



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

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B

REJOICING IN GOD, OUR SAVIOUR
Christmas is a feast of joy and light. We celebrate God who comes to dwell among us and save us. With the prophet Isaiah, we exult for joy in the Lord. With Mary, our spirits rejoice in God our saviour. We do not deny the pain and evil that exist in the world, but we rejoice in the knowledge that nothing can come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus.



Advent Wreath Prayer - Lighting of the Candle of Light

God of light, come to our aid as we welcome Christ to be our light and our hope. Amen

Blessing of the Crib Prayer

Loving God, you gave us Christ, born of Mary's yes and guarded over by Joseph, to be our light and our hope in every way. As we place the nativity scene in our home, bless us and fill our hearts with peace and joy. Help us to humbly follow St Francis of Assisi in welcoming the Christ Child into our lives for this Christmas. May we open our hearts to all who need Christ, his peace, hope and light. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Nativity Scene Reflection by Pope Francis

This year marks 800 years since St Francis of Assisi set up the first known Nativity Scene at midnight Mass in Creccio, Italy, in 1223. St Francis persuaded the parish priest to have midnight Mass in the stable amongst the animals, with a young couple and their baby taking the part of the Holy Family.

Christmas Lunch

Fr Mick is hosting a shared Christmas lunch at the presbytery, 1 Sharwood Cres, Evatt, for anyone who does not have family or friends with whom to celebrate. To help with catering, please let him know of your attendance.

Christmas Masses-Ministers of Holy Communion

We will need extra ministers at all Christmas Masses. If you would like to assist, please see Fr Mick.

Singing Practice for Christmas

This Monday evening at St Monica's Church 6pm-7pm. All voices welcome.

Thank You from St Vincent de Paul Conferences

Thanks to all who have donated to the Christmas appeals. Your generosity will mean the poor will have a measure of joy and hope at Christmas. It means a lot to the poor to be remembered by others.

Filipino Simbang Gabi- 9 Days Novena Mass

15-23 December 2023, 7pm, Yarralumla
Join us for Simbang Gabi, a beautiful 9-day novena Mass celebration leading to Christmas. Experience the joy of the season at St. Peter Chanel's Church, Loch St., Yarralumla.

Food Friendship Faith, for those aged 18-35 years

St Michael's Parish Centre
This is held each Sunday evening, after the 5:30pm Mass at St Michael's Church, Kaleen. We meet in the Parish Centre, next door to the church.

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome two new members into our faith community through the waters of Baptism; Cruz Arentz and Ben Ranger. May God's love and blessings be upon them on their Baptism day and always.

Christmas Mass Times

St Monica's Church, Evatt
24 December, Christmas Eve, 7.30pm
25 December, Christmas Day, 10.00am

St Michael's Church, Kaleen

24 December, Christmas Eve, 6.00pm
25 December, Christmas Day, 8.00am and 5.30pm

Second Rite of Reconciliation

St Michael's, Wednesday, 20th December, 7pm
St Monica's, Thursday, 21st December, 7pm

Christmas Novena of Masses

A parish Novena of Masses in preparation for Christmas begins on Sunday 17th December.

A special novena Mass will be held on Monday 18th at 9.30am at St Monica's, Evatt, and a Mass at St Michael's, Kaleen on Saturday 24th at 9:00am, with all the other usual Masses at the stipulated times.

Practice for Christmas Masses

Children in school years 4, 5, 6 are invited to act out the Gospel at the Christmas night Masses – 6pm at St Michael's and 7:30pm at St Monica's. Practices will be held as follows; St Monica's – 3:30-4:30pm Tuesdays 5th, 12th, 19th
St Michael's – 3:30-4:30pm Thursdays 7th, 14th, 21st
Afternoon tea will be supplied at the practices.
For more information, please call Fr Mick on 0419 010 870.

Christmas Mass Collection for 2023

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal

Please help to give life saving assistance to refugees fleeing violence, including evacuation, food, shelter as well as student assistance in Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Donations can also be sent to: Archbishop's Christmas Appeal, GPO Box 3089, Canberra Act 2601.

Tags Lunch, Gungahlin, 21 December

The final lunch of the year will be on Thursday 21 December at 12.30 pm at the Gungahlin Lakes Club. For those unable to make it, we wish you a very Happy Christmas. Enquiries to Vivien Gleeson 0400 466 555.

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

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 ADVENT, YEAR B

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

In Thanksgiving and Special Intentions: Jacqui Poliuit, Balikrishnan & Francis families

Anniversaries and Remembrances: Peter Bird, Tom Glover, Mirko Kotic, Gisela Joris Yessny, Florentius Sunardi, Elena Bautista, Carmel Smith, Breda Gerrard, Natalia Dalbo, Amelia Dalbo, Antonio de Marco, Concetta de Marco,

Recently Deceased: Wilma Griffin, Nola Harrington, Nick Simoncini, Doreen Stansalaus, Lorraine Cabrera, Petronella Wensing, Kevin Wellspring, Adam Suckling, Sammy Jugovac, Theng Chiok Chan & Hing Chun Hong, Neska Sekoranj, Marie Grima, Karl Grim, Irma Phillip, Des Kearns, Anna Le Thi Bich Dung, Bernard Storrier

Sick: Nina Wood, Steven Whiting, Margaret Elkins, Brenda Colliver, Brendon Mooney, Renato Penalozza, 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

Parish Sacramental Program 2024

For students who are baptised and will be in years 4-6 in 2024:

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in term 1, 2024

Sacrament of First Communion will be celebrated in term 2, 2024

Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in term 3, 2024

Information Session

An information session for the 2024 Sacramental Program will be held at **6pm on Thursday 8 February 2024 in St Michael's Church, Kaleen.** If your child is baptised and will be in years 4-6 in 2024, please put this date in your diary.

School of Religion

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.

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

ROSTERS 23-24 December 2023

St Monica's	6.00pm	10.00am
Acolyte	Gavan Smith	Ciaran Gerrard
Altar Servers	Adel Sibayan	Jessie & Lisia
Readers	Maryanne Gore	Mylene Naboya
	Kathy Compton	Anton den Hartog
Music	Anne	CRS
Warden	Katie Brasnett	Michael Holohan
Church Cleaning	Kelly, Sue K, Tony & Sue Connell	
Altar Society	Maree Mitchell & Maryanne Gore	
Counters	John, Maureen, Daniel	
St Michael's	8.00am	5.30pm
Mass	Neill Seabrook	Cynthia Parayiwa
Coordinator		
Acolyte	Tony McArthur	TC Nguyen
Readers	Marie Seabrook	(Children)
	Sr Kate	
Eucharistic Minister	Livia Brown	Margaret Dudfield
Projectionist	Anita Lobo	Choir
Church Cleaning	Canberra El Shaddai Prayer Group	
Sanctuary Linen	Livia Brown	
Banking	Doug Widdup & Rod Dudfield	

Next Week's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Yr B

2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12,14; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38