

# St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

## South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

18 & 19 April 3rd 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

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

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#### PRESBYTERY

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## We had hopes that he would be the one.

Perhaps the most important part of today's Gospel is the first sentence about two disciples walking to Emmaus. These disciples had been told by Jesus, 'Wait in Jerusalem' and here they are, with their backs to Jerusalem, walking out on him once again. They've given up. As they later explain to the stranger who walks with them, they 'had hoped' that Jesus would be the great saviour, but things haven't turned out how they wanted. These two men give me great heart. Like them I find myself sometimes full of 'had hopes' that don't work out. I 'had hoped' this would happen, or that! And somehow, I pinned my faith in God to these 'had hopes', so then when they don't happen it seems God has gone. Jesus explains in this journey that God's plan wasn't the same as the disciples, that in fact their 'had hopes' were unreal. Jesus' way of being the Saviour, in some mysterious way, included the event of his execution. God's plan went way beyond mere political freedom that his disciples had wanted. It is not easy to let go of 'had hopes' and to surrender what I want for what God wants, and yet this is the transformation or conversion that is needed if we are to walk within God's path. What heartens me in this story is that while disciples may walk out on Jesus, he doesn't give up on them (us). Jesus joins these two deserters and gradually in mulling things over in his presence they are able to let go their plans and turn around towards Jerusalem to rejoin the salvation story.

Sr Mary Coloe PBVM, 'Sundays Under the Southern Cross' 2005 p.21

## Archdiocesan Notices

**Project Compassion** boxes and envelopes can be returned at any Mass or to the Parish Office. Please return by **3 MAY** so donations can be forwarded to Caritas

### 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. Caritas Lebanon teams are operating across seven governorates, delivering food, essential items, healthcare, psychosocial support, water and hygiene assistance, and protection services.

Learn more or make a donation at [www.caritas.org.au/lebanon](http://www.caritas.org.au/lebanon)



### MIDDLE EAST EMERGENCY APPEAL – Aid to the Church in Need

Aid to the Church in Need is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East. Your help will provide emergency food packages, support parishes sheltering displaced families, keep schools running, and supply vital medical and pastoral care.

To learn more or give today, please scan the QR code or visit [www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal](http://www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal)



### Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities!

Join Palms International Volunteering for two special sessions where you'll learn about our [diverse assignments](#) suited to your qualifications. In April meet past Palms volunteers and discover how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact, or join our May session for a live crossing to Timor Leste Scan below or see [palms.org.au/events](http://palms.org.au/events)

**April Session: Discover Palms Online!** Scan this QR-

**Date:** Thursday 30 April 2026 **Time:** 7 pm – 8:30 pm AEST

**May Session: Live from Timor Leste!** Scan here-

**Date:** Thursday 21 May 2026 **Time:** 4 pm – 5:30 pm AEST

**02 9560 5333** [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)



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

St Christopher's Cathedral, Forest. You are requested to be at the Cathedral by 7.45am for 8.00am Mass. **Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon at St Matthew's, Page.**

### ST CLARE'S & MERICI COLLEGE ENROLLING FOR 2027:

St Clare's is also pleased to announce that **Year 7 and 8 Scholarship applications** for the 2027 intake are now open. Information and registration at [stcc.act.edu.au](http://stcc.act.edu.au) Visit [www.merici.college](http://www.merici.college) for all dates and information for Merici Open Day and enrolment events.

### ACU BLACKFRIARS LECTURE: 5 May 5 pm

**Misinformation as a Threat to International Security:** The lecture examines misinformation as an emerging threat to international security. AI-generated content, and coordinated influence operations, misinformation have become a strategic tool. Information: [www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events](http://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events)

**PROPHETIC INTERCESSION TRAINING with Cyril John.** Head of the CHARIS Intercession Commission, **Wednesday 13 May** 6pm-9pm at St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla and **Thursday 14 May** from 8:30am-4pm and 6pm-9pm at Mary Help of Christians Parish, Pearce ACT. Evening sessions are free; the daytime cost \$20 (pay at the door) with lunch provided. Register at <https://shorturl.at/Yx8uV>. Information Susanna 0419 902 293.

