



St Monica's Church Deffell St Evatt

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH NORTH BELCONNEN

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MASS TIMES

St Monica's Church, Evatt

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

St Michael's Church, Kaleen

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

Reconciliation-Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 4.30—5.30 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

Tuesday 6.30 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. Loi Viv Vicente on 6258 3212.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
 Indeed, the Lord is near.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
 Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A

THE BLIND SEE AGAIN

Many of the Jewish people did not expect a Messiah like Jesus. Many wondered: 'Are you the one who is to come?' Jesus came not to exercise sovereignty and power over the people but to bring blessing to the poor and needy. Let us celebrate his birth this Christmas by being good news for the poor.

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome Eliana Escandon Beltrame and Kjay Villegas into our faith community through the waters of Baptism. May God's love and blessings be upon them on their Baptism day and always.

Tags Lunch, Gungahlin, 15 December

The next lunch will be on Thursday, 15 December, at 12:30 pm at the Gungahlin Lakes Club. Phone Vivien Gleeson 0400 466 555.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal, St Michael's

A big thank you to all parishioners who have purchased food items for our Christmas hampers. If you have not completed your purchase, please do so by 18th December. Thank you for your generosity.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal, St Monica's, 10/11 December

This year we will focus on helping families to survive the cost of living crisis. The substantial increase in inflation has impacted on the cost of necessities like food, energy and rent. It is always the vulnerable who are most affected. In the community we support; Melba, Spence, Evatt and McKellar, we have seen an increase in families at risk of homelessness. Even in families where a member is working, there is difficulty in affording basic items. Families in private rental accommodation are especially struggling; Canberra has been identified as the most expensive rental capital in Australia. Therefore, we would be grateful for any assistance you can provide which will help to bring some Christmas joy to vulnerable families in our local area. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

The Marian Movement of Priests

16th Annual New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil, 31 December, Dickson

To be held at St Brigid's Church, Dickson at 8.00pm.

1st Cenacle 8pm Joyful Mysteries
 2nd Cenacle 9pm Luminous Mysteries
 3rd Cenacle 10pm Sorrowful Mysteries
 4th Cenacle 11pm Glorious Mysteries

There will be Exposition from 8pm until Benediction just before midnight. Enquiries to Judy & Joe Mewburn on 6254 6202.

Sacramental Program 2023

If you have a child in Years 4,5 or 6 in 2023, this is a Sacramental Year.

A Parish Sacramental Program Information Evening

will be held on Thursday, 16 February, 2023, at 6pm in St Monica's Church for the families of students in Years 3-6 in 2023. You are very welcome to attend this Information Evening where all the relevant information will be available.

For further information regarding the Sacramental Program,

please contact the Sacramental Program Coordinator at sc.belconnennorth@cg.org.au or check the parish website for updates at www.cg.org.au/belconnennorth



Lighting of the Candle of Peace

All: Father, at the height of our Advent walk, we relight the candles of hope and peace, and we light the candle of joy. Grant us the courage to experience joy in the hope of the Saviour's coming, joy in the face of apathy, joy in the face of sorrow, joy in the face of uncertainty. Amen.

Christmas Mass Times

St Monica's Church, Evatt

24 December, Christmas Eve, 6pm
 25 December, Christmas Day, 10am

St Michael's Church, Kaleen

24 December, Christmas Eve, 8pm
 25 December, Christmas Day, 8am, **No 5.30pm Mass**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at both

St Monica's and St Michael's churches on Saturday, 24 December, 10am to 12noon.

Fr Loi's Farewell, St Monica's School Hall, 17 December

All parishioners are invited to this event, to be held at 7pm. There will be live music with a band and entertainment. Let's make this a memorable occasion for Fr Loi. Jacko's Pizza truck will be on site to provide pizzas. Parishioners may also bring a plate of food to share for appetizers and dessert. Tea and coffee will be served and cordial for the children. If you'd like to come, please put your name on the list in the church foyer, so that we know the numbers.

The Marian Grotto

Parishioners are invited to consider if they would like to have a brick sized, wall plaque installed on the Grotto Wall in memory of their deceased family members. The estimated cost of this wall plaque would be \$300. If interested, please enter your contact details on the form provided in the church foyer. For more information, contact Fr Loi or Gavan Smith on 0416 258 846.

Parish Ladies Dinner, Yowani Country Club, 15 December

The Christmas dinner will be held in the Yowani function room on Thursday, 15 December, 7pm. The cost is \$42. If you'd like to come along, contact Tina on 0432 540 210.

Booklets for Advent and Christmas

Copies of 'Incarnate', a booklet of prayerful reflections for Advent and the Christmas Season, are available in the church foyer at a cost of \$5.00 each.

Advent Appeal for Ukrainian People

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference strongly recommends support for this appeal. Donations may be made via CBA Bpoint through the QR code.



Supporting the work of Mudra Sprava, a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. Their three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages and Shelter

ROSTERS—St Monica's

17-18 December 2022	6.00pm	10.00am
Acolyte	Ciaran Gerrard	Garry Compton
Altar Servers	Clair Devoy	Aria Wallace
Readers	Vince O'Donnell Franklin Soriano	Angela Cornell Magna Tsui
Music	Anne	Anne
Warden	Gavan Smith	Kelly Grzywacz

17 December Church Cleaning	Maryanne Gore, Jenny Moylan, Daniela Zolli, Catherine Willimot, Judy Sykes
Altar Society	Lucia Carbone, Flo Jeremiah
18 December Counters	Matt Houghton, Paul Sykes, Khalil Taouk

ROSTERS—St Michael's

18 December 2022	8.00am	5.30pm
Mass Coordinator	Sue Collins	Ivan Cretni
Acolyte	Felix Stravens	Ted Smith Tanya Butler
Readers	Pat McArthur Tony McArthur	Seven Tieupakt Luciana Ciaccia
Eucharistic Minister	Marie Seabrook	Margaret Dudfield
Projectionist	Livia Brown	Choir

17 December Church Cleaning	Margaret Dudfield, Linda Townrow, Ted Smith, Ivan Cretni
Sanctuary Linen	Maria Evans
20 December Banking	Peter Corkran, Ted Smith

Next Week's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A
 Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

PRAYER REQUESTS

Recently Deceased: Joan Porta, Sharon Woods (Fr John Woods' sister), Cecilia Gowing, Laurie Cannon, Mary Gogusz

Death Anniversaries: Kathleen Holden, Tom Glover, Fr Jim De Mooy, Ben Gafa, Beth Hanrahan, Michael Stinziani, Vicente Nguyen

Sick: Katie Smith, Tony Murdoch, Pam Edwards, Vince Evans, Brid Gerrard, Donal Gerrard, Luke, Oliver, Jo Van der Geest, Pauline Greig, Fr Chris Murphy, Elena Bautista, Terry Nolan, Baby Maisie, Katia Banac, Rosa Bui Thi Ngoc Bich, Bernard Storrier, Vicki Heffernan, Des Kearns, Katherine Allen