

# St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

## South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

11-12 April 2nd Sunday of Easter (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
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 Page

#### Baptisms

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

#### Weddings

By appointment

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#### PRESBYTERY

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### EASTER WITNESS

**John's Gospel is the fourth and last of the Gospels. It begins and ends with the acclamation of the status of Jesus.** The Gospel opens: *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God ... And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth” (Jn 1:1, 14).* The Gospel concludes with the acclamation of Thomas, *“My Lord and my God!”* This is followed by Jesus' response to Thomas and to us: *Jesus said to him; ‘You believe because you can see me, Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe’” (20:28-29).* **We believe on the basis of what has been handed down to us, namely, that some like Thomas have seen the risen Lord. To believe is not easy. I admire Thomas. Despite the claim of the disciples to have seen Jesus, he refuses to believe without tangible or physical proof.** And so eight days later Thomas, the realist, the pessimist and the doubter has his proof in the presence of the crucified and risen Jesus. He then makes his profound acclamation of faith. **We too need evidence consistent with what is proclaimed.** The early Church provided such witness in their prayer and communal life which attracted many converts (First Reading). Initially, as devout Jews, they attended the temple daily and also gathered for a common meal, followed by the eucharistic commemoration or ‘breaking of the bread’. In so acting they reflected an axiom of Greco-Roman society that ‘friends have all things in common’. **It was because of their friendship with Jesus under the movement of the Holy Spirit that they had a ‘communion’ (or koinonia).** This ‘communion’ was very attractive but it also drew opposition such that the Jerusalem community ‘having all things in common’ was short-lived and continued only in the Church in the monastic tradition. **However, in our time and place we need to witness by the profession, practice and ‘living out’ of our faith in the risen Lord.** We live by belief in what was and in hope of what will be, ‘the salvation of our souls’ (Second Reading). **Under God's grace, some may be drawn to profess the faith which sustains us.** ‘The rubber hits the road’ in the words of the hymn founded on St Teresa's prayer: *“Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth, but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world.”* **Like Thomas we are called to encounter –‘My Lord and my God’ - and to witness as an Easter people.**

Fr John

**For those who are not able to attend Mass:** would you like Holy Communion to be brought to you at home? Please contact the Parish Office 6254 1827 or [belconnen-south@cg.org.au](mailto:belconnen-south@cg.org.au).



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### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During 10 am Mass at St Vincent's, Aranda.  
19 April, 3 May and 17 May

### CARITAS AUSTRALIA LEBANON EMERGENCY APPEAL

Lebanon is facing one of its most severe humanitarian crises in years, as a sudden surge in violence and mass evacuation orders force families to flee with nothing. Within 24 hours, Caritas Lebanon reported 667,831 newly displaced people seeking safety. Despite the volatile environment, Caritas Lebanon teams are operating across seven governorates, delivering food, essential items, healthcare, psychosocial support, water and hygiene assistance, and protection services. Let us stand in solidarity with our partners in Lebanon. Learn more or make a donation today at [www.caritas.org.au/lebanon](http://www.caritas.org.au/lebanon)



### Archdiocesan Notices

#### ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL ARCHIVAL DISPLAY 13 - 17 April 12-2PM.

As part of the 2026 ACT Heritage Festival, the Archdiocesan Archive is hosting an exhibition of items relating to our Cathedral. In Haydon Hall, for one week commencing Sunday 12 April 12.30.

#### CANBERRA BACH ENSEMBLE 18 April 7:30 pm and 19 April 2:00 pm

The Easter Oratorio and 'Heaven laughs, Earth exults', for choir, orchestra, and soloists, directed by Andrew Koll. Joyous and festive Bach works celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus, at St Christopher's Cathedral, Franklin Street, Forrest. For more info and to purchase tickets, please visit [www.canberrabachensemble.com](http://www.canberrabachensemble.com)

#### NATIONAL ANZAC DAY MASS 7:45 am 25 April

St Christopher's Cathedral, Forest, ACT. You are requested to be at the Cathedral by 7.45am for 8.00am Mass. Mass will be celebrated at 11 am at St Matthew's, Page,

#### ST CLARE'S COLLEGE ENROLLING FOR 2027: Discover St Clare's and see her thrive.

We are also pleased to announce that **Year 7 and 8 Scholarship applications** for the 2027 intake are now officially open. Visit the website for information and registration. [stcc.act.edu.au](http://stcc.act.edu.au)

#### MERICI COLLEGE ENROLLING NOW

Visit [www.merici.college](http://www.merici.college) for all dates and information for our Open Day and enrolment events.

