

# St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

## South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

28 February-1 March 2nd Sunday of Lent (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

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#### PRESBYTERY

12 Chewings Street, Page  
Fr John 0418 208 129

### This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.

This episode in the Gospel records a major change in the direction of Jesus' life. It is the second vocation story. Up until now Jesus has been involved in a ministry in Galilee, where he has generally been accepted. But there comes a time when he leaves Galilee and sets out for Jerusalem. The Transfiguration comes at this time.

Moses and Elijah are two of Israel's great prophets who experienced the close presence of God at a time in their lives when they were called to take a difficult path. Moses was to lead the children of Israel through the wilderness to the land of Canaan. Elijah was called to denounce the current king and anoint another, and this will cause great turmoil. Both men were afraid and wanted to escape from their tasks; but both received strength from God to continue.

In its symbols of high mountains, clouds, light, Moses and Elijah, the evangelist presents this as a time when Jesus seeks and receives assurance from God. The journey south to Jerusalem will lead him into conflict with the Jewish and Roman authorities. If he had stayed in Galilee, he might have lived much longer. To go to Jerusalem means certain death. Common sense tells him this. On the Mount of Transfiguration, he prays for strength and guidance to take this journey.

*When we struggle with our decisions, when we feel afraid and weak, may we too seek and know the comforting presence of God.*

Sr Mary Coloe PBVM, 'Sundays Under the Southern Cross' 2005 p.14

**FR MICK MULLEN.** His nephew Shannon notes: "Mick's rehab is going well. He's walking around daily and doing gym work. His alertness improves a bit each day. He is aware of world events and also that he's been in care now for too long (!) The religious and philosophical conversations are flowing well again. The main concern is his eyesight which is not returning much past its current level ..." The latter will be reassessed soon. Meanwhile, Fr Mick is supported by family and friends visits and the prayers of many.

### AFTER MASS

- **Morning Tea after 8:30 am Mass 1st Sunday of the month St Matthew's. (1st March)**
- Cheese and bikkies after the 6pm Vigil 2nd Saturday of the month St. Vincent's. (7th March)
- Morning Tea after 10am Mass 3rd Sunday of the month St Vincent's. (15 March)

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

Commitment Masses

Weekend: 7 & 8 March 2026

Weekend: 21 & 22 March, 2026

## Archdiocesan Notices

**"I AM CATHOLIC"** Card has been developed by the Knights of the Southern Cross (KSC) in case you are in hospital or involved in an accident and would like a priest's visit. The card is FREE to adult parishioners and senior college students (Yrs 11 and 12) and funded by your local KSC Branch. If you would like a card, please contact Bob Perkins at [perkins.family@aapt.net.au](mailto:perkins.family@aapt.net.au) with your name, phone number and the number of cards required. The card must be ordered and will not be just left in the church foyer.

### WATAC launches 2026 *Sacred Conversations* series with a call to Peace Tuesday 3 March at 7:30 pm (AEDT)

Women and the Australian Church (WATAC) will continue its 2025–26 *Sacred Conversations* series with an online reflective seminar exploring the theme of **Peace**.

#### Event Details

- **Title:** *Sacred Conversations 2025-26 – Finding Peace in an Unjust World*
- **Speaker:** Beth Doherty
- **Date:** Tuesday 3 March 2026
- **Time:** 7:30 pm (AEDT)

**Format:** Zoom reflective seminar

Registration is essential. [www.watasc.net.au](http://www.watasc.net.au)

**FR LAWRENCE FREEMAN OSB**, Benedictine and Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation (see the 7 February 'Tablet' foyer article 'An Education of the Heart') will speak at 2 Canberra gatherings:

- **MEETING CHRIST IN OUR DEEPEST NEED 10 March 7.00–8.30pm**

Marist College Canberra invite you to an Evening of Dialogue with Fr Laurence Freeman OSB.

Venue: Marist College Canberra Registration: <https://events.maristc.act.edu.au/eveningofdialogue2026>

- **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION 11 March 4–5pm**  
St Christophers Cathedral, Franklin Street, Forrest

### BEHOLD & RESOUND—LITURGY AND MUSIC WORKSHOP 14 March 10:00am–3:30pm

St John Vianney Church, Waramanga. Register by 10 March at [cgevangelisation.org.au/bar](http://cgevangelisation.org.au/bar) This gathering will explore different ways the church invites us to pray. Come find out what helps or hinders meaningful worship, and the call to active participation, revealing how liturgy doesn't just shape personal faith but also builds community, and renews parish life.

