



St Monica's Church Deffell St Evatt



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH NORTH BELCONNEN

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Acknowledgement of Country

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

EI 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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

JESUS TOUCHED HIM.

Jesus included the healing of lepers among the list of miracles which would authenticate his mission. He also communicated this power to his disciples (Mt 10:8). In today's Gospel, he not only heals a leper; he lays his hand upon him. It is a gesture of acceptance (and perhaps even of solidarity) with a social outcast.

Baptism

This weekend we welcome Mikayla Pugh into our faith community through the waters of Baptism. May God's love and blessings be upon her on her Baptism day and always.

Welcome Fr Kose

We warmly welcome Fr Kuriakose Joseph to our parish. Thank you for coming to minister our parish and we hope you will be very happy here.

A word from our new priest.

My name is Fr.Kuriakose Chennelil Joseph.I belong to the Our Lady of La Salatte congregation. I am coming from India. My family consists of my Mother, Father and three elder brothers. Unfortunately, my Father went back to his heavenly abode last year.I am the youngest child of my parents. I was ordained as a priest on 2nd January 2018. Six eventful years passed after myself being a priest. I served in different capacities during these six years as a priest such as Assistant Parish Priest, Vocation Director of the Indian Matha Province of my congregation, Assistant Director of a school and a college and the Rector of the Minor Seminary. Since, you have difficulty in pronouncing my name as Kuriakose, you can call me Fr.Kose. I look forward to serving you all in the best possible way. I also ask your prayers and blessings for carrying out my duties and responsibilities in a vibrant and spiritual way. - Fr.Kose

Ash Wednesday Masses- this Wednesday

9:30am – St Monica's, Evatt
12 noon – St Michael's, Kaleen
6:00pm – St Michael's, Kaleen
Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstaining from meat.

Stations of The Cross – Lent

Friday evenings during Lent 7pm
We will alternate at the two churches. This week - St Michael's.

Thank you!

Thank you to those parishioners who have donated desks for use in the Parish Office, much appreciated.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St Monica's Church, Evatt - Thursdays 7-8 pm

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Any adult seeking to be Baptised or to become a member of the Catholic Church! The RCIA group commences on Wednesday 21st February, 7pm at the Kaleen Office.

TAGS Lunch

First lunch of the year will be on Thursday 15 February 2024 at 12.30 pm at the Gungahlin Lakes Club. (Vivien 0400 466 555)

Caritas Australia - Project Compassion 2024

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available in the foyer to support Caritas Australia this Lenten Season and help support vulnerable people around the world.

Pope Francis on the Vice of Sorrow

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!
In our itinerary of catechesis on the vices and virtues, today we will look at a rather ugly vice, sorrow, understood as a despondency of the soul, a constant affliction that prevents man for feeling joy at his own existence.
First and foremost, it must be noted that, with regard to sorrow, the Fathers drew an important distinction: it is this. There is, in fact, a sorrow that is appropriate to Christian life, and that with God's grace can be changed into joy: obviously, this must not be rejected and forms part of the path of conversion. But there is a second type of sorrow that creeps into the soul and prostrates it in a state of despondency: it is this second kind of sorrow that must be fought, resolutely and with every strength, because it comes from the evil one. This distinction is found also in Saint Paul, who wrote to the Corinthians: "Godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation and brings no regret, but worldly grief produces death" (2 Cor 7:10). There is, therefore, a friendly sorrow, that leads us to salvation. Think of the prodigal son of the parable: when he reaches the depths of his degeneracy, he feels great bitterness, and this prompts him to come to his senses and to decide to return home to his father (cf. Lk 15:11-20). It is a grace to lament over one's own sins, to remember the state of grace from which we have fallen, to weep because we have lost the purity in which God dreamed of us.

