



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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

'THE HOUR HAS COME.'

Jesus was greatly troubled as the hour of his suffering and death approached. He was tempted to ask the Father to save him from this hour. But he knew that his death would be a source of new life for all. Today's liturgy invites us to share in Jesus' self-sacrificing love. For ourselves, as for Jesus, the grain of wheat must die in order to produce a rich harvest.

Baptisms

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

Archbishop Carrol - funeral arrangements

Wednesday Vigil 7:30pm, St Christopher's Cathedral
Thursday Requiem Mass 11:00am, St Christopher's Cathedral

Join us for a Welcome Cuppa for Fr Kose, 23 & 24 March

Parishioners and friends are warmly invited to stay back after all the weekend Masses (Saturday vigil, Sunday morning & night) to enjoy a friendly cuppa with finger food. Parishioners can bring a small plate of food to share.

Keep Holy Week holy

There will be special devotions on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week, 6:00pm – 7:00pm.

Saturday Morning Mass 9:30am, St Michael's Church

There will be Saturday Morning Mass at St Michael's, Kaleen.

Second Rite of Reconciliation (To prepare for Easter)

Thursday 21st March, 7:00pm, at St Matthew's Church, Chewings St, Page. This will be a Deanery celebration where a number of priests will be in attendance for Confessions.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St Monica's Church, Evatt - Wednesdays 6-7 pm

LENT AND HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

	St Michael's Kaleen	St Monica's Evatt
Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm each Friday of Lent	7:00 pm each Friday of Lent
Holy Thursday, 28 March	7:00pm Lord's Supper	No Mass
Good Friday, 29 March	10:00 am Stations of the Cross (with Holy Communion)	3.00 pm Passion of the Lord (with Holy Communion)
Holy Saturday, 30 March	No Easter Vigil Mass	10 am-12 noon Reconciliation 6:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday, 31 March	8:00 am & 5:30 pm Mass	10:00 am Mass

Pope Francis - what is virtue?

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

After having concluded our overview of the vices, it is now time to take a look at the mirror image, which is in opposition to the experience of evil. The human heart can indulge evil passions, it can pay heed to harmful temptations disguised in persuasive garb, but it can also oppose all of this. However arduous this may be, the human being is made for goodness, which truly fulfils him, and is also able to practise this art, causing certain dispositions to become permanent in him or her. Reflection on this wondrous possibility of ours forms a classic chapter in moral philosophy: the chapter of virtue.

The Roman philosophers called it *virtus*, the Greeks *aretè*. The Latin term highlights above all that the virtuous person is strong, courageous, capable of discipline and asceticism: therefore, the exercise of the virtues is the fruit of long germination, requiring effort and even suffering. The Greek word, *aretè*, instead indicates something that excels, something that emerges, that elicits admiration. The virtuous person therefore does not become warped by distortion, but remains faithful to his own vocation, fully realizing himself.

We would be off-course if we thought that the saints were the exceptions of humanity: a sort of restricted circle of champions who live beyond the limits of our species. The saints, from this perspective we have just introduced regarding the virtues, are instead those who become themselves fully, who fulfil the vocation proper to every man or woman. What a happy world it would be if justice, respect, mutual benevolence, broadmindedness, and hope were the shared normality, and not instead a rare anomaly! This is why the chapter on virtuous action, in these dramatic times of ours in which we often have to come to terms with the worst of humanity, should be rediscovered and practised by all. In a distorted world, we must remember the form in which we were shaped, the image of God that is forever imprinted on us.

Volunteers Needed for Eucharistic Ministers at St Monica's and St Michael's

We are seeking expression of interest from male & female parishioners who would like to become Eucharistic Ministers to assist at weekend mass services, during the Saturday Vigil, both Sunday morning masses and Sunday night. There may be occasions where you will be available to assist and deliver communion to the sick, which will be great. Training session/s will be provided. Please place your name, mobile/phone contact, email address and your actual weekend mass preference on the register provided on the table in the church foyer. Those parishioners presently assisting with these duties on the weekend are asked to enter their details on the register in the foyer, if you wish to continue, so we have a complete list to produce a roster.

Cursillo

A Spanish word meaning "short course". A Cursillo is an opportunity to renew your faith and to deepen your relationship with Jesus. The Cursillo is a three day live-in experience being led by a team of lay Catholics with a Spiritual Director, Fr Mick Mac Andrew. **Friday 12th April to Sunday 14th April at St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong.** Interested people who have already experienced a Cursillo are welcome to attend as a renewal. Assistance with the cost is available. Contact: irmandjoe@gmail.com

TAGS Lunch, 21 March

The next lunch for TAGS will be this Thursday, 12.30pm, at the Gungahlin Lakes Club. Everyone is welcome. RSVP to Vivien Gleeson on 0400 466 555 if you'd like to join us.

Parish Sacramental Program 2024

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation- preparation classes have commenced and will run for 6 weeks and the Sacrament will be celebrated on 9 April in St Monica's Church.

Commitment Masses— Sacrament of Reconciliation— This is the **LAST Weekend**

Students and parents **must** attend one of the weekend Masses at either St Monica's Church (6pm Saturday or 10am 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 16 and Sunday 17 March

There will be **no additional** commitment masses beyond this date. **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 March 2024

St Monica's	6.00pm	10.00am
Acolyte	Katie Brasnett	Frank Brassil
Altar Servers	Jacob Gallana	Anton & Marissa
Readers	Jenny Jeffery	Gabrielle Sullivan
	Vince O'Donnell	Magna Tsui
	Anne	Louise & Arthur
Music	Kelly Grzywacz	Bob Jepsen
Warden	Luke & Marie, Daniel, John	
Church Cleaning	Maree Mitchell & Maryanne Gore	
Altar Society	Marian, Ross, Gary	
Counters		
St Michael's	8.00am	5.30pm
Mass	Sue Collins	Ivan Cretni
Coordinator		
Acolyte	Neil Seabrook	TC Nguyen
Readers	Anne Staines	Louise Amos
	Marie Seabrook	Kevin Aoun
	Livia Brown	Margaret Dudfield
Eucharistic Minister		
Church Cleaning	Canberra El Shaddai Prayer Group	
Sanctuary Linen	Livia Brown	
Banking	Gerry Maynes & Linda Townrow	

Next Week's Readings

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year B

Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 -15:47

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
Saturday: 9:30 am
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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength,

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

PRAYER REQUESTS

In Thanksgiving and Special Intentions: Louise Zinkel, Sophy Jacob, Jacqui Poliquit, For Peace & Justice in all the world, For the suffering people of Gaza

Anniversaries and Remembrances: Dominic Pham, Maria Pham, John Nguyen, Maria Nguyen, Paul Pham, Zdenka Prdjan, Branimir Prdjan, Lincoln Bautista, Angelina Di Iulio, Sean Reiher, Elaine Farrelly, Jo Kearns, Librado Carzon, Silvia Mancuso, Thelma Bush, Louella Dubbelaar, Steven Najdecki, Mirko Kocic, Gisela Joris Yenny, Florentius Sunardi

Recently Deceased: Archbishop Francis Carroll, Daniel Stinziani, Sr Maxi De Souza, Mary Kutty Thomas, Vittoria Ciaccia, Lucio Crisanto

Sick: Sophy Jacob, Carmel Ford, Helen, Joseph Cretni, Francis Kutty, 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