



St Monica's Church Deffell St Evatt



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH NORTH BELCONNEN

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St Michael's Church Tyrrell Cct Kaleen

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. Mick Mac Andrew on 0419 010 870.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God,
 a mighty stronghold to save me.
 For you are my rock, my stronghold!
 Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill,
 and what they craved the Lord gave them;
 they were not disappointed in what they craved.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Recently Deceased: Victims of Turkey-Syria earthquake, Fr. Neville Drinkwater, Ian Farmer (brother of Linda Townrow), Florentius Sunardi Sunirman & Giselagoris Yenny (dcsd relatives of Elon & Nilos), Tony Mooney (Cousin of Brendon Mooney), Bill Jones, John Suckling, Elena Bautista, Peter Bird, Peter Chan Kok Hong, Anna Schneider

Anniversaries & Remembrances: Fr Henry Byrne, Fr Laurie Blake, Lirio Lukban, Valerio Lovrinovic, Laurie Halloran, Jessie Maroya

Sick: Hilaria Bathan, Francis Politano, Tony Murdoch, Donal Gerrard, Luke, Oliver, Jo Van der Geest, Pauline Greig, Fr Chris Murphy, Terry Nolan, Baby Maisie, Katia Banac, Rosa Bui Thi Ngoc Bich, Bernard Storrier, Vicki Heffernan, Des Kearns, Katherine Allen

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A FOLLOW GOD'S LAW.

The vast wisdom of God is revealed in the law God has given to us, a law designed to lead us to the fullness of life and happiness. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that law is not about external behaviour. Our inner attitudes are also important. It is from within, from the attitudes of our hearts, that good or evil actions flow.

Ash Wednesday 22nd February

Masses as follows;
 St Monica's Church - 7:00am & 9:30am
 St Michael's Church - 12 noon & 6:00pm
 Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence from meat. It begins our forty journey to Easter where we will renew our Baptismal Promises.

Prayer/Discussion Groups for Lent

Lent is a time for reassessing our commitment to Christ and to remember his sacrifice for us on the Cross. One way of doing this is to join a prayer/discussion group that focuses on each Sunday's Gospel. Just for one hour during each week of Lent. If you would like to join a group and/or offer your home and yourself to host a group (maximum of six or seven people, including yourself), please place your contact details on the clipboards at the church door. We will be using the Brisbane Archdiocese booklet.

Bible Study

The Introductory Session for Bible Study will be held on Tuesday 21st February at either, 2:00pm or 7:00pm in St Monica's Church Meeting Room, Deffell Street, Evatt. The introductory session is a general talk about the Bible and its place in the life of a Catholic. Details will also be given at the meeting to allow you to decide whether you would like to join the Beginner's Group or the Advanced Group. Please contact Fr Mick for more details.

TAGS LUNCH

Next lunch will be on Thursday 16 February 2023 at 12:30pm at the Gungahlin Lakes Club. Vivien Gleeson 0400 466 555.

Parish Sacramental Program 2023

If you have a child in years 4, 5 or 6 in 2023, this may be a Sacramental year.

Parish Sacramental Program Information Evening

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

First Eucharist will be celebrated on the weekend of 17 and 18 June 2023.

Confirmation will be celebrated on 5th, 6th and 7th of September 2023.

Reconciliation will be celebrated in term 1, 2024.

School of Religion – Sacrament dates and information session are the same as for St Michael's and St Monica's Schools candidates (see above). School of Religion classes are held on Tuesdays from 6-7pm in the meeting room in St Monica's Church commencing on 9 May 2023 for the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

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

Pope Francis on Prayer

I would like to ask you, for a little while, not to look at me but to look at your hands. Open the palms of your hands. ... No one has hands just like yours, and that is a sign that you are a unique, unrepeatable, and incomparable treasure. No one in history can replace you.

THUMB: PRAYER

The thumb, the finger closest to our heart, symbolizes *prayer*, which is the driving force in our life. ... Do not speak to Jesus like some far-off being who inspires awe and fear, but rather as your best friend, someone who has given his life for you. Jesus knows you, he believes in you and he loves you, always.

FOREFINGER: OTHERS

Now let us look at the second finger, the forefinger. We use our index finger to point things out to others. Others, the *community*: this is the second ingredient. Dear friends, do not ruin your youth by becoming isolated and closed in on yourselves. ... Beware of the temptation to point a finger at someone, to exclude another person because he or she is different.

MIDDLE FINGER: HONESTY

We come to the third finger, which is higher than the others, as if to remind us of something essential. It is the key ingredient for a future worthy of our great expectations. And that is: *honesty!* ... This means not getting entangled in the snares of corruption. Christians cannot fail to be honest; otherwise, they betray their identity. ... Because each one of you has a treasure that no one can steal from you. It is your power to make choices. In fact, you are the choices you make, and you can always choose to do the right thing. We have the freedom to choose. Do not let your life be dragged along by the current of corruption.

RING FINGER: FORGIVENESS

The ring finger, on which wedding rings are worn. If you think about it, the ring finger is also the weakest finger, the one that is the hardest for us to raise. It reminds us that the goals that bring us the greatest fulfilment in life, above all love, involve weakness, weariness and hardship. These have to be accepted, confronted with patience and trust, without letting ourselves get weighed down by pettiness, as for example, when the beautiful symbolism of a dowry is reduced purely to a financial arrangement. In our frailty and in our moments of crisis, what is the power that makes us go forward? *Forgiveness*. Because forgiving means being able to start over. To forgive does not mean forgetting the past; it means refusing to repeat it. To forgive is to change the course of history. It is to raise up those who have fallen. It is to accept the idea that no one is perfect and that everyone, not just myself, has the right to make a new start.

PINKY FINGER: SERVICE

We have now come to the last and smallest finger. You may be tempted to say: But I am so little, and whatever good I can do is but a drop in the ocean. But it is precisely littleness, our decision to become little, that attracts God. The key here is *service*. Those who serve make themselves little. Like a tiny seed, they seem to be swallowed up in the earth, and yet they bring forth fruit. Jesus tells us that service is the force that transforms the world.

Lent 2023 with the Catholic Guy Bruce Downes

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is free and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent23>
 For more information: BruceDownes.org

ROSTERS—St Monica's

18-19 February 2023	6.00pm	10.00am
Acolyte	Dolores Schnider	Frank Brassil
Altar Servers	Clair Devoy	Volunteer
Readers	Gabrielle Jarvis Clair Devoy	Leon Sadkowsky Mylene Naboya
Music	Anne	Anne
Warden	Kelly Grzywacz	Michael Holohan

18 February Church Cleaning	Carlo & Sue Mancuso, Michaela & Marie Bangard, Jackie Hourigan
Altar Society	Kay Grzadka & Linda Pike
19 February Counters	Robert Jepsen, Robert Brunato, Kelly Grzywacz

ROSTERS—St Michael's

19 February 2023	8.00am	5.30pm
Mass Coordinator	Sue Collins	Cynthia Parayiwa
Acolyte	Neil Seabrook	TC Nguyen Chris Murphy
Readers	Pat & Tony McArthur	Joel Kurian Maria Jayan
Eucharistic Minister	Marie Seabrook	Margaret Dudfield
Projectionist	Livia Brown	Choir

18 February Church Cleaning	Tina Fisk, Gerry Maynes, Annette Cox, Su Nguyen, Ilona Kuss
Sanctuary Linen	Arleen Stark
21 February Banking	Doug Widdup & Rod Dudfield

Next Week's Readings 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48