But there is a second sorrow, which is instead an ailment of the soul. It arises in the human heart when a desire or hope vanishes. Here we can refer to the account of the disciples of Emmaus, in the Gospel of Luke. Those two disciples leave Jerusalem with a disappointed heart, and they confide to the stranger who at one point accompanies them: "We had hoped that he – Jesus – was the one to redeem Israel" (Lk 24:21). The dynamic of sorrow is linked to the experience of loss, the experience of loss. In the heart of man, hopes arise that are sometimes dashed. It can be the desire to possess something that instead we are unable to obtain; but it can also be something important, such as an emotional loss. When this happens, it is as if man's heart falls from a precipice, and the sentiments he feels are discouragement, weakness of the spirit, depression and anguish. We all go through ordeals that generate sorrow in us, because life makes us conceive dreams that are then shattered. In this situation, some, after a time of turmoil, rely on hope; but others wallow in melancholy, allowing it to fester in their hearts. Does one take pleasure in this? See: sorrow is like the pleasure of non-pleasure; it is like taking a bitter, bitter, bitter candy, without sugar, unpleasant, and sucking that candy. Sorrow is taking pleasure in non-pleasure.

Morning Tea after 8am Mass, St Michael's, 25 February

All parishioners are warmly invited to stay for a cuppa and have a chat after Mass.

For those who wish to contribute to Parish Finances;

BSB: 062 786
Account No: 00029453
Account Name: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
Reference: [your name]
Your contributions support both the priests of the Archdiocese and your Parish. 30% of monies are deposited for the priests and 70% are deposited in the Parish's own account. This is the same for any monies given via collections, tap n' go, direct debit and internet banking. Your sacrifices are much appreciated.

Youth Ministers for the Parish

This year we wish to have two part-time ministers who will work to support the youth of the parish (from school years 6-12). We have already one young man (from the Young Adults Group) and we are looking for a young woman. The positions are five hours per week each, paid, with formation, training and support from the Youth and Young Adults Office of the Archdiocese. Duties will include working with the priests to commence a Youth Group for the Parish and to offer support to the families of youth. For more information, please see Fr Mick, or phone Christopher Gilroy from the Archdiocesan office 0429 344 123

Have you Considered joining Vinnies?

St Michael's Conference of the Society of Vincent de Paul, also known as Vinnies, needs more members. Our current membership is aging and shrinking but the needs of our community remain. We have a variety of roles within our conference. If you feel that you would like to live out the social justice values of the Gospel through charitable works, please ring Tony McArthur, conference president, for a chat on 0421 647 811.

Catholic Education

Archbishop Prowse has announced that Catholic Education would from 2025 be an incorporated body with its own structures of governance. This will allow for our Catholic Schools to be conducted under the protection of various legislation of both State/ACT and Commonwealth Governments. The Archdiocese will continue to govern the theological and Church components for the education of the students.

ROSTERS 17-18 February 2024

St Monica's	6.00pm	10.00am
Acolyte	Mark Gore	Franklin Soriano
Altar Servers	Harry Collett	Clare Devoy
Readers	Clare Devoy	Neill Cox
	Maryanne Gore	Gabrielle Sullivan
Music	Karen	Anne
Warden	Noel Simento	Kelly Grzywacz
Church Cleaning	Jo, John, David, Lilian	
Altar Society	Marg Smith & Louise Zinkel	
Counters	John, Maureen, Daniel	
St Michael's	8.00am	5.30pm
Mass	Sue Collins	Ivan Cretni
Acolyte	Bobby Goodwin	Phillip Butler
Readers	Pat & Tony	Louise & Jack
	McArthur	Amos
Eucharistic Minister	Anne Staines	Margaret Dudfield
Church Cleaning	Sue, Diane, Gil, Tracy	
Sanctuary Linen	Margaret Dudfield	
Banking	Peter Corkran & Ted Smith	

Next Week's Readings

First Sunday of Lent, Year B

Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

PRAYER REQUESTS

In Thanksgiving and Special Intentions: Jacqui Poliquit, Natalina Coelho, Ann Brindle

Anniversaries and Remembrances: Angelo Santosuosso, Valerio Lovrinovic, Joseph Gerrard, Lirio Lukban, Elisabeth Djomani, Fr Laurie Blake, Fr Henry Byrne, Cvita Huljev, Drago Cretni, Katarina Awizen, Fr Drinkwater, Mirko Kocic, Gisela Joris Yenny, Florentius Sunardi, Anna Le Thi Bich Dung, Des Kearns, Bill Jones

Recently Deceased: Luisa Gomez (mother of Michael & Melissa, funeral Mass this Monday 9:30am, St Michael's), Jim McMahon, John Hunter

Sick: Colin Kish, Brenden Mooney, Nina Wood, Steven Whiting, Renato Penaloza, Baby Maisie, Emeritus Archbishop Francis Carroll, Marazelle, 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