

# St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

## South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

23 & 24 May Pentecost Sunday (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

### THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

“Jesus’ mission had been to reveal God’s love for the world and to overcome the power of evil that held people back from believing and accepting this great gift of love. The disciples are similarly empowered. They are given authority from Jesus to announce the forgiveness of sin. No longer are people to be held back from God by fear and guilt.

In today’s Gospel the evangelist shows this power already operating in the extraordinary change that happens to the disciples. They are locked in on themselves, afraid, possibly reliving their failures over recent days. Then suddenly the Risen One is present. All fear and failure is immediately banished and replaced by joy and peace. May the power of God’s Spirit inflame our hearts with Easter gifts of peace and joy.

*Come Bird of Paradise,*

*hover anew over this time, this place.*

*Spread your brooding wings afar to gather the lost.*

*Blaze with your incandescent light in hearts trapped by fear.*

*Dispel the clouds of despair*

*And breathe*

*Breathe into our dried up hopes your cosmic breath of life.*

*Come gracious breath of Love,*

*Play your subtle melodies in our hearts.*

*Attune our ears to your vibrant stirrings*

*to catch your rhythm and harmony pulsing in our lives.*

*Draw us from our solitary notes*

*into the symphony of your Triune life. Speak in tongues that we may hear the Word reborn.*

*And sing-*

*Sing through every fibre of our being. Abba, Father.”*

Sr Mary Coloe PBVM, ‘Sundays Under the Southern Cross’ 2005 p.29-30

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#### PRESBYTERY

12 Chewings Street, Page  
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**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>

**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!**

## Archdiocesan Notices

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED -Pray for Persecuted Christians in Nigeria**

Christians in Nigeria continue to suffer greatly for their faith, yet many persevere with deep trust in Christ and devotion to Our Lady. *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with John, a Catholic farmer in Nigeria, in praying a decade of the Rosary this week for persecuted Christians and all who suffer for their faith.

**Watch John's moving testimony** and **download a free Red Rosary Prayer Card** to unite your prayers with the suffering Church throughout the world.

Scan the QR code or visit [www.rebrand.ly/RedRosary26](http://www.rebrand.ly/RedRosary26)



CATHOLIC  
THEOLOGICAL  
COLLEGE



Catholic Theological College

**Online Information Session**

Explore Philosophy, Theology, and Ministry-related courses

**Monday 15 June at 7pm (AEST)**

Register via our website: [ctc.edu.au/information-session](http://ctc.edu.au/information-session)

For more information contact: [Dr Maureen Saclot, Registrar](mailto:Dr.Maureen.Saclot@ctc.edu.au)

**FLAME NIGHT 30th May 6pm.**

Young Women aged 18-35 come and celebrate Pentecost with pizza, praise and a bonfire with the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters. For more info & to register, scan the QR code.



**WOMEN'S VOCATION DISCERNMENT DINNER 4 June 6:00 pm**

For women between the ages of 20 and 40 interested in discerning a call to religious life. Kate Cleary present on the mission at *The Farm in Galong*. A meal provided. RSVP: Kate 0404 112 428 or Fr Emil [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au) 0414 523 036.

**MEN'S VOCATION DISCERNMENT DINNER 11 June 6:00 pm**

Archbishops House. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. RSVP Vocations Director Fr Emil [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au) 0414 523 036.



**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](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).



**CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASSES**

23/24 May or 13/14 June

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

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

Next: 7 June & 21 June

**LADIES' DINNER 25 May 6pm**

Southern Cross Club, Jamison. RSVP 5pm Friday 22 May to

[jennymurphys@icloud.com](mailto:jennymurphys@icloud.com) or 0437 034 148

**MEN'S GROUP Thursday 28 MAY 2026 6:15 pm**

The Parish Centre, Aranda. RSVP to [paul.pearson@bigpond.com](mailto:paul.pearson@bigpond.com)

(0412 685 582) COB Tuesday 26 MAY 26.

**PARISH LIBRARY-WHAT'S NEW—ST VINCENT'S BRANCH**

*Experience the presence of God* : spiritual reflections with images

from the Holy Land by Ken Duncan (Prayer)

*The Church of Mercy* by Pope Francis (Church and Catholic Faith)

*God where are you?* by Gerard W. Hughes (Spirituality)

*Forgiveness and other acts of love* by Stephanie Dowrick (Spirituality)

*Prayers to Sophia* by Joyce Rupp (Prayer)

All books can be borrowed for a month. Please add your name, the title and number to the loans folder. Please then return them so others can enjoy reading them

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Brian Connolly, Karen Nixon, Victor Anderson, Lucette O'Dea, Sr Patricia Bell LCM, Mary Kane, Peter Cook-Russell, Mary Lunardi, Anne-Marie Marek, John O'Donnell, Fr Jim Littleton MSC, Ellen O'Brien, Mick Rice.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Shaun Walls, Ellen Woods, Agatha Tang, John Toye, George Bernard O'Keefe.

**THE SICK**

Patricia Walker, Sharon Chisholm, Elizabeth Basevi, Emily Robinson, 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, 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.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Please check this list. Is there anyone you know who does not need to be on this list?

**LIBRARY NEWS**

There is a display of books to celebrate **Laudato si' week** in the library at St Matthew's

**Reminder** – Please fill in borrowing sheet and return items as soon as you have finished (preferably within a month) so others can use them

**23 & 24 May 2026**

**30 & 31 May 2026**

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<b>Reader</b>	Michael White Mary Williams	Mary Morris Janet Moyle	Gerard Hogan Margaret O'Connor	Lea Bewick Connor Bradley	Paul Coghlan Christina Rowe	Mina Chiu Lourdes O'Keefe
<b>Senior Server</b>	Damien Sloane	Kevin McNerney Sacristan	Jenny Murphy	Robyn Grubmueller	Dennis Morris Sacristan	David Ross
<b>EMHC</b>	Lynne Foster Dorothy Lalor	Carmel Brady Joan Murphy	Annette Charge Helen Digan	Colleen Meadley Margaret Toye	Mary Morris Catherine Power Damien Power	Rachelle Stannard Robin Taylor
<b>Linen/Altar</b>		Janet Moyle			Janet Moyle	
<b>Cleaning Group</b>	Jennie D, Mark K, Edward M		Louise M, Jerry C, Peter D, Geoff S			

**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 Pentecost Sunday (A)

### **Entrance Antiphon**

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world  
and that which contains all things  
understands what is said, alleluia.

### **First Reading** [Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11](#)

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit  
and renew the face of the earth.**

**(L.)** Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**

**(R.)** You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

**(L.)** May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

### **Second Reading** [1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13](#)

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the

influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel** [John 20:19-23](#)

In the evening of 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.'



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

As you take this sacrament to our sisters and brothers that they may be united with us and with the Lord in Holy Communion, go in the power of the Holy Spirit, whose coming we celebrate today.