



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

Wednesday 10:00 am, 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

THE WATER OF LIFE.

Jesus is the saviour of the world. In today's Gospel he offers the water of life to a Samaritan woman who, in turn, becomes the first missionary of Jesus. She hurries to tell the people of her town about him. We, who have received the life of God in baptism, are also called to be missionaries by inviting others to come and see Jesus.

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome Victoria Marshall & Oliver Vince into our faith community through the waters of Baptism. May God's love and blessings be upon them on their Baptism day and always.

Change of Mass & Reconciliation Times, St Monica's

The Saturday Vigil Mass at St Monica's will commence at 5:00 pm from 8 April due to the end of daylight saving. Reconciliation will be available from 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm.

LENT AND HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

	St Michael's Kaleen	St Monica's Evatt
Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm each Friday (Lent)	7:00 pm each Wednesday (Lent)
Holy Thursday, 6 April	6:00 pm Lord's Supper (with adoration till 8:00 pm)	No Mass
Good Friday, 7 April	10:00 am Stations of the Cross (followed by Reconciliation)	3:00 pm Passion of the Lord (followed by Reconciliation)
Holy Saturday, 8 April	No Reconciliation No Easter Vigil Mass	9:00 am Morning Prayer (followed by Reconciliation till 11:00 am) 5:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday, 9 April	8:00 am Mass 5:30 pm Mass	10:00 am Mass

Parish Sacramental Program 2023

If your child is in years 4, 5 or 6 in 2023 and they are baptised, this may be a Sacramental year. **Sacrament of First Eucharist** will be celebrated on 17 and 18 June 2023 across all four parish Masses. Registrations open on Monday 3 April 2023 and will close by Friday 28 April 2023. Registration for the Sacrament **must** be made via the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Qkr! App (NOT the school app). No late registrations will be accepted after the closing date. **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated on 5, 6, 7 September 2023. **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be celebrated in term 1, 2024. **School of Religion** – Sacrament dates and registration are the same as St Michael's and St Monica's Schools candidates (see above). Classes are held on Tuesdays from 6-7pm in the meeting room in St Monica's Church. **Sacrament of First Eucharist** - Classes for the Sacrament of First Eucharist will be held on 9, 16, 23, 30 May and 6 June 2023 in the meeting room at St Monica's Church, Evatt from 6-7 pm. **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

Archbishop Prowse was recently in Rome representing the Australian Church at a conference on Laity and family Life. Pope Francis attended the conference and gave a challenging address. Here is the first paragraph. For those who wish, copies of the full address are available at the church doors. "You have come here from various countries to reflect on the *shared responsibility* of pastors and lay faithful in the Church. The title of your Conference speaks of a "call" to "move forward together", thus setting the subject within the broader context of synodality. The path that God is indicating to the Church is precisely that of a more intense and concrete experience of communion and journeying together. He asks the Church to leave behind ways of acting separately, on parallel tracks that never meet. Clergy separated from laity, consecrated persons from clergy and the faithful; the intellectual faith of certain elites separated from the faith of ordinary people; the Roman Curia from the particular Churches, bishops from priests; young people from the elderly, spouses and families disengaged from the life of the communities, charismatic movements separated from parishes, and so forth. This is the worst temptation at the present moment. The Church still has a long way to go to live as a body, as a true people united by the same faith in Christ the Saviour, enlivened by the same Spirit of holiness and directed to the same mission of proclaiming the merciful love of God our Father."

Morning Tea, St Michael's & St Monica's, 19 March

We cordially invite our parishioners to join us for Morning Tea after the 8:00 am Mass at St Michael's & 10:00 am Mass at St Monica's on 19 March 2023.

Acolyte, Ministers of Holy Communion

If you would like to serve the parish in either of these ministries, please see Fr Mick. Training in March.

TAGS Lunch

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

Loreto Canberra & Districts Annual Reunion, 18 March

This is an invitation for past students of all Loreto schools to attend Mass at 12:15 pm at St Christopher's Cathedral followed by Lunch at Muse Restaurant, 69 Canberra Avenue, Kingston. Cost is \$65. RSVP to Sharlene and Riz (loreto.canberra@gmail.com)

St Monica's School Fete, Saturday 1st April 10 am - 2 pm

White Elephant Stall
 Donations (clean out the cupboards, one person's junk is another's treasure) can be delivered to the School Hall on the weekend of 11, 12 & 13 March.

**Third Sunday of Lent
11 & 12 March**

Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.** You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

ROSTERS—St Monica's

18-19 March 2023	6.00pm	10.00am
Acolyte	Katie Brasnett	Neill Cox
Altar Servers	Harry Collett	Volunteer
Readers	Gabrielle Jarvis Kathy Compton	Clare Geoghegan Geoffrey Paul
Music	FREE	Anne
Warden	Gavan Smith	Michael Holohan

18 March Church Cleaning	Kelly Grzywacz, Sue Keeble, Tony & Sue Connell
Altar Society	Lucia Carbone & Flo Jeremiah
19 March Counters	Robert Jepsen, Robert Brunato, Kelly Grzywacz

ROSTERS—St Michael's

19 March 2023	8.00am	5.30pm
Mass Coordinator	Tina Fisk	Cynthia Parayiwa
Acolyte	Neil Seabrook	Seven Tieupakt
Readers	Pat & Tony McArthur	Louise & Jack Amos
Eucharistic Minister	Marie Seabrook	Margaret Dudfield
Projectionist	Livia Brown	Choir

18 March Church Cleaning	Gen Power, Tim Power, Sam Fakhoury, Margaret Baker, Nidhi Joseph
Sanctuary Linen	Sr Kate
21 March Banking	Peter Corkran & Ted Smith

Next Week's Readings 4th Sunday Of Lent, Year A 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

PRAYER REQUESTS

Recently Deceased: Patricia Magnussen (mother of David & Felicity), Angelina Di Iulio (wife of Giuseppe, mother of Anthony, Danny, Mark & Robert), Angelo Santosouso (father of Gerry)

Anniversaries & Remembrances: Elaine Farrelly (wife of Leo), Josephine Kearns (wife of Des), Eileen Doherty, Don Furner, Stejhen Modic

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