

# St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

## South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

17-18 January 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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

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### BAPTISM – HEAD, HEART AND HANDS

**Ordinary Time began last Sunday. We celebrated the Baptism of the Lord. We continue to reflect on the significance of the Lord's baptism and our own. In response to discussion in the early Church, today's Gospel makes clear that Jesus is the superior to John in the order of salvation (Jn 1:29-34).** John baptises with water in preparation for reception of baptism with the Holy Spirit which Jesus will impart. Fast forward and John's Gospel manifests this as Jesus expires on the cross. *“In the person of his Mother and the Beloved Disciple, the Church comes to birth at this moment through the gift of the Spirit and then in the hint of the sacraments (Baptism and Eucharist) in the flow of water and blood from his pierced side (19:33-34)”* (Brendan Byrne). Further, when the Risen Lord imparts power to his followers to forgive sin, we see the fulfilment of John's claim that Jesus is 'the Lamb, that takes away the sin of the world' (1:29; cf. v 36). Our First Reading is again from Isaiah (49:3, 5-6). Read through a Christian prism, Isaiah portrays Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah of the Chosen People and Saviour of the world. **The movement is from some to all. The mission of the Church, into which we are called by virtue of our baptism, is outward to all.** In our Second Reading to the Church in Corinth, a bustling centre of seaside commerce, Paul reminds them that they *“are not simply part of the worldwide church. They are the church (literally, ‘assembly’) of God in Corinth. In that city, renowned among other things for its immorality, they are to fulfil Israel's ancient destiny to be a ‘light for the nations’”* (ibid). So too by our baptism and communion via the Archbishop and with and all other local churches, we are to be a 'light for the nations' in Belconnen. **This is a matter of head, heart and hands. It is about using our gifts in this time and place.** **Mary Coloe PBVM comments:** *“Considering John and Jesus leads me to think about the importance our world places on competition ... If we get trapped into this framework, we end up measuring ourselves against others, as if they provided the standard ... John's integrity lies within, and in knowing his role in life, which was to bear witness to Jesus, not to take over Jesus' role. My ultimate peace and happiness lies in living my life, not the life of someone else; ... This can sound easy, but it takes a lifetime of seeking self and seeking God, rather than seeking the world. ... The integrity of a person like John invites me yet again to see what I am truly seeking.”* **We get one shot at living our baptism in this community, time and place. How is it for you?**

Fr John

## **DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER**

### **Devotion and Prayers**

Monday 10 am St Vincent's , Aranda.

### **Ignatian Spirituality**

2nd Monday 7:30pm Orana Centre, Aranda OR 2nd  
Wednesday 11 am, Orana Centre, Aranda.

### **Christian Meditation**

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at the Orana Centre - 6 pm For information please call 0414278774

### **Centring Prayer**

2nd & 4th Wednesday of month 7.30pm Marian Hall, Page

### **Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests**

Thursday after 9:30am Mass, Aranda

### **Save the Date - Cursillo Weekend**

Save the date: Fri 17 – Sun 19 April, St Clement's, Galong.  
Contact [michaelderaadt@gmail.com](mailto:michaelderaadt@gmail.com)  
Info and registration: <https://tinyurl.com/cursillo2026>



## ***Archdiocesan Notices***

### **MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT—MINISTRY TO THE NEWLY MARRIED 21 January (Closing Date)**

About to be married or recently married? Then this may be for you! Ministry to the Newly Married (MNM) is a mentoring program for couples who have married in the last 2 years or about to be married in the next 6 months. This unique program aims to foster the development of relationship skills and supports living the sacrament of marriage. Closing date for registrations for the 2026 program is 21 January 2026. Enquiries: Contact Ralph & Angela on 0401 994 081 OR Helena on 0405 440 463

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA** appeals for support for vulnerable communities across Africa. Conflict, violence, hunger, and displacement are tearing communities apart. In places like the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan and across the Horn of Africa, the situation is critical. Caritas Australia is supporting partners across the region to provide vital aid including emergency shelter, food and nutrition support, and access to clean water. Your support is urgently needed. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Africa Crisis Appeal. You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/africa](http://www.caritas.org.au/africa) or phone 1800 024 413

**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)

**PLANNING TO MARRY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?** Go to the Archdiocesan marriage and family webpage (<https://cgcatholic.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:** At Marymead CatholicCare, there are currently vacancies in two of our residential Supported Independent Living homes within the NDIS CHOICES Program, supporting and empowering people with disabilities, including: a modern home in Kambah for supported independent living, sharing with two friendly, mature individuals; and Dorothy Sales Cottages in Hughes specifically designed for individuals with acquired brain injury. Contact our CHOICES and Aged Care number at 6163 7647.

**Vocations Discernment Dinners** - alternating between a presbytery and the Archbishop's House First Thursday of the month. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A meal provided with discussions & prayer. To RSVP please contact vocations director Fr Emil [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au).

### **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).

The Prime Minister has called a '**National Day of Mourning**' for next **Thursday 22 January 2026**. All Australian flags will be flown at half-mast on Commonwealth buildings.

