

St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

9-10 August 19 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

Mon	7:00 am	Liturgy of the Word	Page
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Thu	9:30 am	Aranda	
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Confessions

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

Baptisms

11:30am 2nd and 4th Sundays

Weddings

By appointment

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A FUTURE NOT OUR OWN

The early Church expected the imminent return of Jesus. However, some fifty years later at the time of Luke's Gospel, that expectation had waned. Therefore, Luke is at pains to insist that the Risen Lord will return and we need to be ready. Today's Gospel builds on last week's sobering parable about the demand "that very night" for the soul of the wealthy man. "If you knew next Saturday was the last day, how would you live this week? What would be different? This is the attitude Luke is trying to arouse in his community; live each day as if it were your last!" (Mary Coloe PBVM). Our First Reading from **Wisdom**, written a few years before the birth of Jesus, portrays the confidence in faith of the Chosen People prior to their Exodus from Egypt. This resonates with our Second Reading from **Hebrews** which cites the example of **Abraham**. He did not enter the Promised Land but "for his entire life he lived a wandering, 'tent-like' existence . . . clinging to God's promise of a true homeland" (Brendan Byrne). **As with Abraham, so too our true homeland is elsewhere. There is a sense in which we are strangers and nomads in our present life.** "Pressed to extremes, as it has been at times in Christian spirituality, this can induce an unhealthy alienation from present life in pursuit of a kind of 'pie in the sky idea when you die' idea" (Brendan Byrne SJ). On the contrary, in response to the generosity of God, we engage with the good things of our world with gratitude, "regarding them as tokens and gifts of far greater things to come. . . [And so] the best thing one can do with present wealth is to use it to give alms to the poor. This converts it into heavenly 'credit', literally 'treasure in heaven', the only credit that survives the barrier of death" (ibid). **The call of the Gospel is counter-cultural or radical. This life is not as good as it gets and when the wheels fall off there is founded hope in Christ.** Our hope is spelt out in the opening words of today's Gospel. There Jesus says that we have been given the kingdom, or as Mary Coloe puts it, the 'kingdom'. **In other words, we are already sons and daughters and co-heirs in Christ. Let us live this truth in gratitude, "leaning into God's future and having priorities reflecting this". As a pilgrim people, we are called into a future not of our making but of our acceptance in faith.** Think of the courageous women of faith whom we celebrate around this time (see inside bulletin) and last Wednesday's Feast of the Transfiguration (also the 80th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima; see Andrew Hamilton's article in the foyer). **All affirm the call in faith beyond limited horizons.**

Fr John

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): The RCIA is the journey of those considering full sacramental communion with the Catholic Church. They are accompanied by members of the parish community and the parish priest. All share life and faith experiences in the light of Church teaching and all are thereby enriched. **The RCIA journey is synodal ('walking together'). It is an experience of being Church in which all, including the wider parish, are enriched.** The RCIA journey culminates at Easter when the candidates are received into the Church. If you know of folk who might be interested candidates, please let them know of the process. If they would like to know more, have them contact me. Likewise, if you would like to know more about being part of the RCIA team let me know. Fr John

PARISH FINANCES: Thanks to **Greg, Damien and Bernard** from our Parish Finance Council for last weekend addressing the **status of our parish finances and encouraging all parishioners to financially support the parish.** Forms submitted for electronic funds transfer are being processed. Forms are still available in the foyer. **Sincere thanks to all who have come on board and for those who continue to support the financial good of the parish.**

AFTER MASS

- **Cheese and bikkies** after the 6pm Vigil second Saturday of the month at **St. Matthew's.**
- **Morning Tea** after 10am Mass 3rd Sunday of the month at **St Vincent's,**

Archdiocesan Notices

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

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

90th Anniversary of St. Patrick's Church, Braddon 19 October

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 182545 or Mary Boyle, maryeboyle8@gmail.com.

Parish Administrative Support Assistant

This is a full-time permanent position supporting parishes across the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn with the inputting of financial data and reporting requirements. Part-time hours may be considered for the right applicant.. *This position is advertised on the Archdiocesan webpage at this link* <https://cgcatholic.org.au/job-vacancies/parish-administrative-support-assistant/>

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.

