



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

### 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: 5.00 pm Sunday: 10.00am

#### St Michael's Church, Kaleen

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

#### Reconciliation-Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 4.00 - 4.45 pm, St Monica's  
Sunday: 4.30 - 5.15 pm, St Michael's

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays: 6.00 - 7.00 pm, St Monica'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

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, YEAR B

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?  
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven  
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**In Thanksgiving and Special Intentions:** Louise Zinkel, Sophy Jacob, Jacqui Poliquit, Draga Manenica, John Gore

**Anniversaries and Remembrances:** Anne Nguyen Thi Uyen, Paul Nguyen Luong, Paul Nguyen Vinh Tuong, Paul Nguyen Van Buong, Anne Nguyen Thi Phuong, Margot Prout, Maria & Dominic Pham, John & Maria Nguyen, Jean & Cliff Seabrook, Harold & Mavis Hewish, Jim Hill, Mollie Reiher, Dink Sargent, Tony Saunders, Jakov Ivancic, Andrew Mitchell, Elvie Pritchard, Jack Rowan, Mirko Kocic, Anna Le Thi Bich Dung, Gisela Joris Yenny, Florentius Sunardi

**Recently Deceased:** Corinna Pereira, Maryanne Gonsalves, Joan Beecher, Damienus Nguyen Van Quy, Caterina Barbaro, Kathleen Redding, Francis Kutty, Martin Spykerman, Sheila Gan, Karen Knox, Goiko Martinovic

**Sick:** Maree Mitchell, Sophy Jacob, Carmel Ford, Helen, Joseph Cretni, Shelley Knoke, Colin Kish, Brenden Mooney, Nina Wood, Steven Whiting, Renato Penalozza, Baby Maisie, 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

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, YEAR B 'TAKEN UP INTO HEAVEN.'

The feast of the Ascension assures us that the risen Jesus, who was taken up to heaven, is still very close to us. We are called to recognise the signs of his presence in the goodness, love and forgiveness of the community, in the healing of souls and bodies and in the great and small miracles of life. The ascended Jesus is not an absent Jesus.



#### Parish Safeguarding Co-Ordinators

To comply with all safeguarding requirements, the Parish needs two Co-Ordinators to act as overseers for our active safeguarding of people. The task is not onerous, requiring mainly observation only. On-line training is provided. The Parish needs a Co-Ordinator for St Michael's. Please see Fr Mick for more information.

#### Lectors - Readers

Ministers of the Word of God bring Sacred Scripture to life in the liturgical assembly. Proclaiming God's Word well requires specialized training, careful preparation and practice. To assist Lectors in their ministry to God's people, there will be two training days held - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 9:30am - 4:00pm. These training days will be facilitated by the Australian Catholic University liturgical training team. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. All Lectors (Readers) are invited to attend any or all of the sessions. Place your name and contact details on the sheets at the church entrance. New volunteers will be especially welcomed. There is no cost for this.

#### Thank you!

Through your generosity we were able to raise \$6577.10 for Project Compassion and \$2872.30 for the Good Shepherd Appeal to support our seminarians. Thank you once again.

#### WhatsApp for parishioners

Would you like to receive a video Gospel reflection mid-week and any parish notifications? The Parish will soon start a WhatsApp group. All you need to do is give us your mobile phone number. A list for you to place your mobile number is at the church doors.

#### Stations of the Resurrection, Friday evenings 6:00pm

During Lent we had Stations of the Cross, now we have Stations of the Resurrection to keep Eastertide in focus.

#### The sixth session, this Friday, at St Monica's Evatt.

#### TAGS Lunch

Next lunch will be on Thursday 16 May 2024 at 12.30 pm at the Gungahlin Lakes Club. (Vivien Gleeson 0400 466 555)

#### Morning Tea, St Monica's, 19 May

All parish women interested in finding out more about Call to Connect Catholic Women's Ministry, are invited to morning tea, chat, Q&A on Sunday 19th May after 10 am Mass. The Flyer is in the church foyer. For more info: [www.calltoconnect.org](http://www.calltoconnect.org)

#### 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 ]

Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers and to those who give Motherly Love to Others!



