

St Monica's Church Deffell St Evatt

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

NORTH BELCONNEN

EVATT, GIRALANG, KALEEN, LAWSON, MCKELLAR, MELBA & SPENCE

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MASS TIMES

St Monica's Church, Evatt

Wednesday: 9.30 am 7.00 am Friday: 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

4.30 pm, St Monica's Chapel Tuesday

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

6.30 pm, St Monica's Tuesday Novena Devotion to O.L. of Perpetual Succour

Thursday 8.00 pm, St Michael's

El Shaddai Praver Group

2nd & 4th Saturday of each month Saturday

12.30pm to 5.00 pm. St Michael's

Men Alive

Thursday 7.00pm, St Monica's

Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals

Contact Fr. Loi Viovicente on 6258 3212.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Recently Deceased: Brid Gerrard, Joan Porta, Sharon Woods (Fr John Woods' sister). Cecilia Gowing, Laurie Cannon, Mary Gogusz

Death Anniversaries: Kathleen Holden, Tom Glover, Fr Jim De Mooy, Ben Gafa, Beth Hanrahan, Michael Stinziani, Vicente Nguyen

Sick: Katie Smith, Tony Murdoch, Pam Edwards, Vince Evans, Brid Gerrard, Donal Gerrard, Luke, Oliver, Jo Van der Geest, Pauline Greig. Fr Chris Murphy, Elena Bautista, Terry Nolan, Baby Maisie, Katia Banac, Rosa Bui Thi Ngoc Bich, Bernard Storrier, Vicki Heffernan, Des Kearns, Katherine Allen

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A

A MAN OF HONOUR

Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on Joseph, the husband of Mary, who played such an important role in God's plan of salvation. Joseph was a man of honour who combined respect for the law with compassion for Mary. He was open to hear God's word to him. He is an example for us all.

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome four new members into our faith community through the waters of Baptism; Aleisha Ligan, Alexandria Abanilla-Pantonial, Finn Busteed and Oscar Busteed. May God's love and blessings be upon them on their Baptism day and always.

MacKillop House for Homeless Women

Catholic Care Canberra and Goulburn extends sincere thanks for your support during 2022. In particular we thank you for your donations and financial support for MacKillop House for Homeless Women. Your generosity has enabled work to be implemented at MacKillop House, including an upgrade to our security system and the commencement of refurnishing for 25 single bedrooms. May Christmas bring many blessings for you and your loved ones. May you keep safe in 2023 and enjoy a better year. God bless, and warm thanks, from Sr Noelene Quinane.

The Marian Movement of Priests 16th Annual New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil, 31 December, Dickson

To be held at St Brigid's Church, Dickson at 8.00pm.

1st Cenacle 8pm Joyful Mysteries 2nd Cenacle9pm Luminous Mysteries

3rd Cenacle 10pm Sorrowful Mysteries

4th Cenacle 11pm Glorious Mysteries

There will be Exposition from 8pm until Benediction just before midnight. Enquiries to Judy & Joe Mewburn on 6254 6202.

Sacramental Program 2023

If you have a child in Years 4,5 or 6 in 2023, this is a Sacramental Year.

A Parish Sacramental Program Information Evening will be held on Thursday, 16 February, 2023, at 6pm in St Monica's Church for the families of students in Years 3-6 in 2023. You are very welcome to attend this Information Evening where all the relevant information will be available.

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



Lighting of the Candle of Love

All: Father, as our Advent pilgrimage draws to a close, we relight the candles of hope, peace and joy. And we light the candle of love. Grant us the courage to share your love; love for life and all creation, love for sinners and saints, love for the poor and the little ones. We thank you for the hope your Son gives us, for the peace he bestows, for the joy your Spirit pours into our hearts, and for your love that redeems us and shows us the way. Amen.

St Monica's Church, Evatt

24 December, Christmas Eve, 6pm 25 December, Christmas Day, 10am

St Michael's Church, Kaleen

24 December, Christmas Eve, 8pm

25 December, Christmas Day, 8am, No 5.30pm Mass

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at both St Monica's and St Michael's churches on Saturday, 24 December, 10am to 12noon.

The Marian Grotto

Parishioners are invited to consider if they would like to have a brick sized, wall plaque installed on the Grotto Wall in memory of their deceased family members. The estimated cost of this wall plaque would be \$300. If interested, please enter your contact details on the form provided in the church fover. For more information, contact Fr Loi or Gavan Smith on 0416 258 846.

Booklets for Advent and Christmas

Copies of 'Incarnate', a booklet of prayerful reflections for Advent and the Christmas Season, are available in the church foyer at a cost of \$5.00 each.

Advent Appeal for Ukranian People

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference strongly recommends support for this appeal. Donations may be made via CBA Bpoint through the QR code.





Supporting the work of Mudra Sprava, a Patriarchal in Ukraine Their three focus areas: Evacuation territories; Food packages

ROSTERS—St Monica's

| 24-25 December 2022 | 6.00pm | 10.00am |
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| Acolyte | Gavan Smith | Mark Gore |
| Altar Servers | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| Readers | Kathy Compton Jenny Jeffery | Neill Cox Gabrielle Sullivan |
| Music | Anne & extras | TBA |
| Warden | Luke Wensing | Michael Holohan |

| 24 December | Jo McMillan, John Clifford, David Whalan, |
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| Church Cleaning | Lilian Perea |
| Altar Society | Volunteers |
| 25 December | Robert Jepsen, Robert Brunato, Kelly |
| Counters | Grzywacz |

ROSTERS—St Michael's

| 24-25 December 2022 | 8.00pm | 8.00am |
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| Mass Coordinator | Cynthia Parayiwa | Tina Fisk |
| Acolyte | Seven Tieupakt | Sam Bartone |
| Readers | Louise Amos Jack Amos | Maria Fernandes Dias Joshua & Sarah Dias |
| Eucharistic Minister | Margaret Dudfield | Sr Kate |
| Projectionist | Livia Brown | Arleen Stark |

| 24 December Church Cleaning | Canberra El Shaddai Prayer Group |
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| Sanctuary Linen | Sr Kate |
| 27 December Banking | Peter Corkran, Ted Smith |

Next Week's Readings

The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas, Year A Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18