

St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

South Belconnen

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

30 & 31 May The Most Holy Trinity (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 2nd and 4th Sundays

Weddings

By appointment

COMMUNION WITH GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

We are formed in relationship. Today's Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity celebrates this. The notion of the Trinity is present in the New Testament but it was only fully developed later. **Relationships are not static; they evolve. So too God with us. We speak in terms of past, present and future, yet God is.** God, totally outside the created order, self-reveals in the first instance as Creator. Humanity undermines the harmony of God, creation and humanity. God reaches out to us in our sin, our brokenness. God calls a people and in time becomes one with us in the revelation of his Son who overcame that which divides us, even death, and whom we honour as our Saviour. The promised Spirit, or the love between the Father and the Son, transforms or sanctifies us to be the face and hands of God in our time and place. We are a pilgrim people journeying together in hope of complete union with God, one-yet-three. ***“The doctrine of the Trinity is not then, an arid theological puzzle but a necessary conclusion from a sense of being grasped by and held within a divine communion of love” (Brendan Byrne).*** The Catechism of the Catholic Church expresses it beautifully: *“Whether we realise it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours” (2559).* **Pope Leo has recently offered a critique of AI. He affirmed that technology is not antagonistic to humanity but must serve it. More recently, he noted, “We are a desire, not an algorithm”.** One commentator said the claim *“is a flat rejection of every form or reductionism, a call not to confuse a person with her data, performance, or numbers ... for the Christian, truth is never an abstract concept – it has a face and a relational dimension. It is the language of a Pope who does not separate the lecture hall from the public square or knowledge from justice” (Antonio Spadaro SJ).* **In other words, what we believe ought to be reflected in what we do; grounded faith and morals are two sides of the same coin.** This is all by way of saying that each of us has a God-dignity that must be respected. **This inalienable dignity gives rise to a consistent ethic of life which engages with all through the voice of conscience:** *“Deep within his conscience man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey ... His dignity lies in observing this law, and by it will he be judged. His conscience is man's most secret core, and sanctuary. There he is alone with God whose echoes in his depths ... Through loyalty to conscience, Christians are joined to other men in the search for truth and for the right solution to many moral problems which arise both in the life of individuals and from social relationships” (Vatican II, G et S, n. 16).* **It is noteworthy that Pope Leo's comments on AI, on war and peace and the role of education finds resonance far beyond the faithful. God's Spirit is moving.**

Fr John

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PRESBYTERY

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Parish Financial Report for April 2026


	Actual	Planned	Variance	
	4 mth to	4 mth to	against	
	30/04/2026	30/04/2026	Plan	
	\$	\$	\$	
Direct Giving	67,668	61,328	6,340	over budget
(Planned Giving and 2nd collection for administration of the Parish)				
Parish Income & Expenditure Statement				
Income *	79,878	75,234	4,644	over budget
Expenditure	50,243	62,655	12,412	under budget
Surplus/(Deficit)	29,634	12,579	17,055	
* 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 for details on how to contribute to the Clergy (first collection) and Parish (Planned Giving and second collection).

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


Archdiocesan Notices



CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY

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


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



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 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 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



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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 ipss@cg.org.au.



CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASSES

13/14 June

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

Next: 7 June & 21 June

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!

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>

AFTER MASS

- Morning Tea after 8:30 am Mass 1st Sunday of the month St Matthew's. (7 June)
- 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)

RECENTLY DECEASED

Anne Walsh, Neale Daniher, 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

Andrew Francis Dennis, Shaun Walls, Ellen Woods, Agatha Tang, John Toyne, George Bernard O'Keefe.

THE SICK

Rudi Grcman, 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?

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6 & 7 June 2026

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	6 pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda	6 pm Page	8:30 am Page	10 am Aranda
Reader	Mary Williams Connor Bradley	Paul Coghlan Christina Rowe	Mina Chiu Lourdes O'Keefe	Peter Davies Gabrielle Jarvis	Yvonne McAdoo Janet Moyle	Michael Allam Marie Carroll
Senior Server	Robyn Grubmueller	Dennis Morris Sacristan	David Ross	Robyn Grubmueller	Damien Power	Bernadette Leger
EMHC	Colleen Meadley Margaret Toyne	Mary Morris Catherine Power Damien Power	Rachelle Stannard Robin Taylor	Judi Ahern Mary Williams	Mary Morris Catherine Power	Racjane Burroughs Annette Charge
Linen/Altar		Janet Moyle			Ann Tierney	
Cleaning Group				Caroline W, John D, Belinda L, Anita C		Jenny M, Marie C, Robyn G, Peter K, Catharina K

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 The Most Holy Trinity (A)

Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading [Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9](#)

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there. He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

Blest your glorious holy name.

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

(L.) You are blest in the temple of your glory.

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

(R.) You are blest who gaze into the depths.

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

Second Reading [2 Corinthians 13:11-13](#)

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel [John 3:16-18](#)

Jesus said to Nicodemus,
'God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not
be lost
but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be
saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned
already,

because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.'



Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion

Dear friends, through your ministry of Holy Communion, bring the love and prayers of this community of faith to our sick and housebound brothers and sisters, in the name of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.