

# St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

## South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

22-23 November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (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 Aranda
Sunday	8:30am Page
	10:00am Aranda
Samoa (4thSun)	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 Aranda

#### 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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#### PRESBYTERY

12 Chewings Street, Page  
Fr John 0418 208 129

### TO SERVE, NOT TO BE SERVED

**Today is the Solemnity of Christ the King. It marks the end of the Church's liturgical year. Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. The notion of 'Christ-the-King' can seem perplexing.** A king bespeaks pomp and circumstance, tradition, power, privilege and a certain aloofness from the everyday. It was this understanding that saw those who jeered at Jesus on the cross, with the title 'King of the Jews' attached mockingly, to come down and save himself. **However, the so-called good thief turns the tables.** He acknowledges Jesus' innocence and addresses him by name: "Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom". **He places his trust in the person of Jesus.** Unlike the misguided mockery, his is an act of faith. **And Jesus responds not with a future promise but in the present: "Today, you will be with me in Paradise".** "Here again we hear the great Lukan "today" (sounded first in the synagogue at Nazareth (4:21); later pronounced in defence of Zaccheus (19:9). "Today" transfers salvation from the remote future to the present. The essence of salvation is to not to be saved from physical death, as the mockery had suggested. It is to be "with Jesus", to accompany him on the "exodus" (Luke (9:31) to the Father now under way" (Brendan Byrne). **The good thief is therefore "our 'point of insertion' into the mystery of the One who joins us on our journey to lead us on his journey to the Father" (ibid).** Our First Reading sets the scene for the type of Jesus' kingship. David, who was anointed king of the southern kingdom of Judah and later the northern kingdom of Isreal is called to be "shepherd of my people". **In scripture the notion of 'shepherd' and 'king' are synonymous.** The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. He comes to serve, not to be served. **We see this symbolised by the jug, bowl and water in front of the altar. The disciples of Jesus 'wash feet'.** Our Second Reading reflects on how God in Christ "has brought us out of darkness into the kingdom of his beloved Son. The Church is the "beachhead" of God's design to bring all humanity to the inheritance of the saints in light" (ibid). **Again, our Readings are most apt as today in our Synodal Assembly Phil(omena) Billington will assist us to prayerfully reflect on how we might serve rather than be-served.** We are gifted by our charisms or graces of faith and our personal gifts to further the kingdom of light, love and peace in this time and place.

Fr John

## **MEN'S GROUP – Thursday 27 November 6:15 pm**

Parish Centre, Aranda.

Please RSVP to [paul.pearson@bigpond.com](mailto:paul.pearson@bigpond.com) (0412 685 582) by **COB TUESDAY 25 Nov 25**.

## **WORKING BEE Saturday 6 December 9 am St Matthew's**

- Please bring gardening tools also trailer if you are able, we need about 3 to 4 for removal of garden waste
- Jobs: Trimming bushes. weeding etc
- Please make sure to bring gloves and wear closed shoes and hat



## **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT 6 December 6:30 pm**

Stage 88, Commonwealth Park, .Bring a picnic to the free Canberra Times Carols by Candlelight supported by the Woden Valley Youth Choir, 2CA/2CC, National Capital Authority, Canberra Southern Cross Club, Eclipse Sound and Lighting, ECG Electrical, Canberra City Band and Lifeline.

## **Archdiocesan Notices**

## **ST CLEMENTS RETREAT CENTRE, GALONG 6 December**

A pilgrim site during this "Pilgrims of Hope" Jubilee year, the bus departs 7.45AM from Waramanga and returns approx. 5.30PM. Cost is \$65 per person. Registrations, full itinerary and enquiries: [westoncreek@cg.org.au](mailto:westoncreek@cg.org.au). Or register via Qkr! app (under Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish).

## **A HANDEL CELEBRATION 13 December 7:30pm**

Canberra Choral Society (CCS) annual Come and Sing event. Music by George Frideric Handel, directed by Erin Helyard, French Soprano, Myriam Arbouz, a 160-voice choir and professional orchestra.

**TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Canberra Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. For further information, phone the Canberra Office of the Tribunal on 6239 9813 or email [tribunal@cg.org.au](mailto:tribunal@cg.org.au)

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA appeals for support for communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan and across the Horn of Africa where millions of people are the victims of conflict, violence, hunger, and displacement.** Caritas Australia is supporting partners across the region to provide vital aid including emergency shelter, food and nutrition support, and access to clean water. You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/africa](http://www.caritas.org.au/africa) or phone 1800 024 413

**PLANNING TO MARRY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?** Go to the Archdiocesan marriage and family webpage (<https://cgatholic.org.au>.) for information and to choose a marriage preparation program. Email inquiries to [marriage.preparation@cg.org.au](mailto:marriage.preparation@cg.org.au) or text Helena on 0405 440 463.

**VACANCIES AT SUPPORTED INDEPENDENT HOMES:** Marymead-CatholicCare has two vacancies in their Supported Independent Living homes within the NDIS CHOICES Program, supporting and empowering people with disabilities. Call our CHOICES and Aged Care number, 6163 7647.

**VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT DINNERS:** Alternating between a presbytery and the Archbishop's House on the first Thursday of the month, the dinners, along with prayer and discussion, are for men discerning a call to the priesthood. RSVP to Vocations Director, Fr Emil, [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au).

