with time moving on and Jesus not having returned, some wondered if they were on a winner. It is with that background and a missionary impetus that we are to situate today's Gospel. **To be clear: Jesus was calling his disciples to forego family and past religious adherence.** Instead Jesus called them to a replacement or 'fictive family', linked not by blood but by bonds of commitment to him. In a communal-based society (as distinct from our very strong emphasis on the individual), Jesus was asking a lot more than we might appreciate: ***"The real consequences of leaving one's family are dire indeed. One does not only give up the basic claim to honour and status but also loses all of the family's economic, religious, educational, and social conditions as well. Perhaps most disastrous of all consequences is loss of connection to the land. These are serious and life-threatening losses"* (John J Pilch).** Further, he proposes to extend his family by hospitality between members. Middle Eastern hospitality was offered to families and folk in small groups where they have no kinfolk (Gen 12 and 19). Honour was the reward for hospitality offered. **However, Jesus would have it that in welcoming the stranger you welcome him and the one who sent him. *"In dealing with this person we are dealing with our God"* (Brendan Byrne SJ).** The scene for this is set in our First Reading where the Shunemite woman offers lodgings to the holy man. Elijah tells the childless woman that she and her husband will rejoice in the birth of a son. God is never outdone in generosity. ***"So too, according to the Gospel, even so simple a gift as a cup of cold water will not go unnoticed by the Author of life"* (ibid).** **Fast forward to today when other than after World War II there is an unprecedented number of displaced peoples seeking hospitality.** This contrasts with current media images of the enthusiasm and revelry of the Football World Cup crowds. In part due because as Phil Gould claims: ***"Beer is a wonderful thing"*. The crowds will go home, displaced millions have no home.** The words of Jesus in the Gospel and in the Great Judgement (25:31-46) are a universal challenge: ***"As often as you did it (or failed to do it) to the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it (or failed to do it) to me"* (ibid).** **We are all brothers and sisters called to be a 'sign and instrument' of God's hospitality. All are in need and all are welcome to receive. The Gospel is religious and political insofar as faith and reason are two sides of the one coin. Reconciling the two is an ongoing challenge.**

Fr John

PARISH NEWS

ANOINTED IN THE SPIRIT: Confirmation families gathered with Archbishop Christopher on Wednesday evening. It was a beautiful, prayerful liturgy. The congregation were invited to allow the Holy Spirit to create from the 'inside out' in contrast to our cultural prioritising of the 'outside in'. The Holy Spirit calls to new and deeper life. A truly blessed life trumps mere appearance.

PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY

Years 3-6 Primary School students, 9:30am, Sunday, 12 July, Marian Hall, Page (following the 8:30am Mass). Spread the word.

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.

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

PARISH BUILDINGS EMERGENCY EVACUATION

Emergency Evacuation Diagrams are displayed in both **churches and parish centres**. In case of emergency, follow directions given, and proceed to the assembly area (St Matthew's - School netball courts/carpark, St Vincent's - Upper carpark) and await further directions.

First aid kits are available in both churches and parish centres.

VINNIES CEO SLEEP OUT THANK YOU- Lisa Harris - Parishioner and Principal of one of our Archdiocesan Schools- I cannot thank our parish community enough for their support, encouragement and donations for my first Vinnies CEO sleepout. Through the generosity of others I was able to raise \$6,313 for St Vincent de Paul Society - ACT and surrounds. As a collective, the 12 participants from Catholic Education Canberra & Goulburn have raised over \$70,000.

A phenomenal effort, of which everyone in our Archdiocese has contributed to in some way. Thank you!

JACINTA'S ANNUAL LEAVE HELP NEEDED.

In the past we have had the help of a wonderful volunteer however she is not available this year.

Mid-July for 2 hours Tuesday morning and Thursday. Please contact the office 6254 1827 or belconnen-south@cg.org.au

PARISH FINANCES: As we move to the end of the financial year, I thank parishioners contributing to the support of our parish and the clergy of the archdiocese. The contributions of one and all are very much appreciated. If you would like to become a regular contributor via EFT, please see the forms in the foyer or contact the Parish Office. Alternatively, on entering the church you can make cash contributions in the First Collection bowl (for the support of the clergy) or Second Collection bowl (for the support of the parish) at the rear of the church.

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

Leon Darmody, Fr Brian Egan, Sr Ursula Drennan RSM , Katie Babic, Tarian Dixon, Emily Robinson, Elizabeth Basevi, Anne Walsh, Neale Daniher.

ANNIVERSARIES

John Connelly, Margurita D'Costa, Daphne Sutherland, Ken Hill, Bernard Finnerty, Andrew Francis Dennis

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

	27 & 28 June 2026			4 & 5 July2026		
	6 pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda	6 pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda
Reader	Lea Bewick Mary Williams	Mary Morris Janet Moyle	Gerard Hogan Bernadette Leger	Peter Davies Gabrielle Jarvis	Christina Rowe Paul Coghlan	Jenny Murphy Graham Williams
Senior Server	Robyn Grubmueller	Kevin McInerney Sacristan	Jenny Murphy Sacristan	Paul Scholtens	Dennis Morris Sacristan	Bernadette Leger
EMHC	Colleen Meadley Margaret Sloane	Carmel Brady Anita Clifford	Jane Burroughs Robin Taylor	Margaret Toye Michael White	Victoria Aki-Ikpeama Anthony Ikpeama Mary Morris	Mina Chiu Catharina Williams
Linen/Altar		Ann Tierney			Margaret Sloane	
Cleaning Group				Bernard W, Catherine G, Patrick T		Betty Jose, Jenson VL, Nea Jensen (Family)

ARCHDIOCESAN NOTICES

CARMINA BURANA -CONCERT 4 July 3:00 pm

The Canberra Choral Society and National Capital Orchestra are uniting again to present two iconic choral masterpieces: Carl Orff's exhilarating 'Carmina Burana' and Francis Poulenc's radiant 'Gloria'. This glorious concert will be conducted by NCO Artistic Director Louis Sharpe, with soloists Rachel Mink (soprano), Dan Walker (tenor) and Sitiveni Talei (baritone), and vibrant local choral and orchestral forces, in beautiful Llewellyn Hall, The ANU

LIVING IN THE DIVINE WILL RETREAT Friday 5pm 3 July - Sunday 5 July

St Clement's Conference Centre Galong NSW. Lead by Frs Emil Milat and Marco Killingsworth. The talks focus on how various saints and mystics draw us to live in the Holiness of God. Contact Fr Emil: emil.milat@cg.org.au

ABORIGINAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS 10 July 5:30 pm

For NAIDOC week, Belconnen South Parish's Laudato Si Circle will host Stations of the Cross through content from the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry. The Stations will be prayed at St Vincent's Church, 5 Bindel St ARANDA. ALL WELCOME

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.

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

All peoples, clap your hands.

Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading [2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16](#)

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

(L.) I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R.)**

(R.) Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R.)**

(L.) For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;

it is by your favour that our might is exalted:

for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Romans 6:3-4. 8-11](#)

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we

were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again.

Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Matthew 10:37-42](#)

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion

Dear friends, as ministers of mercy you bring the body of our Lord to our sick and housebound brothers and sisters; bring also our love and companionship and know that you too will receive your reward.