### CANBERRA CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT 29 March 5:00pm

As part of the UPSTAGEING CANBERRA festival, Canberra Choral Society presents 'Our Stories'.

Ticket bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/ccs-our-stories>

#### 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).

**Deacon Joe's Farewell 15 March**

Please join Deacon Joe at the Orana centre, Aranda, after the 10am Mass on Sunday 15 March to reminisce and thank him for over 20 years' service in the Parish.

Could parishioners please bring a plate (e.g. cake, slice or biscuits) to share. Please ensure that all ingredients are clearly labelled and label your plate if you want it returned.

Tea/coffee and a sausage sandwich will be available.

If you need transport assistance on the day, please contact Jacinta at the Parish Office by Wednesday 11 March.

A card will be available at both Churches over coming weeks, so you can leave a message to Deacon Joe.

A cash retiring collection for Deacon Joe is being held on the week-ends leading up to the farewell.

If you have any suggestions or questions please contact Bernard Williams

bernardwilliams@bigpond.com

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

John Bryan, Alex Mahl, Keiron Hart, Lorna Barnett (Carmel Brady's mother), Jesse Jackson, Canadian Shooting Victims.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Sean Reiher, Percy Knight, Penny Durick.

**THE SICK**

Ruth Duffy, Denis De Marco, Shirley Dellamarta, Matt Chucky, 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, 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, Pamela Myatt, Barry Joseph O'Leary, Oscar Perez, Francis Power, Sam Ross, Pat Stakelum, Anthony Stewart, Cate Sweeney, Jennifer Webster, Angela Williams.



**Project Compassion** How it helps.....

\$25 can go towards basic hygiene kits in Tanzania or \$100 can support start-up livelihood opportunities for people with disabilities in Fiji



During Lent the parish **Laudato si' Circle** invite you to consider the ideas in the **2026 Care for Creation Lenten Calendar**

Limited copies available in the foyer

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY 1 March**

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

**REGIONAL SECOND RITE (Belconnen Parishes)**

6 pm Tuesday 31 March at St Vincent's Aranda.

**BABYSITTER**

We are seeking a babysitter for regular Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Please call Veronica on 0401042876

**28 February & 1 March 2026**

**7 & 8 March 2026**

	6pm Aranda	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda	6 pm Aranda	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda
<b>Reader</b>	Gabrielle Jarvis Geraldine Lillingston	Mary Morris Janet Moyle	Jenny Murphy Lourdes O'Keefe	Bernadette Leger Colleen Meadley	Mario Monterio Christina Rowe	Michael Allam Adora Calub
<b>Senior Server</b>	Damien Sloane	Damien Power	Bernadette Leger	Robyn Grubmueller	Greg Pocock Sacristan	Paul Scholtens
<b>EMHC</b>	Margaret Sloane	Carmel Brady Catherine Power	Jane Burroughs Robin Taylor	Margaret Toye	Joan Murphy	Mina Chiu
<b>Linen/Altar</b>		Yvonne McAdoo	Maddalena Cobanov Katy Frino		Yvonne McAdoo	Ladies of the Korean Community
<b>Cleaning Group</b>	Paul P, David R, Mary W, Bill P	Marcelo & Mariana Pereira, Brendan Gibson				

**Hearing Aid Loop** is installed in both Mass centres, St Matthew's **only** middle 2 sections turn your hearing aid to the 1 switch

## LITURGY OF THE WORD 2nd Sunday of Lent (A)

### **Entrance Antiphon**

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.

### **First Reading** [Genesis 12:1-4](#)

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.**

**(R.)** The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**

**(L.)** The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

**(R.)** Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

### **Second Reading** [2 Timothy 1:8-10](#)

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of

time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### **Gospel** [Matthew 17:1-9](#)

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



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

Dear friends, as you bring the body of the Lord to our sick and housebound brothers and sisters, reassure them of our solidarity and that we keep them in our hearts and in our prayers.