

St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

13 & 14 June | 1st Sunday in Ordinary Time (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 (4th Sun)	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 2nd and 4th Sundays

Weddings

By appointment

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LABOURERS AND PROPHETS

“How are you?” A question often put to us. One responds honestly or perhaps in a measured way depending on who the inquirer is. Today's Readings reflect on another question: **“Who are you?”** In response it is customary to first offer our name. On reflection, other responses might canvass our occupation, nationality, sexuality, marital status and even what football team we are a supporter of. Go the Green Machine! Of course, these indicators are qualified by our time and place. So too in the time of Jesus. He had come to restore the fortunes of Israel. And so, his twelve disciples (symbolic of a restored Israel) are to go only *“to the lost sheep of the House of Israel”*. Later, as the Church engaged with Gentiles, their mission is to *“make disciples of all nations”*. **But who are his disciples and what are they to do? Well, they are varied individuals like us. The backstory of most is unknown. In time, so too with all of us. However, we do know that are called to be a holy people, set aside for worship and to be a mediator or channel of the riches of God.** As Jesus summarised it, they are to love God and to love their neighbour. However, this is not just notional. They are to have ‘skin in the game’. **Today's Gospel begins with Jesus having “compassion for the crowds, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd”.** **This is how humanity appears to Jesus in Matthew's Gospel.** *“His entire ministry is focussed upon addressing and remedying this situation. This is the “harvest” for which “labourers” are required”* (Brendan Byrne SJ). So too for us today. Sr Mary Coloe PBVM cuts to the point: *“We certainly do need labourers to speak and to live out Gospel values of hope, generosity, kindness and respect for self and others. But when you pray for labourers, do look into the mirror and see yourself”*. Of course, we labour ‘in Christ’, confident of God's abiding love. **“This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities. We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realising that. This enable us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own”** (an extract from the prayer of Bishop Ken Untener drafted for the November 1979 homily of Cardinal John Dearden for departed priests).

Fr John

PARISH YOUTH MINISTERS: I am pleased to announce that **GRACE HAWKE** and **NELSON STANNARD** have been appointed Parish Youth Ministers under the auspices of the Archdiocesan Youth Ministry programme. They will work on a part-time paid basis. Grace is a recent arrival to the parish and is in teacher training at UC. Nelson graduated as a Civil Engineer last year and his family are well known in the parish. Their appointment follows the call from our Parish Assembly late last year for more engagement with younger parishioners. Nelson and Grace will be hosting a gathering for **Years 7-12 High School students, 7:00pm, Saturday, 20 June, Marian Hall, Page (following the 6:00pm Vigil Mass)** and for **Years 3-6 Primary School students, 9:30am, Sunday, 12 July, Marian Hall, Page (following the 8:30am Mass)**. Spread the word. Please pray for the endeavours of Nelson and Grace.

Fr John

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Archdiocesan Notices

Did You Know? One in Seven Christians Worldwide Experiences Persecution

An estimated one in seven Christians worldwide experiences persecution or discrimination because of their faith.

In countries including Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Pakistan and China, Christians can face imprisonment, violence, or pressure to abandon their faith simply because they follow Christ.

Yet despite persecution, countless Christians continue to gather for Mass and practise their faith with remarkable courage - even when doing so may place their freedom or lives at risk.

These Christians are not strangers to us. They are our brothers and sisters in Christ, and we are called to stand with them in prayer and solidarity.

Through Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), discover their stories and be inspired by the courage of Mathieu and Pauline, catechists from Burkina Faso who were kidnapped for their faith.

Read their remarkable story by scanning the QR code, or visit aidtochurch.org/bulletin



MEN'S VOCATION DISCERNMENT SILENT RETREAT 19 -20 June 6pm

St Clement's Galong NSW. One day of insightful input within a retreat centre of noted deep spiritual ambience. RSVP Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.

GARAGE AND PLANT SALE 20 June 09:00 am - 1 pm

Come along and explore a fantastic range of items, including high-quality plants, bric-a-brac, toys, clothing, craft items, homewares, handbags, jewellery, shoes and accessories.

Marymead CatholicCare, 255 Goyder Street, Narrabundah

CENACLE Institute for Synodal Evangelisation second Formation Forum, "Who is God?" 25 June 2026 5 pm

This Forum offers an opportunity to reflect on the identity and nature of God as we explore the Christian understanding of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Through interviews and personal stories, the evening will explore what it means to move beyond simply knowing about God to discovering and developing a relationship with Him.

Place: Veritas Building, Australian Catholic University. Online offering is available for those outside Canberra.

Free. Registration required: bit.ly/formation-forum-god

Livestream link will be provided upon registration. For more information, please email: institute@cg.org.au.