### 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).

**YOUNG ADULTS:** Parishioners and friends aged 18-30 are invited to an informal gathering in the **Orana Centre (across from St Vincent's Church), 7:00pm, Tuesday, 5 May** to discuss the possibility of a young adults social and faith formation group. **'Not too heavy, not too lite/light!'** All welcome. Inquiries and suggestions to Fr John.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Claire Bickmore, Michael Higgins, Gunter Graf, Karen Cook, Pauline Murphy, Clare Manahan, Joachim Exell, Patricia Turnbull, Ante "Tony" Markezic, Giuseppina Blasi, Fr Dermot Clinton, Judy James

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Jeffrey Mc Dermott, Joseph and Linda Balthazaar Terry Stewart, Percy Knight, Mary Spillane, Iris Sloane, Aniela (Angela) Sobiepanek, Madeleine Williams, Carmela Russoniello, Moya Lahiff.

**THE SICK**

Emily Robinson, Victor Anderson, Maureen Dalzell, Ivor Thomas, Tim Lindley, Sophy Jacob, Shirley Dellamarta, Matt Chunky, Lucas Parker, Brian Fitzgerald, Fr Michael Mullen, Pauline Zerbo, Luke Buckmaster, John Muscat, 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.

**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)**

**Parish Financial Report for March 2026**

	Actual	Planned	Variance	
	3 mth to	3 mth to	against	
	31/03/2026	31/03/2026	Plan	
	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Direct Giving</b>	52,162	45,996	6,166	over budget
(Planned Giving and 2nd collection for administration of the Parish)				
<b>Parish Income &amp; Expenditure Statement</b>				
Income *	57,857	57,013	844	on budget
Expenditure	34,203	48,585	14,382	under budget
Surplus/(Deficit)	23,654	8,428	15,226	
* Income = Direct Giving and other income				

Your ongoing financial support of the Parish and Clergy is required and greatly appreciated. Contact the Parish Office on [belconnensouth@cg.org.au](mailto:belconnensouth@cg.org.au) for details on how to contribute to the Clergy (first collection) and Parish (Planned Giving and second collection).

**MEN'S GROUP Thu 30 APRIL 6:15pm**

Parish Centre, Aranda.

RSVP [paul.pearson@bigpond.com](mailto:paul.pearson@bigpond.com) (0412 685 582) by **COB Tuesday 28 APRIL 26.**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY 19 April**

During 10 am Mass at St Vincent's, Aranda.

Also 3 May & 17 May

**11 & 12 April 2026**

**25 & 26 April 2026**

	6 pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda	6 pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda
<b>Reader</b>	Colleen Meadley Mary Patton	John Duck Yvonne McAdoo	Michael Allam Adora Calub	Michael White Mary Williams	Helen Casey Mary Morris	Marie Carroll Mina Chiu
<b>Senior Server</b>	Robyn Grubmueller	John Woods	Bernadette Leger	Paul Scholtens	Dennis Morris Sacristan	Jenny Murphy
<b>EMHC</b>	Lynne Foster Catharina Koopman	Jo Duck Jan Woods	Lourdes O'Keeffe Rachelle Stannard	Dorothy Lalor Colleen Meadley	Carmel Brady John Duck	Jane Burroughs Robin Taylor
<b>Linen/Altar</b>		Mary Morris			Mary Morris	
<b>Cleaning Group</b>				Helen C, Eddie W, John & Millie McK, Gillian L		Betty J, Jenson VL, Nea J

**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 3rd Sunday of Easter (A)

### **Entrance Antiphon**

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

### **First Reading** [Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades. On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,  
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.

So my heart was glad  
and my tongue cried out with joy:  
my body, too, will rest in the hope  
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades  
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.

You have made known the way of life to me,  
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.**

**(R.)** Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.' **(R.)**

**(L.)** I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:

since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**

**(R.)** And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**

**(L.)** You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,

at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R.)**

### **Second Reading** [1 Peter 1:17-21](#)

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver

nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel** [Luke 24:13-35](#)

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

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

May you carry Christ to his people, that he may never be seen as a stranger by those whom he loves.