WOMEN OF FAITH AND INFLUENCE

Friday, 8 August we celebrated Australia's own **Saint Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop)**. St Mary was a forthright and courageous leader who creatively served the poor and marginalised, particularly through education.

Monday, 11 August is the feast day of **St Clare of Assisi**. St Clare, founder of the Poor Clare's, lived a life of poverty. Clare and her Sisters, walked barefoot, slept on the ground, ate no meat and observed silence. Clare served the sick and the poor and demonstrated an unwavering love of Jesus. Her prayerful counsel was sought by many.

Friday, 15 August is the **Solemnity of the Assumption** of Mary body and soul into heavenly glory. As mother of the Saviour it was fitting that she be so honoured, consistent with her Immaculate Conception. As 'First Disciple' - "Your will be done"- she is the exemplar of a faithful response. **MASSES: 9:30am ST MATTHEW'S, 5:30pm ST VINCENT'S**

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Michael Tlise, Bishop Peter Elliott, Col Joye, Fr Chris Riley, Sam Backo, Peter Cook, John Bryan, John Pratt, Glenn Mowbray, 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, Shirley 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.

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS CENACLE

You are invited to join a Thursday morning Cenacle after the 9.30am Mass at St Vincent's. The format consists of the the praying of the Rosary and reflective reading.

Blue leaflets available in the foyer. Website: mmp-oceania.net

TINNIES FOR VINNIES

Vinnies has now received a total of \$17,000 from the Tinnies initiative. Thank you for your ongoing support.

To participate, just leave your 10c refundables near the Parish Centre garage, Aranda.

Thank you.



The **PARISH LAUDATO SI' CIRCLE** would like to draw your attention to the following:

- An Online **Rising Tide film & discussion evening** on Aug 11 at 06:30 - 8 PM AEST has been organised by the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC). The 30 minute film is called *Turning the Ship*. All invited. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86131306211>
- Homily by **Father Frank Brennan SJ** linking Laudato Si' to last Sunday's readings <https://catholicoutlook.org/fr-frank-brennans-homily-18th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-2025/>

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Reader	Peter Davies Mary Williams	Christina Rowe Paul Coghlan	Elizabeth Hannan Anne McCarthy	Lynne Foster Geraldine Lillingston	Janet Moyle Yvonne McAdoo	Marie Carroll Ann Cleary
Senior Server	Paul Scholtens	Kevin McInerney (Sacristan)	Jenny Murphy	Damien Sloane	Damien Power	Bernie Leger
EMHC	Judi Ahern	Greg Pocock	Karna O'Dea	Lynne Foster	Greg Pocock Cathy Power	Lourdes O'Keefe Rachelle Stannard
Linen/Altar		Pauline Cunneen	Ladies of the Korean Community		Pauline Cunneen	Amanda Kabaila Rachelle Stannard

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

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading [Wisdom 18:6-9](#)

That night had been foretold to our ancestors,
so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust
in, they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous
and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you
took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to
you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and
this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would
share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had
begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

(L.) Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. **(R.)**

(R.) The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

(L.) Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19](#)

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove
the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was
for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country
that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that
he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived,
as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a
strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of
the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked for-
ward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was
made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made
the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from
one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more
descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven
or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had
been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed
them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on
earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite
plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly
have meant the country they came from, since they had the oppor-
tunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better
homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not
ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for
them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up
Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the
promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is
through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confi-
dent that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so,
figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel [Luke 12:32-48](#)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little
flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that
do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where
no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your
treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be
like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding
feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks.
Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he
comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them
down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch
he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds
them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the house-
holder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he
would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house.
You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at
an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for every-
one?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful
and wise enough for the master to place him over his house-
hold to give them their allowance of food at the proper time?
Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this em-
ployment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he
owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is
taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants
and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his
master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour
he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to
the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not
even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many
strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to
be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes.
When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be
demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on
trust, even more will be expected of him.'

Communion Antiphon

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion

Take the bread of life to our sisters and brothers who are sick,
together with our love and prayers. May they find healing
through God's abiding presence with them.