



St Monica's Church Deffell St Evatt



# OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH NORTH BELCONNEN

EVATT, GIRALANG, KALEEN, LAWSON, MCKELLAR, MELBA & SPENCE

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St Michael's Church Tyrrell Cct Kaleen

We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people, as Traditional Owners of the land where we gather today and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

## MASS TIMES

### St Monica's Church, Evatt

Wednesday: 9.30 am Friday: 7.00am  
Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm Sunday: 10.00am

### St Michael's Church, Kaleen

Tuesday: 9.30 am Thursday 9.30am  
Sunday: 8.00 am & 5:30 pm

### Reconciliation-Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 5.00 - 5.45 pm, St Monica's  
Sunday: 4.30 - 5.15 pm, St Michael's

### Rosary

Tuesday 4.30 pm, St Monica's Chapel  
Sunday 5.00 pm, St Michael's  
(Join Zoom Rosary at 4 pm every Wednesday & Friday  
Meeting No: 697 896 1059, Password: 8Py80J)

### Legion of Mary

Wednesday 6:00 pm, St Monica's

### Novena Devotion to O.L. of Perpetual Succour

Thursday 8.00 pm, St Michael's

### El Shaddai Prayer Group

Saturday 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month  
12.30pm to 5.00 pm, St Michael's

### Men Alive

Thursday 7.00pm, St Monica's

### Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals

Contact Fr. Mick Mac Andrew on 0419 010 870

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B

### PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD.

Engulfed by many chores in the lead-up to Christmas, we can fail to hear a voice that cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord. Let us resolve to include some time to pray, to reflect on the Gospel stories of Jesus' birth, and to seek reconciliation with God and others, in our Christmas preparations.

### Blessing of Nativity Cribs

At all Masses next weekend, bring the figure of Jesus from your cribs for a special blessing. If you need to, you can bring the complete set. This is an age old ritual in the Church. This year marks 800 years since St Francis of Assisi set up the first known Nativity scene at midnight Mass in Greccio, Italy, in 1223. St Francis persuaded the Parish Priest to have midnight Mass in the stable amongst the animals, with a young couple and their baby taking the part of the Holy Family.



### Christmas Novena of Masses

A Parish Novena of Masses in preparation for Christmas begins next Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December. A special novena Mass will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at St Monica's, Evatt, and a Mass at St Michael's, Kaleen on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am, with all the other usual Masses at the stipulated times.

### Practice for Christmas Masses

Children in School Years 4, 5, 6 are invited to act out the Gospel at the Christmas night Masses – 6pm at St Michael's and 7:30pm at St Monica's. Practices will be held as follows; St Monica's – 3:30-4:30pm Tuesdays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>  
St Michael's – 3:30-4:30pm Thursdays 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>  
Afternoon tea will be supplied at the practices. For more information, please call Fr Mick on 0419 010 870.

### St Monica's Vinnies Christmas Appeal, this Sunday

We would be grateful for any assistance you can provide which will help us bring some Christmas joy to vulnerable families in our local area. Thanks again for your generosity.

### St Michael's Vinnies Christmas Appeal 2023

We must have the baskets filled by the end of the evening Mass on Sunday 17 December for distribution prior to Christmas. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

### Advent Reflection Booklets \$5

Prepare for Christmas by a simple reading and reflection each day of Advent. This booklet is ideal for everyone.

### Food Friendship Faith, for those aged 18-35 years St Michael's Parish Centre

This is held each Sunday evening, after the 5:30pm Mass at St Michael's Church, Kaleen. We meet in the Parish Centre, next door to the church.



### Advent Wreath Prayer - Lighting of the Candle of Peace

God of our lives, lead us always by the Light of Christ to bring peace into our homes and our world. Amen.

### Blessing Prayer for Christmas Tree

O, heavenly Father, your great love for the human family came to us in the baby of Bethlehem, Jesus Christ, your only begotten Son. As we have this evergreen tree during the Christmas season, may we be reminded that your love for all people is eternal and it is your desire to have us with you at the end of our days. May this tree bring us a share in the angel's joy at that first Christmas and may we live always in the light of Jesus. Bless us and all our visitors who come into our home this Christmas. Amen.



### Vocations Dinner at Archbishop's House, 12 December, 6:00 pm

For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au or call 0414 523 036.

### 15-23 Dec | Filipino Simbang Gabi (9 Days Novena Mass)

Join us for Simbang Gabi, a beautiful 9-day novena mass celebration leading to Christmas, held from December 15-23 at 7:00 pm. Experience the joy of the season at St. Peter Chanel's Church in Loch St., Yarralumla, ACT 2600.

