

St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

10-11 May Fourth Sunday of Easter (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
Sunday	8:30am	Page
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Samoa (4thSun)	1:00pm	Page
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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Sat	12:00 pm	Page	

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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MUMS GIFT US WITH THE GOODNESS OF LIFE

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers. Whether living or dead, we pray in thanksgiving for them. While today's Gospel presents Jesus as the Good Shepherd, the qualities of the Good Shepherd are those of any mum who seeks the good of her child: *"The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow"*. Last Sunday we heard how Peter was commissioned to exercise the role of the Good Shepherd. The Conclave, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, will elect the next Bishop of Rome and successor of Peter. The new pope will set the 'tone' for the faithful moving forward. **However, it is mums and dads who more immediately manifest the love of God. I say mums and dads as by definition one implies the other.** Awareness of and experience of the synergy between the 'domestic church' of the family and the community of the faithful is the exception nowadays and we are the poorer for it. I am not in the first instance speaking of rote prayer but rather awareness of the 'something more' to life. If we could 'see' or be graced with awareness of God's love in our relationships, in nature, in our dreams and worthy aspirations and often more so through the insights arising from our shortcomings, then we would be more likely to gather and celebrate in word and sacrament that God is with us, all of us and in all creation. The late Australian cartoonist and commentator Michael Leunig spoke of the **"lost original self; the innocent true self that is not of this time stricken, divided material world"**. Pope Francis echoed his thoughts when he spoke of the need for a truly human ecology which affirms our body and soul unity and relationship with all of creation. I give thanks that my mum not only carried me to birth but assured me of my being loved as her child and as a child of God. From initial nurture, my life has unfolded with a founded confidence amidst the challenges of every pilgrim. **As God at the dawn of creation, so mum's in giving birth affirm that life is good. And if it is good there is meaning and purpose to be discovered and celebrated or, sadly, ignored to our individual and communal cost.** Theologian Karl Rahner SJ comments: *"Is human existence absurd or does it have an ultimate meaning? If it is absurd, why do human beings have an unquenchable hunger for meaning? Is it not a consequence of God's existence? For if God really doesn't exist, the hunger for meaning is absurd."* **For giving life and encouraging our quest for meaning, we thank mums, co-creators with and guides for the all-loving God who calls each by name.**

Fr John

Prayer for the Election of A New Pope

God Our Father, You who guide Your Church with Your fatherly care and watch over her with Your great love.

We ask You to pour out upon the Cardinals gathered in Rome the spirit of wisdom, discernment, and peace.

Enlighten their hearts with the light of the Holy Spirit that they may understand Your will and act for the good of the universal Church.

Unite them in love, that they may choose the Pope whom You desire for Your Church at this time.

May the successor of St. Peter continue the mission of the Good Shepherd, which Your Son Jesus Christ entrusted to the head of the Apostles. May He preserve the unity of faith and the ecclesial communion.

We lift up our prayers to You through the intercession of Our Mother Mary, Queen of the Apostles, and all the Saints who faithfully served Your Holy Church.

We pray to You, O Lord. Amen.

Archdiocesan Notices

LAUDATO SI' Week 17-24 May this year marks a time of spiritual significance globally with events at the Vatican and the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark teachings on Care for Our Common Home as central to our faith journey.

- ♦ · Catholic Earthcare Australia is convening a webinar to mark the time in Australia and our region of Oceania on Zoom at 12 noon on Friday 16-May. The webinar will focus on the need for international responses in this year of the Jubilee with details and registration at <https://www.caritas.org.au/act/turn-debt-into-hope/>
- ♦ · In the Archdiocese there will be a special Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral at midday on Saturday 17th May to mark the spirit moving at this time on Care for Creation. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Haydon centre. All are welcome.
- ♦ · The parish Laudato Si' circle will also help mark this time reflecting on the Papal teachings locally - at our weekend Mass, in continuing practical actions around the parish, and in our social activity.
- ♦ · To help celebrate Laudato Si' Week the following podcast and short video look at the impact of Pope Francis' ongoing legacy in teachings on Care for Our Common Home: <https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/soul-search/the-green-pope-francis-and-his-climate-legacy-in-the-pacific/105149034> <https://www.news.com.au/world/pope-francis-to-be-remembered-for-his-warmth-and-kindness/video/ac6e128ae8099eb44ebe532b11d40859>