## **Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, West Belconnen Positions Vacant – Parish Officer x 3**

On 1 January 2026 the parishes of St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood and St John the Apostle, Kippax will combine **\*Parish Officer - 6 hours per week**

Employment will commence in January 2026..Duty Statement/s please email Kippax Parish Office [kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au) or Charnwood Parish Office [charnwood@cg.org.au](mailto:charnwood@cg.org.au) Applications addressing the Selection Criteria and current CV to be sent to the Parish Priest, Fr Tru Nguyen MSC [tru.nguyen@cg.org.au](mailto:tru.nguyen@cg.org.au) by CoB 5 Dec 2025.

## **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 RENEWAL UPDATE:**

The Handout on the Parish Ministries and the Collated Responses for Question 2 are available at the Churches.

If you wish to contact me via email: [philomenabillington@gmail.com](mailto:philomenabillington@gmail.com)

I also made amendments to an error in the Collated Summary to Question 1 from last weekend

Thank you for your wonderful participation. Blessings Phil Billington

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Paul Robertson, Fr Francis Moloney SDB, Graham Richardson, Sr Monica Stallard RSM.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Elizabeth Smith, Brian Coates, Nance Wilmer, Ian Brown, Terry Williams, Fr Phil Buckley (former Page PP)

**THE SICK**

Lyn Tankey, Daryl Brohman, Steven Prowse, Jacqueline Donohue, Kathryn Anderson, Elizabeth Binetti, Anna Blackwell, Trevor Blake, John Collard, Angela Collier, Gemma Collier, Nicole Court, Maureen Dalzell, Anne Darmody, Leon Darmody, Denis Dellamarta, Shirley Dellamarta, Helen Driver, Mary East, Richard East, Ken Evenden, Joachim Exell, Tony Fuller, Fr Chris Gardiner OFM, Ivan Guevara, Denise Hampson, Pat Hannon, Madellon Harvey, Margaret Keen, Charlie King, Bob Longland, John Malycha, Sally Marchant, Paul Mowbray, Pamela Myatt, Barry Joseph O'Leary, Oscar Perez, Francis Power, Sam Ross, Pat Stakelum, Anthony Stewart, Cate Sweeney, Jennifer Webster, Angela Williams.

**LOST AND FOUND AT ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH**

**LOST:** A jewellers gift bag containing a box with a cross and also an amber bead necklace. Left at Baptism Sunday 9 November.

**FOUND:** In the collection, a key ring with engraved initials and a single key attached.

**URGENT: CHURCHCLEANING: More help is needed at St Matthew's and St Vincent's.** Many hands make light work. **If interested, please contact the Parish Office 6254 1827 or [belconnensouth@cg.org.au](mailto:belconnensouth@cg.org.au)**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 7 & 21 Dec during 10 am Mass at St Vincent's, Aranda.**

**NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS** are being received. The names of those for whom Mass will be offered are noted in the foyer of both churches. May they rest in peace to rise in Easter glory.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

It will soon be Advent and then Christmas.

You have been very generous over many years and we again seek your assistance to help those in need in our community. Your financial help enables the Aranda and Page conferences to provide Christmas hampers in our community. The need is pressing.

**We are holding the South Belconnen Parish appeal on 6 and 7 December.**

Thank you in anticipation of your support

**RCIA:** Please pray for those who have begun this journey. Should you or someone you know wish to come into full communion with the church, please contact the Parish Office or Fr John.

**22&23 November**

**29 & 30 November**

	6pm Aranda	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda	6 pm Aranda	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda
<b>Reader</b>	Lynne Foster Mary Williams	Paul Coghlan John Duck	Jenny Murphy Lourdes O'Keefe	Conor Bradley Peter Davies	Yvonne McAdoo Mary Morris	Marie Carroll Elizabeth Hannan
<b>Senior Server</b>	Damien Sloane	Kevin McInerney Sacristan	Bernie Leger	David Ross	Greg Pocock Sacristan	Paul Scholtens
<b>EMHC</b>	Margaret Sloane	Jo Duck Mary Morris	Jane Burroughs Mina Chiu	Michael White	Joan Murphy Jan Woods	Rachelle Stannard Robin Taylor
<b>Linen/Altar</b>		Janet Moyle	Maddalena Cobanov Katy Frino		Janet Moyle	Ladies of the Korean Community
<b>Cleaning Group</b>	<b>4</b>	Catherine Gilbert, Bernard Williams, Patrick Tierney				

**Hearing Aid Loop** is installed in both Mass centres, St Matthew's **only** middle 2 sections turn your hearing aid to the T switch

# LITURGY OF THE WORD Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe C

## **Entrance Antiphon**

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and divinity,  
and wisdom and strength and honour.  
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

## **First Reading** [2 Samuel 5:1-3](#)

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

**(R.)** I rejoiced when I heard them say:

'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

**(L.)** Jerusalem is built as a city  
strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord. **(R.)**

**(R.)** For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement  
of the house of David. **(R.)**

## **Second Reading** [Colossians 1:12-20](#)

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God  
and the first-born of all creation,  
for in him were created

all things in heaven and on earth:  
everything visible and everything invisible,

Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers –  
all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed,  
and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body,

he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,  
he was first to be born from the dead,  
so that he should be first in every way;  
because God wanted all perfection  
to be found in him

and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,  
everything in heaven and everything on earth,  
when he made peace  
by his death on the cross.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel** [Luke 23:35-43](#)

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'



## **Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion**

We prepare together in love to visit those of our brothers and sisters who are sick or housebound and bring them the body of our Lord. May they know that they are not alone, but an active part of the kingdom of God.