#### ACU BLACKFRIARS LECTURE: 5 May 5 pm

**Misinformation as a Threat to International Security:** The Cases of North Korea, Ukraine and Iran The lecture examines misinformation as an emerging threat to international security, a challenge explicitly recognised by the UN Secretary-General during the Summit of the Future (2025). In a global environment shaped by instantaneous information flows, AI-generated content, and coordinated influence operations, misinformation has become a strategic tool capable of destabilising societies, fuelling conflicts, and undermining international peace and security. For more information: [www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events](http://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events)

#### 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

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes can be returned at any Mass or to the Parish Office. Please return as soon as possible so donations can be forwarded to Caritas

### AFTER MASS

- Morning Tea after 8:30 am Mass 1st Sunday of the month St Matthew's. (5 April)
- **Cheese and bikkies after the 6pm Vigil 2nd Saturday of the month St. Matthew's. (11 April)**
- Morning Tea after 10am Mass 3rd Sunday of the month St Vincent's. (19 April)

### TIME TO TAKE STOCK – ST MATTHEW'S LIBRARY

There will be a stocktake of the Parish Library at St Matthew's in the week beginning **20<sup>th</sup> April**. Please return any items borrowed from this library by **Sunday, April 19**, unless borrowed within the last month

Many thanks.

Megan Thompson



### News from the Parish Laudato si Circle

There are many grassroots initiatives in Canberra which put into action the Laudato Si principles of social justice and care for the environment.

Why not visit **Canberra City Care** (20 Cartwright Street Charnwood) and support this busy community hub and outreach service of Life Unlimited Church. Canberra City Care assists 300 families every week through:

- ◆ **HandUp food store** - stocking a range of affordable food and everyday essentials, including fresh fruit and vegetables grown in their garden and healthy low-cost meals from the commercial kitchen,
- ◆ **ReRuns Op Shop** - selling a range of pre-loved clothing and goods at very low prices,
- ◆ **Tech shed** – selling affordable computers and technical support,
- ◆ **Financial hardship and debt management services**, and
- ◆ **Café CatchUp** - snacks, light lunches and hot and cold drinks for a gold coin donation.

For further details including operating hours and how to donate, see <https://canberracitycare.org/>.

## Prayer Requests

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Pauline Murphy, Clare Manahan, Joachim Exell, Patricia Turnbull, Ante "Tony" Markezic, Giuseppina Blasi, Fr Dermot Clinton, Judy James, Michael "John" Kain, Denis De Marco.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Percy Knight, Mary Spillane, Iris Sloane, Aniela (Angela) Sobiepanek, Madeleine Williams, Carmela Russoniello, Moya Lahiff, Rosemary Crowley.

### THE SICK

Rocco Barbaro, Aileen Barnroider, Maureen Dalzell, Ivor Thomas, Tim Lindley, Sophy Jacob, Ruth Duffy, Shirley Dellamarta, Matt Chucky, Lucas Parker, Brian Fitzgerald, Fr Michael Mullen, Pauline Zerbo, Luke Buckmaster, John Muscat, Paul Collins, Margaret Wilson, Daryl Brohman, Kathryn Anderson, Anna Blackwell, Trevor Blake, John Collard, Angela Collier, Gemma Collier, Anne Darmody, Leon Darmody, Denis Dellamarta, Mary East, Richard 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, Sam Ross, Pat Stakelum, Anthony Stewart, Cate Sweeney, Jennifer Webster, Angela Williams.

### 11 & 12 April 2026

### 18 & 19 April 2026

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<b>Reader</b>	Conor Bradley Gabrielle Jarvis	Helen Casey Paul Coghlan	Bernie Leger Anne McCarthy	Colleen Meadley Mary Patton	John Duck Yvonne McAdoo	Michael Allam Adora Calub
<b>Senior Server</b>	Damien Sloane	Kevin McInerney Sacristan	Jenny Murphy	Robyn Grubmueller	John Woods	Bernadette Leger
<b>EMHC</b>	Judi Ahern Margaret Sloane	Mary Morris Jan Woods	Mina Chiu Helen Digan	Lynne Foster Catharina Koopman	Jo Duck Jan Woods	Lourdes O'Keeffe Rachelle Stannard
<b>Linen/Altar</b>		Mary Morris			Mary Morris	
<b>Cleaning Group</b>		Bernard W, Catherine G, Patrick T	Stephen G, Grace L, Sanojee G, Anna M			

**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 2nd Sunday of Easter (A)

### **Entrance Antiphon**

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,  
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

### **First Reading** [Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47](#)

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

**(L.)** Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' **(R.)**

**(R.)** I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just. **(R.)**

**(L.)** The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

### **Second Reading** [1 Peter 1:3-9](#)

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens.

Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and

proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

### **Gospel** [John 20:19-31](#)

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book.

These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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

Bless, Lord, your ministers as they bring the great gift of your loving presence to our sick and housebound parishioners. Bless those who give and those who receive.