### New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil, 31 December, 8:00pm

The Marian Movement of Priests invites you and your friends to the 17th Annual New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil at St Brigid's Church (2 Bancroft Street, Dickson). First Cenacle is prayed at 8.00pm (Joyful Mysteries) Second Cenacle is prayed at 9.00pm (Luminous Mysteries) Third Cenacle is prayed at 10.00pm (Sorrowful Mysteries) Fourth Cenacle is prayed at 11.00pm (Glorious Mysteries) Exposition from 8.00pm until Benediction just before Midnight. For more information: [mmp-oceania.net](http://mmp-oceania.net)

### Holiday Program for Primary Children, Kippax

'Holiday Happenings' will take place at Kippax Community Centre, Hardwick Cres, Holt, on two Thursdays, 18 & 25 January, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be craft, games, stories and activities each day. Cost is \$5 per child. Bookings are essential. Contact 6254 1733 for more information and to register.

### Parish Sacramental Program 2024

2024 Sacramental Program - For students who are baptised and will be in years 4-6 in 2024:  
Sacrament of Reconciliation - will be celebrated in term 1, 2024  
Sacrament of First Communion - will be celebrated in term 2, 2024  
Sacrament of Confirmation - will be celebrated in term 3, 2024  
Information Session  
An information session for the 2024 Sacramental Program will be held at 6pm on Thursday 8 February 2024 in St Michael's Church, Kaleen. If your child is baptised and will be in years 4-6 in 2024, please put this date in your diary.

### School of Religion

Preparation classes for the Sacraments are held on Tuesdays from 6-7pm in the meeting room in St Monica's Church, Evatt. For information regarding the 2024 Sacramental Program, please contact the Sacramental Program Coordinator.

For further information regarding the Sacramental Program – please contact the Sacramental Program Coordinator at [sc.belconnennorth@cg.org.au](mailto:sc.belconnennorth@cg.org.au) or check the parish website for updates at [www.cg.org.au/belconnennorth](http://www.cg.org.au/belconnennorth)

## ROSTERS 16-17 December 2023

St Monica's	6.00pm	10.00am
Acolyte	Katie Brasnett	Neill Cox
Altar Servers	Diosa Maka	Anton & Marissa
Readers	Veronica Dahl	Gabrielle Sullivan
	Clair Devoy	Chris Dudfield
Music	Karen	Louise & Arthur
Warden	Dolores Schneider	Anna & Robert
Church Cleaning	Katrina, Mick, Felicity, Chamal	
Altar Society	Maxine Lloyd & Mary Williams	
Counters	Robert J, Robert B, Kelly	
St Michael's	8.00am	5.30pm
Mass	Neill Seabrook	Ivan Cretni
Coordinator		
Acolyte	Ted Smith	Chris Murphy
Readers	Pat & Tony	Louise & Jack
	McArthur	Amos
Eucharistic Minister	Marie Seabrook	Margaret Dudfield
Projectionist	Livia Brown	Choir
Church Cleaning	Annette, Rene, Livia, M & T Kenna	
Sanctuary Linen	Annette Cox	
Banking	Doug Widdup & Rod Dudfield	

### Next Week's Readings

#### Third Sunday of Advent, Yr B

Is 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**In Thanksgiving and Special Intentions:** Martin Schubert, Jacqui Poliquit, Linda Dwyer, Phillip Neri Tin Nguyen, Giuse Duc Le, Anna Nguyen, Thi Kim Loan, Giuse Le Ngoc, Anna Ribero, Louise Zinkel  
**Anniversaries and Remembrances:** Natalia Dalbo, Amelia Dalbo, Antonio de Marco, Concetta de Marco, Carmel Smith, Breda Gerrard  
**Recently Deceased:** Petronella Wensing (mother & mother-in-law of Luke & Marie Wensing, Funeral St Brigid's, Dickson, Thursday 14th Dec, 12 noon), Kevin Wellspring ( father of Fr. Julian Wellspring, funeral St Christopher's Tuesday 1:30pm), Saverino (Sammy) Jugovac, Adam Suckling (son of Joan, funeral St John's Kippax Thursday 14th 11am), Wilma Griffin (mother and mother-in-law of Phillip & Sharon Griffin), Theng Chiok Chan & Hing Chun Hong, Neska Sekoranja, Marie Grima, Karl Grim, Irma Phillip, Des Kearns, Anna Le Thi Bich Dung, Bernard Storrier  
**Sick:** Nina Wood, Steven Whiting, Margaret Elkins, Brenda Colliver, Brendon Mooney, Renato Penaloza, Baby Maisie, Emeritus Archbishop Francis Carroll, Marazelle, Maria Teixeira, Michael Hanley, Elaine Drayson, Mary Murugesan, Vimala Mahalingam, Bong, Rose Rajer, Clare Menezes, Tricia Mitchell, Tony Marker, Sarah Driscoll, Caitlin, Royce Miosge, Hilaria Bathan, Francis Politano, Tony Murdoch