



St Monica's Church Deffell St Evatt

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

NORTH BELCONNEN

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4.30—5.30 pm, St Monica's
Sunday: 4.30—5.30 pm, St Michael's

Reconciliation is available under changed conditions. Father will be seated outside the main entrance of the church. You may drive through in your car, or be seated at a distance of 1.5 metres away.

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES & FUNERALS

New protocols are in effect.
Contact Fr. Loi Viovicente on 6258 3212.

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PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS

The early Christian community could not remain as an enclosed, self-contained group in Jerusalem. Its members felt impelled by Christ to bring the Good News to Samaria and then to the ends of the earth. Christians in every age are called to be fully involved in the life and joys and pains of the world. At times this can be difficult but the Spirit of God is always with us to help us.

Greetings from our Youth Minister

Hello dear Parishioners!

This has definitely been a trying period for us all. However, Our Lord never abandons, so take heart and be strong. Let us continue to be strong pillars of hope to all those we encounter. Looking forward, Fr Loi and I have been working on a Gospel video series which has an accompanying worksheet on a parable. These videos will be released on our Facebook page every Friday, starting on May 15th, and continuing through the current primary school term. It is our hope that children have access to faith formation materials especially during such times as these.

'Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.' Joshua 1:9
Monica Culas: Monica.Culas@cg.org.au, M: 0435 876 303

Beanies for the Vinnies Night Van

With the onset of cooler weather, the Vinnies Night Van is seeking donations of winter woollens to distribute to needy clients. Gabrielle Jarvis is collecting hand-knitted beanies, knee rugs and fingerless gloves to donate to the Night Van. For information about where to leave your donations or regarding knitting patterns, please contact Gabrielle on 0429 413 562. Thank you.

Webinars on the encyclical Laudato Si, 'On Our Common Home'

Please consider taking part in one or both of the webinars on this encyclical of Pope Francis. The webinars will be at 6-7pm on 19th & 21st May to help mark the Vatican's Laudato Si week. World-class consultant, Jacqui Remond will present on what Laudato Si is about and facilitate discussion on its deep implications. These are hosted on Zoom by Belconnen South.

Express interest/RSVP to:
belconnensouth @cg.org.au or phone 0428 625 110.

Online Archdiocesan Mass

Visit www.catholicvoice.org.au for Sunday Mass at 11.00am, Saturday Mass at 9.00am and weekday Mass at 12.15pm.

Sunday Television Mass, Free to Air

Tune in to WIN, channel 10, (or channel 8), at 6.00am, Sunday.

Live-Streamed Parish Mass

This is via the parish Facebook account, every Saturday at 6.00pm. Search for Our Lady of Perpetual Help-North Belconnen or enter @ OLoPHNBelco in the Facebook search field. Mass is livestreamed on Saturday at 6pm. The recording can be viewed anytime afterwards.

Archdiocesan Protocols regarding Covid-19 as of 8 May 2020

1. Churches may now be open but will be restricted to no more than 10 people in the building at any time.
2. Mass may be celebrated for no more than 10 people, excluding those conducting the service.
3. Funerals celebrated inside the church building are restricted to 20 people, excluding those conducting the service.
4. Funerals celebrated outside the church building are restricted to 30 people, excluding those conducting the service.
5. Weddings may now be celebrated with 10 people, excluding those conducting the ceremony.

These gatherings are permitted with the physical distancing rule of 1.5 metres. No physical sign of peace is permitted and the current protocols for Holy Communion remain in place.

Parish Protocols regarding Covid-19 as of 8 May 2020

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Due to the restriction of a maximum of ten people, (excluding the celebrant), being permitted to gather in the church, Masses in our parish will not recommence until the next stage of the Covid-19 restrictions.

Prayers and Devotions in the Church

Groups of up to ten people who already possess a key to the church, may gather for prayers or devotions, observing the social distancing rule of 1.5 metres. For individuals who would like to pray privately in the church, please contact the parish office to arrange a time for the church to be opened.

Planned Giving Arrangements

The parish sincerely thanks all parishioners who contribute to the Planned Giving Program, particularly to those who have continued to support the Parish during these difficult days. We recognise too that there are families who have been impacted by work restrictions and consequently may not be able to contribute at this time. Our prayers are with you all.

With the closure of the Church for weekly Mass, our income has been significantly reduced to only that of Planned Giving and while we are able to reduce some expenses, the reduced income does not cover all the remaining expenses.

With such uncertainty as to future income, we would like to ask those parishioners who contribute through the envelopes to again consider moving to direct debit contributions. This would not only assist in ensuring a regular cash flow but would also cut down on the administration work involved and reduce the need to handle cash. Application forms are available at <http://cg.org.au/belconnennorth/ApplicationForms.aspx>

Alternatively, you can continue to physically drop off your envelopes to the locked letterboxes at St Michael's and St Monica's or consider making direct deposits to Our Lady of Perpetual Help BSB 062 786 A/c No 00029453 giving details of your envelope number and surname.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss your contributions please contact Ted Smith on 6241 3364 or 0411 106 295.

Next Week's Readings

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20