ST BENEDICT'S-NEW LIFE IN THE SPIRIT 11 May – 15 June 7:30pm – 9:00pm

New Life in the Spirit seminar after the Sunday 6pm Mass at the Parish Centre, Narrabundah

FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PILGRIMAGE PLACE 24 May 2025

MHOC Parish South Woden becomes an official pilgrimage place for the Jubilee year on May 24, the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians. To celebrate Fr Emil will give a special blessing & anointing prayer after the Saturday and Sunday Masses and two events have been planned for the weekend

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND 23 – 25 May 2025

Come and join us on a Marriage Encounter Weekend at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au

CLARE DE SALIS TALK 25 May 2025

Clare de Salis will give a short sharing at the 10am Mass Pearce . All are welcome to come and join us in the parish centre afterwards for a cuppa and Clares sharing of the inspiring power of Christ in her life, about being a Catholic, 24 years old, an athlete (100 & 200 metre runner) and an exercise physiologist.

HOME: MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER 23 May 2025 6:00 pm

The movie is 'Hunt for the Wilderpeople' **Place:** The Q Theatre – 253 Crawford Street , Queanbeyan. **Tickets:** \$85 Purchase your tickets at www.theq.net.au or contact (02) 6285 6290. HOME provides a long-term home in a loving and caring environment for people living with an enduring mental illness who are at risk of homelessness.

Prayer Requests

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Frank Caputo, Pope Francis, Fr Michael Fallon MSC

ANNIVERSARIES

Terry Stewart, Arthur Set Bo, Peter Kyan, Mini Allam

THE SICK

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

OFFICE HOURS TUESDAY 13 MAY

Jacinta is attending a Deanery Day at Maunka. The office will be closed

URGENT! MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED

Can you spare approximately 1 hour a month? Please contact the Parish Office or Bernard Williams on bernardwilliams@bigpond.com.

Parish News

Confirmation Parent Information Night (PIN) will be via ZOOM at from 6 pm Thursday 15 May 2025.

Please email the office:

belconnensouth@cg.org.au



AFTER MASS

- **Cheese and bikkies** this Saturday after 6pm Vigil at **St. Matthew's**.
- **Morning Tea** after 10am Mass next Sunday at **St Vincent's**,

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES Please return them as soon as possible

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL 11 May 2025

Donations of a non-deductible gift via the payment slip (email) or in foyer or (02) 6239 9876 or Qrk!

ST MATTHEW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL – Now Enrolling for 2026

St Matthew's Primary School is now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2026. If you have a child ready to start school or know of a family who may be interested, we invite you to contact the school office on **6254 2653** to arrange a tour with our Principal, **Sarah Lowe**.

Come and see the wonderful learning and community spirit at St Matthew's!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 18 May 10 am Mass at St Vincent's, Aranda.

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.

10 May & 11 May

17 May & 18 May

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Reader	Peter Rodda Michael White	John Duck Yvonne McAdoo	Ann Cleary Elizabeth Hannan	Colleen Meadley Mary Williams	Mary Morris Janet Moyle	Lisa Harris Gerard Hogan
Senior Server	Paul Scholtens	Greg Pocock (Sacristan)	Jenny Murphy	Damien Sloane	Damien Power	Paul Scholtens
EMHC	Margaret Toye	Catharina Koopman	Karna O'Dea	Michael White	John Churchill Cathy Power	Lourdes O'Keefe Robin Taylor
Linen/Altar		Janet Moyle	Robin Taylor		Janet Moyle	Christine Ross

Hearing Aid Loop is installed in both Mass centres, St Matthew's **only** middle 2 sections turn your hearing aid to the 1 switch

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alle-
luia.

First Reading [Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52](#)

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to syna-
gogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'
It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were des-
tined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

(R.) Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**

(L.) Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**

(R.) Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Revelation 7:9, 14-17](#)

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel [John 10:27-30](#)

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

**Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Dear brothers and sisters, go to visit our sick and housebound friends with the love of the good shepherd, who feeds us with his own body, Christ Jesus our Lord.