

# St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

## South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

2-3 August 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Msgr John Woods- PP, Fr Andrew Yang-Korean Chaplain, Deacon Joe Blackwell, 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
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Korean	3:00pm	Aranda

#### Weekday Masses

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#### Confessions

Saturday 11:00am-11:30am and 5:00pm-5:30pm Page

#### Baptisms

11:30am 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

#### Weddings

By appointment

#### PARISH OFFICE (MON, TUE & THU)

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### BEING RICH OR JUST WEALTHY?

Today's Gospel is from Luke. An interesting observation comes from Australian Scripture scholar Sr Mary Coloe PBVM. She notes that Luke was writing towards the end of the first century. *“The issues of money, possessions and inheritance reflect the wealthier urban context of Luke's community rather than the rural village life of Jesus' mission. These issues are very relevant for us today. How does a Christian live within the complex world of economics and global profit?”* The issue is not wealth itself but the desire to have more and more, as denoted by the Greek word *pleonexia* (Second Reading), which is often translated as avarice or greed (Brendan Byrne). **Luke would have it that human beings are insecure, and being afraid of the future see wealth as a buffer.** Further, we are saturated with enticements to acquire this, that or the other in order to live a 'full' life. **Accumulation of wealth can take over and make us dismissive if not oblivious to deeper values; the needs of others and above all of course our relationship with God.** It is this reality which Jesus addresses in the Gospel parable about the wealthy man whose soul God will demand that very night. The mention of his soul touches his worth as a human being, mindful that his accumulation and storage of goods has caused him to neglect this. **“The only security that is really lasting consists in being “rich” in the sight of God. This is because relationship with God is the only relationship or attachment that can transcend the barrier of death . . . The shortness of human life and its inevitable limiting by death makes labouring and toiling for wealth “vanity”: that is, something ultimately without meaning” (Brendan Byrne).** Even without the sobering horizon of death, the wisdom of our readings today is reflected in the following AI generated comment: *“Research suggests that money can contribute to happiness, particularly when it alleviates financial stress and allows for experiences and relationships. However, it's not a guaranteed path to happiness, and other factors like strong relationships, personal fulfilment, and a sense of purpose are also crucial.”* Besides, the goods of the earth are for the good of all. Perhaps St Augustine was on the money, pardon the pun, when he said, **“Our hearths are restless until they rest in God”.** Right relationship with God leads to right relationship with others. Or the more colloquial comment of my dad, *“There are no pockets in shrouds”.* Fr Richard Rohr OFM says that only three things will transform us: love, prayer or suffering. Gathering for the Sunday Eucharist we are prayerfully invited to experience and to respond to the love of God and others. **Hopefully, we will not have to face some unforeseen challenge to reassess where our real wealth and security lie.**

Fr John

## Archdiocesan Notices

### **PRAYER EVENT FOR NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS 3-10 August**

Sacred Heart Church Pearce, 115 Hodgson St. Tuesday 5 August 5:10pm Rosary, 5:30pm Mass follow by Eucharist Adoration and prayers for vocations until 7pm. All Welcome.

### **VOCATIONS DINNER AT ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE 7 August 6:00pm**

For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact Vocations Director Fr Emil [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au) 0414 523 036.

### **SAINT MARY MACKILLOP FEAST DAY 8 August 2025 North Sydney**

- Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel at 8:00 am and 6:00 pm
- Glen Roy Green at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm
- Live Stream at 10:00 am <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HIQzdjSCLN4>

### **ARCHBISHOP'S ST MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE 9 August 2025**

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Eden A designated church for the Jubilee Year of Hope

- Pilgrimage walk starts at 11.00 am from Eden Sports Ground
- Reconciliation available during the walk
- Mass at 12.00 pm
- Visit Mary MacKillop Hall
- Please arrange your own transport

For inquiries, email [woodb4922@gmail.com](mailto:woodb4922@gmail.com)

### **MOTHERS PRAYERS RETREAT DAY 23 August 2025 8:45 AM - 4:00 PM**

*Become like children* (Matt 18:3-5)

Come aside together for a day - ignite the child within as we explore, share, pray for our children and have fun in this nurturing community. The day includes talks, reconciliation and an introduction to Mothers Prayers. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Gluten free options will be available for morning tea but not for lunch.

Parish Centre, Holy Trinity Church 3 Strangways Street, Curtin ACT 2605

REGISTER BY 8 August <https://www.trybooking.com/DBRES> ENQUIRIES Anne at [Australia@mothersprayers.org](mailto:Australia@mothersprayers.org)

### **ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD 5 September 6:00pm**

The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn cordially invites you to the Ordination to the Priesthood of **Deacon Joseph Nivaskaran MGL** and **Deacon Michael Last MGL**.

The ceremony will be presided over by Most Reverend Archbishop Christopher Prowse on Friday, 5 September 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at St Christopher's Cathedral, Canberra.

You are most welcome to join the faithful in this solemn celebration as these deacons are ordained to serve as priests in the Church.