**MEN'S GROUP Thursday 29 January 2026 6:15 PM**  
The Parish Centre, Aranda.  
Please RSVP to [paul.pearson@bigpond.com](mailto:paul.pearson@bigpond.com) (0412 685 582) by **COB Tue 27 Jan 26**.

**JANUARY 2026**

Please note that there will be no Children's Liturgy or Morning tea/cheese and bikkies during January

**PARISH KEY-Audit**

Have you finished a ministry but still have a parish key/s? Have you handed your key/s to another parishioner but not informed the office? It is vitally important that ALL unused keys are returned to the Parish Office: 7 Bindel Street, Aranda or contact [belconnensouth@cg.org.au](mailto:belconnensouth@cg.org.au) or 6254 1827

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Elizabeth Binetti, Carmen Johnson, Fr Frank Fuchs, PP Aranda (2007-2013), Victims of Swiss fire, Sr Rita Fitt SGS.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Everard Willis, Paul Roberts, Bob Laracy, Noel Isaac Cristobal, Brian Fitzgerald.

**THE SICK**

Paul Mowbray, Lucas Parker, Brian Fitzgerald, Fr Michael Mullen, Pauline Zerbo, Luke Buckmaster, John Muscat, Paul Collins, Sally Pickering, Margaret Wilson, Daryl Brohman, Jacqueline Donohue, Kathryn Anderson, Anna Blackwell, Trevor Blake, John Collard, Angela Collier, Gemma Collier, Nicole Court, Maureen Dalzell, Anne Darmody, Leon Darmody, Denis Dellamarta, 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, Pamela Myatt, Barry Joseph O'Leary, Oscar Perez, Francis Power, Sam Ross, Pat Stakelum, Anthony Stewart, Cate Sweeney, Jennifer Webster, Angela Williams.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

As you can see the request for prayers is very long and some people may no longer need to be on the list as they are now healed. **Please let the office know if there is anyone who can be taken off the list.** [belconnensouth@cg.org.au](mailto:belconnensouth@cg.org.au) or 6254 1827  
Thank you to those who have contacted the office.

**PARISH LIBRARY NEWS**

The following items are now available for loan at the **St Matthew's branch**:

- Polakovic, Terry: **Women of hope: doctors of the Church** 2021 [Biography]
  - Rolheiser, Rolheiser: **Chastity and the soul: you are holy ground** 2024 [Spirituality]
  - O'Shea, Bill: **Vatican II made simple** 2005 [Church History and Archaeology]
  - Radcliffe, Timothy: **Surprised by hope: further meditations on synodality** 2025 {Church and Catholic Faith}
- Reminder** – Please fill in the borrowing sheet and return items as soon as you have finished (preferably within a month) so others can use them



	17 & 18 January 2026			24 & 25 January 2026		
	6pm Aranda	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda	6 pm Aranda	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda
<b>Reader</b>	Conor Bradley Lynne Foster	Janet Moyle Christina Rowe	Anne McCarthy Margaret O'Conor	Geraldine Lillingston Colleen Meadley	Paul Cogan John Duck	Ann Cleary Lourdes O'Keefe
<b>Senior Server</b>	Robyn Grubmueller	John Woods	Jenny Murphy	Damien Sloane	Dennis Morris Sacristan	Bernie Leger
<b>EMHC</b>	Margaret Toyne	Joan Murphy Jan Woods	Annette Charge Helen Digan	Margaret Sloane Mary Williams	Kevin McInerney Mary Morris	Mina Chiu Robin Taylor
<b>Linen/Altar</b>		Margaret Sloane	Maddalena Cobanov Katy Frino		Margaret Sloane	Ladies of the Korean Community
<b>Cleaning Group</b>	<b>3</b>	Caroline Weller, John Duck, Edward Mimar				

**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 in Ordinary Time (A)

### **Entrance Antiphon**

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

### **First Reading** [Isaiah 49:3. 5-6](#)

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel,  
in whom I shall be glorified';  
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,  
my God was my strength.  
And now the Lord has spoken,  
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
to gather Israel to him:  
'It is not enough for you to be my servant,  
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the  
survivors of Israel;  
I will make you the light of the nations  
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the  
earth.'

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**(R.) Here I am, Lord;**

**I come to do your will.**

**(L.)** I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God. **(R.)**

**(R.)** You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I. **(R.)**

**(L.)** In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**

**(R.)** Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;

you know it, O Lord. **(R.)**

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

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together  
with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the  
church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Je-  
sus Christ, who are called to take their place among  
all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Je-  
sus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours.  
May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send  
you grace and peace.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among  
us.

He enabled those who accepted him  
to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel** [John 1:29-34](#)

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look,  
there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of  
the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A  
man is coming after me who ranks before me be-  
cause he existed before me. I did not know him my-  
self, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I  
came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I  
saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven  
like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him  
myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water  
had said to me, "The man on whom you see the  
Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going  
to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen  
and I am the witness that he is the  
Chosen One of God.'



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

Brothers and sisters, you are commissioned to carry the  
one whom the Baptist proclaimed to our sisters and  
brothers who cannot be here. May they be filled with  
the knowledge of God's love for them.