

St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

5 & 6 September 23rd 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
Samoan (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 (Anointing 1st Thurs odd months)
Fri	9:30am	Page (Anointing 1st Friday even months)
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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WHERE TWO OR THREE MEET IN MY NAME, I SHALL BE THERE.

Some years ago, I was trying to make an important decision. I knew what I wanted to do but my Congregation Leader was suggesting another way. We reached an impasse. Then she suggested that I talk to a few individuals. With their advice I came to see the rightness of what was being suggested. This is the approach Matthew suggests for solving community difficulties. Try to talk things through. Don't rush into formal proceedings until other ways have been tried. This may take time, but it preserves the dignity and confidentiality of all. The breaking of the relationship with the community is the last resort. Notice that the Gospel's concern is for the individual, trying to restore them to the community.

In the Jewish tradition it required the presence of ten men before a synagogue prayer group could form. Jesus changes this requirement and promises that a group of two is sufficient for his presence. The symbolic name given to Jesus in the birth narrative was 'Immanuel—a name which means God is with us'(1:23). In today's Gospel passage Matthew recalls this symbolic name, 'Where two or three gather, I shall be with them'.

There is something very intimate about Jesus' promise to be present. The Jewish world of this time used various words to describe the experience of God's presence on earth while preserving God's utter transcendence. Judaism spoke of God's 'Shekinah' being present rather than directly saying, 'God was present'. Here Jesus does not distance himself from future disciples by such circumlocutions. He states directly, 'I shall be there'. With no Temple or priest or special rituals, all that is needed for Jesus' presence is two.

Sr Mary Coloe PBVM, "Sundays Under the Southern Cross' 2005 p.58

PARISH NEWS

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

To all Father's, those who are with us, those who have predeceased us and those who have been Father figures to us, may God's blessing be upon you today and always.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL – Collection for our retired priests: Please give generously to the **Father's Day Appeal** conducted at all Masses this weekend. Special envelopes are provided in the church, and donors will be issued with a tax-deductible receipt. Donations can also be made at www.cgatholic.org.au/donate or you could call Financial Services on 6239 9876 to donate over the phone.

COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR 2027

Order now! Parish office: belconnensouth@cg.org.au or 6254 1827

Orders close: Monday 21 September 2026



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 12 and 13 September

At all Masses next weekend children from the parish and parish primary schools will be receiving their First Holy Communion. Please continue to pray for these children and their families.

AFTER MASS

- Morning Tea after 8:30 am Mass 1st Sunday of the month St Matthew's, **6 September**
- Cheese and bikkies after the 6pm Vigil 2nd Saturday of the month St. Matthew's, **12 September**
- Morning Tea after 10am Mass 3rd Sunday of the month St Vincent's, **20 September**

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

As you can see the request for prayers is very long and some people may no longer need to be on the list as they are now healed.

Please let the office know if there is anyone who can be taken off the list. belconnensouth@cg.org.au or 6254 1827

YOUTH GROUPS September

For years 7-12, on the 5th and 19th of September there will be a youth group from 7-9pm after the 6 o'clock Mass at St Mathew's.

And for years 4-6, in the 6th and 20th of September there will be a kids youth group from 9:30-10:30am at St Mathew's.

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: **6 September** and 20 September

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word during the Mass at St Matthew's (4th weekend).

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

Nepal and Tibet flood victims, Christina Rowe, Janet Blair, Gertrude Fletcher, Colombia earthquake victims

ANNIVERSARIES

Libby Cuiffetelli, Mary Moras, Susan Metcalfe, Ugo Damiano, Michael Craft, Malcolm and Carmel Petrie. Vida Kabaila , Thomas Pearson, Eileen Pearson, Douglas Dowler

THE SICK

Maree James, Monsignor John, Brian Myers, Leone O'Brien, Shirley Platt, Rodrigo Perez, 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

	5 & 6 September 2026			12 & 13 September 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	John Duck Yvonne McAdoo	Ann Cleary Gerard Hogan	Gabrielle Jarvis Peter Rodda	Mary Morris Janet Moyle	Anne McCarthy Jenny Murphy
Senior Server	Robyn Grubmueller	Damien Power	Jenny Murphy Sacristan	Robyn Grubmueller	John Woods	Bernadette Leger
EMHC	Margaret Sloane Margaret Toye	Shaun Cheah Catherine Power	Lourdes O'Keefe Rachelle Stannard	Michael Whitw Catharina Koopman	Anita Clifford Jan Woods	Jane Burroughs Robin Taylor
Linen/Altar		Yvonne McAdoo			Yvonne McAdoo	
Cleaning Group	Caroline W, John D, Belinda L, Anita C					Betsy J, Jenson family

ARCHDIOCESAN NOTICES

SEASON OF CREATION, 1 September – 4 October: LIVING WATER

ALIVE: BBQ + Praise Night Thursday 10th September 2026 6 pm

For young adults to be held at ACU Signadou Chapel, 223 Antill Street, Watson
Contact Ethan on 0413 545 808. ALIVE is an event run by ACU Campus Ministry and the Disciple of Jesus Covenant Community.

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT DINNER Thursday 10 September 6pm

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

ACU OPEN DAY– Canberra Campus (Watson) 12 September 11am—2 pm

See the program and register your interest at www.openday.acu.edu.au



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY and the NATIONAL CAPITAL ORCHESTRA 12 September 3 pm

Llewellyn Hall. Proceeds from the concert will support the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society Tickets available from ticketek:
<https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=NCORACMA26> Further information: nco.org.au

TWILIGHT RETREAT Saturday 19 September 2 pm—9 pm

The Missionaries of God's Love Sisters invite all single young women. For more info or to register <https://forms.gle/44prexEht9Vo2Kqk9>

ACU VERITAS LECTURE 23 September 5:30 pm

Never Skip Brain Day: How AI Is Changing Learning, and Why Human Thinking Matters More Than Ever

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

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading [Ezekiel 33:7-9](#)

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts.

(L.) Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

(R.) Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we

the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**

(L.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading [Romans 13:8-10](#)

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mu-

tual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;

and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Matthew 18:15-20](#)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion

Father, we give thanks for our ministers of the Eucharist as they bring your healing presence to those who are sick today. Let their hearts be full of your love. May they bring your words of comfort and healing, in Jesus' name.