#### Mother's Day Blessing

Holy God, you compare your own love for your people to the love of a mother for her children. Look with kindness on these mothers and grandmothers, and those who mother us. Give them joy in their work for their families, hope in all the challenges they face and comfort in moments of sorrow. Listen to their prayers and answer them when they call on you. Bless them in all they do. Let them share with Jesus your Son and Mary our heavenly mother in all the goodness and blessings of your love. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Pope Francis speaks on hope

Dear brothers and sisters!  
In the last catechesis we began to reflect on the theological virtues. There are three of them: faith, hope and charity. Last time, we reflected on faith. Now it is the turn of hope. "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1817). These words confirm to us that hope is the answer offered to our heart, when the absolute question arises in us: "What will become of me? What is the purpose of the journey? What is the destiny of the world?". We all realize that a negative answer to these questions produces sadness. If there is no meaning to the journey of life, if at the beginning and the end there is nothing, then we ask ourselves why we should walk: hence man's desperation, the sensation of the pointlessness of everything, is born. And many may rebel: "I have striven to be virtuous, to be prudent, just, strong, temperate. I have also been a man or woman of faith.... What was the use of my fight, if it all ends here?". If hope is missing, all the other virtues risk crumbling and ending up as ashes. If no reliable tomorrow, no bright horizon, were to exist, one would only have to conclude that virtue is a futile effort. "Only when the future is certain as a positive reality does it become possible to live the present as well" said Benedict XVI (Encyclical Letter Spe salvi, 2). Christians have hope not through their own merit. If they believe in the future, it is because Christ died and rose again and gave us His Spirit. "Redemption is offered to us in the sense that we have been given hope, trustworthy hope, by virtue of which we can face our present" (ibid., 1). In this sense, once again, we say that hope is a theological virtue: it does not emanate from us, it is not an obstinacy we want to convince ourselves of, but it is a gift that comes directly from God.

#### RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Do you have a desire to share your faith with others? Do you feel that you could help others come to faith? Then, you might consider becoming part of a small team of parishioners that leads enquirers about the Catholic faith to enter the Church. An information session will be held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 6pm-7pm at the Parish Office in Kaleen. For more information, please speak with Fr Mick.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, St Monica's, 26 May Kelly would love you to join her to raise funds for Cancer Council by having a cuppa, cake, treats and chat with friends for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea after 10:00am Mass at St Monica's on 26th of May. For more info:

[Australia's Biggest Morning Tea | Cancer Council | 2024](http://Australia'sBiggestMorningTea|CancerCouncil|2024)

#### Parish Sacramental Program 2024

**2024 Sacramental Program** - for students who are baptised and will be in years 4-6 in 2024.

#### School of Religion (SOR)

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.

Preparation classes for SOR for the Sacrament of First Communion have commenced and will run for 6 weeks.

#### Commitment Masses - Sacrament of First Communion

Students and parents must attend one of the weekend Masses at either St Monica's Church (5pm Saturday or 10 am Sunday) or St Michael's Church (8am or 5:30pm Sunday) on one of the dates listed below to make their commitment for the Sacrament.

Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 May (this weekend)

Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 May

There will be no additional commitment masses beyond this date.

Sacrament of Confirmation - will be celebrated during term 3 on 17, 18, & 19 September.

**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 18-19 May 2024

St Monica's	5.00pm	10.00am
Acolyte	Dolores Schneider	Neill Cox
Altar Servers	Diosa Maka	Anton & Marissa
Readers	Kathy Compton	Chris Dudfield
	Veronica Dhal	Leon Sadkowsky
Music	Karen	Anne
Warden	Kelly Grzywacz	Bob Jepsen
Church Cleaning	Paul & Maree, Noel & Christian	
Altar Society	Lucia Carbone & Flo Jeremiah	
Counters	Marian, Ross, Gary	
St Michael's	8.00am	5.30pm
Mass Coordinator	Tina Fisk	Ivan Cretni
Acolyte	Volunteer	Tanya Butler
Readers	Sr Kate	Luciana Ciaccia
	Linda Townrow	Seven Tieupakt
	Marie Seabrook	Margaret Dudfield
Eucharistic Minister		
Church Cleaning	Livia, Annette, Rene, Margaret, Tom	
Sanctuary Linen	Livia Brown	
Banking	Peter Corkran & Ted Smith	

#### Next Week's Readings

#### Pentecost Sunday, Year B

Gen 11:1-9; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39