### **ACU CANBERRA OPEN DAY 13 September 11:00am—2:00pm**

Join us at the Australian Catholic University - Canberra campus. For more information, go to <https://openday.acu.edu.au/> or contact [futurestudy.CBR@acu.edu.au](mailto:futurestudy.CBR@acu.edu.au)

### **19 October | 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Patrick's Church, Braddon**

The anniversary will be commemorated on Sunday, 19th October with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Prowse at 8am followed by refreshments. For more information please contact Ray Toohey 0411 82545 or Mary Boyle, [maryeboyle8@gmail.com](mailto:maryeboyle8@gmail.com).

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:ipss@cg.org.au).

## Parish News

### LADIES' LUNCH Wednesday 6 August

12pm at the Southern Cross Club, Jamison

Please RSVP by 5pm Monday 4 August: [jennymur-phys@icloud.com](mailto:jennymur-phys@icloud.com) 0437 034 148

### Contributing Financially to the Parish

The most secure and easiest method of contributing to both Parish (Planned giving / previously the 2nd collection) and Clergy (previously the 1st collection) is via Direct debit.

Planned Giving is particularly important as it provides certainty enabling a Parish budget to be developed to meet the operating costs of the Parish.

The Clergy collection contributes to a pooled Diocesan Clergy Remuneration and Leave Fund that pays the stipend and living allowance for Mons. John and other Archdiocesan clergy. The pooled fund ensures that all clergy are supported even if they operate in a less well supported area. This collection has traditionally relied on cash contributions; moving to a regular payment method would be greatly appreciated.

The giving methods are summarised below.

Giving Option	Contributes to	How to
Direct Debit	Parishioner can choose Parish and / or Clergy	Complete relevant CDF Direct Debit form choose amount and frequency and submit*.
Credit Card	Parish	Complete relevant Credit Card form choose amount*. (Note frequency is set at monthly.)
The QKR app	Parishioner can choose Parish and / or Clergy	Download the free app. Search for and select St Matthew's and St Vincent's Parish. Add your profile (including credit or debit card). Select Parish and / or Clergy. It can also be used for Sacramental programs and special collections. Make sure you select the correct option.
Tap & Go	Amount donated is allocated 70% to Parish and 30% to Clergy	Use your credit card and tap the machine in the foyer of each Church. Select the amount you wish to donate.
Cash Collection	Separate points (plates) for Parish and Clergy	Look for the plates in the Church entrance.

\* The Direct Debit and Credit Card forms are available from Church foyers, the Parish website and Parish Office. They can be submitted to the Parish Office, left on a collection plate, or given to either of our Priests.

## Prayer Requests

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

John Pratt, Glenn Mowbray, Patrick Power, Marie Baker, Dot Day, Peter Leonard, Denis Tarbuck, Lachlan Rearedon, Joy Huber, Gabriel Rockwood, Victims of war in Iran, Israel, Gaza, South Sudan and Ukraine.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Maureen Dinn, Tim Durick, Clare Menezes, Mirela Manenica.

### THE SICK

Kathryn Anderson, Trevor Blake, Angela Collier, Gemma Collier, Nicole Court, Maureen Dalzell, Anne Darmody, Leon Darmody, Denis Dellamarta, Stephen Dinn, Helen Driver, Mary East, Richard East, Joachim Exell, Tony Fuller, Fr Chris Gardiner OFM, Ivan Guevara, Denise Hampson, Pat Hannon, Madellon Harvey, Margaret Keen, Charlie King, Sally Marchant, Bob Longland, John Malycha, Paul Mowbray, Pamela Myatt, Barry Joseph O'Leary, Oscar Perez, Francis Power, Sam Ross, Matthew Schembri, Pat Stakelum, Anthony Stewart, John Turyn, Olga Turyn, Jennifer Webster, Angela Williams.

### 2 & 3 August

### 9 & 10 August

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<b>Reader</b>	Colleen Meadley Michael White	Yvonne McAdoo Janet Moyle	Jenny Murphy Graham Williams	Peter Davies Mary Williams	Christina Rowe Paul Coghlan	Elizabeth Hannan Anne McCarthy
<b>Senior Server</b>	Damien Sloane	John Woods	Bernie Leger	Paul Scholtens	Kevin McInerney (Sacristan)	Jenny Murphy
<b>EMHC</b>	Mary Williams	Joan Murphy Jan Woods	Helen Digan Catharina Williams	Judi Ahern	Greg Pocock	Karna O'Dea
<b>Linen/Altar</b>		Pauline Cunneen	Maddalena Cobanov Katy Frino		Yvonne McAdoo	Ladies of the Korean Community

**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**

O God, come to my assistance;  
 O Lord, make haste to help me!  
 You are my rescuer, my help;  
 O Lord, do not delay.

**First Reading** [Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23](#)

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**(R.)** In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

**(L.)** You turn men back into dust  
 and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years  
 are like yesterday, come and gone,  
 no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**

**(R.)** You sweep men away like a dream,  
 like grass which springs up in the morning.  
 In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
 by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**

**(L.)** Make us know the shortness of our life  
 that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
 Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
 Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**

**(R.)** In the morning, fill us with your love;  
 we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
 Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
 give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** [Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11](#)

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Happy the poor in spirit;  
 the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

**Gospel** [Luke 12:13-21](#)

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

**Communion Antiphon**

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,  
 endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

**Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion**

Go, as our appointed ministers, to bring God's loving kindness to the sick and housebound members of our community. May they be comforted and cheered by the gift of the presence of Christ.