LIVING IN THE DIVINE WILL RETREAT Friday 5pm 3 July - Sunday 5 July

St Clement's Conference Centre Galong NSW. Lead by Frs Emil Milat and Marco Killingsworth. The talks focus on how various saints and mystics draw us to live in the Holiness of God. Contact Fr Emil: emil.milat@cg.org.au

INSTAGRACE 17-19 July

A three-day Catholic residential program organised by Jesus Youth Canberra for teenagers aged 13 to 17. It helps young people grow in self-understanding and develop a personal relationship with Jesus through talks, music, and life testimonies.

Venue: Outward Bound Australia, Naas Road, Tharwa, ACT

Date & Time: Friday, 17 July 2026 (9:00 am) to Sunday, 19 July 2026 (4:00 pm)

Registration Fee: \$290

Registration Closes: 12 July 2026. Register via the [link](#) or contact Jerin Niju on 0469 738 253.

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 ips@cg.org.au.

Parish News

Prayer Requests

HELP is needed at St Vincent's with the following :

- Communion in the Home
- Sacristy Laundry

Please contact Jenny for details if you feel you could help jennymurphys@icloud.com or 0437 034 148

AFTER MASS

- Morning Tea after 8:30 am Mass 1st Sunday of the month St Matthew's.
- Cheese and bikkies after the 6pm Vigil 2nd Saturday of the month St. Matthew's. **(13 June)**
- Morning Tea after 10am Mass 3rd Sunday of the month St Vincent's. (21 June)

MEN'S GROUP – Thursday 25 JUNE 6:15 pm

Parish Centre, Aranda.

RSVP paul.pearson@bigpond.com (0412 685 582) by **COB**

Tuesday 23 JUNE 26.

VINNIES CEO SLEEP OUT Every night, thousands of Australians experience homelessness. But it doesn't have to be that way. This year, **Lisa Harris - Parishioner and Principal of one of our Archdiocesan Schools**, is taking part in the Vinnies CEO Sleepout to raise money for the St Vincent de Paul Society to support Australians in need. On Thursday June 18, she will be sleeping outside as part of an eye-opening experience to raise awareness and bring home the realities of homelessness.

To support Lisa's cause go to this link: <https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/lisaharris/act>

RECENTLY DECEASED

Katie Babic, Tarian Dixon, Emily Robinson, Elizabeth Basevi, Anne Walsh, Neale Daniher, Brian Connolly, Karen Nixon, Victor Anderson.

ANNIVERSARIES

Ken Hill, Bernard Finnerty, Andrew Francis Dennis, Shaun Walls, Ellen Woods, Agatha Tang.

THE SICK

Fr Brian Egan, Rudi Grcman, Patricia Walker, Sharon Chisholm, Maureen Dalzell, Ivor Thomas, Tim Lindley, Sophy Jacob, Shirley Dellamarta, Matt Chucky, Lucas Parker, Brian Fitzgerald, Fr Michael Mullen, Pauline Zerbo, Luke Buckmaster, John Muscat, Kathryn Anderson, John Collard, Angela Collier, Gemma Collier, Anne Darmody, Leon Darmody, 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.

PARISH LIBRARY NEWS

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

- ♦ Barry, William A: **A friendship like no other: experiencing God's amazing embrace** 2008 [Spirituality]
- ♦ Johnson, Elizabeth: **Abounding in kindness: writings for the People of God** 2015 [Theology]
- ♦ Cowan, James: **Francis: a saint's way** 2001 [Biography - Saints]
- ♦ Beckett, Wendy: **Sister Wendy's book of meditations** 1998 [Prayer]

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

SAVE THE DATE – St Vincent's School Trivia & Games Night! Friday, 7 August 2026, 7:00pm.

Mark your calendars and gather your friends for a fun-filled evening at the **St Vincent's School Trivia and Games Night!** It promises to be a wonderful night of laughter, friendly competition, and community spirit for all to enjoy.

More details to come soon — stay tuned!

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Reader	Geraldine Lillingston Peter Rodda	Mary Morris Christina Rowe	Ann Cleary Lisa Harris	Colleen Meadley Michael White	Paul Coghlan Yvonne McAdoo	Conor Bradley Adora Caleb
Senior Server	Robyn Grubmueller	John Woods	Jenny Murphy Sacristan	Robyn Grubmueller	Greg Pocock	Bernadette Leger
EMHC	Lea Bewick Catharina Koopman	Carmel Brady Jan Woods	Mina Chiu Helen Digan	Dorothy Lalor Geraldine Lillingston	Shaun Cheah Joan Murphy	Lourdes O'Keefe Rachelle Stannard
Linen/Altar		Ann Tierney			Ann Tierney	
Cleaning Group				Helen C, Eddie W, John & Millie McK Gillian L		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

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.

Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

First Reading [Exodus 19:2-6](#)

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

Responsorial Psalm

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

(R.) Cry 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 [Romans 5:6-11](#)

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;

repent and believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

Gospel [Matthew 9:36 – 10:8](#)

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

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Matthew 10:1

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion

We pray that our sick and housebound brothers and sisters may receive this gift of their Lord with joy and openness of heart.