



St Monica's Church Deffell St Evatt



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH NORTH BELCONNEN

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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
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

EI 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B DRIVEN INTO THE WILDERNESS.

The Spirit of God, who descended on Jesus at his baptism, drove him into the wilderness. In the Jewish Scriptures the wilderness is both the place where Israel meets God and the place where it is tempted to worship idols made of stone. The season of Lent is a good time to examine whether we are responding to the Spirit of God in our lives or succumbing to the allurements of false idols.

Baptisms

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

Stations of The Cross

Two priests in the parish now allow for Stations to be held in both churches on the Fridays of Lent at 7:00pm.

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

There will be Saturday Morning Mass at St Michael's Church, Kaleen. Two priests in the Parish allows for this.

Lenten Prayer/Reflection Group

Luciana Ciaccia is hosting and leading a Prayer/Reflection Group for Lent. All materials supplied. Please phone Luciana for details; 0404 242 602.

Parish Retreat, Wednesday 28th February, 10:00am-2:00pm

Please place names and contact details on list in church foyer. Venue and programme will be worked out according to numbers. See Fr Mick for more information.

Parish Twilight Retreat (especially for workers)

Wednesday 6th March, 6:00pm-9:00pm

Food will be provided. Please place names and contact details on lists in church foyer. See Fr Mick for more information.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St Monica's Church, Evatt - Thursdays 7-8 pm

Morning Tea after 8am Mass, St Michael's, 25 February

All parishioners are warmly invited to stay for a cuppa and have a chat after Mass.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Any adult seeking to be Baptised or to become a member of the Catholic Church! The RCIA group commences on 21st February.

Youth Ministers for the Parish

This year we wish to have two part-time ministers who will work to support the youth of the parish (from school years 6-12). We have already one young man (from the Young Adults Group) and we are looking for a young woman. Duties will include working with the priests to commence a Youth Group for the Parish and to offer support to the families of youth. For more information, please see Fr Mick.

Have you Considered joining Vinnies?

St Michael's Conference of the Society of Vincent de Paul, also known as Vinnies, needs more members. We have a variety of roles within our conference. If you feel that you would like to live out the social justice values of the Gospel through charitable works, please ring Tony McArthur, conference president, for a chat on 0421 647 811.

Pope Francis - Message for Lent

Dear brothers and sisters!

When our God reveals himself, his message is always one of freedom: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Ex 20:2). These are the first words of the Decalogue given to Moses on Mount Sinai. Those who heard them were quite familiar with the exodus of which God spoke: the experience of their bondage still weighed heavily upon them. In the desert, they received the "Ten Words" as a thoroughfare to freedom. We call them "commandments", in order to emphasize the strength of the love by which God shapes his people. The call to freedom is a demanding one. It is not answered straightforwardly; it has to mature as part of a journey. Just as Israel in the desert still clung to Egypt - often longing for the past and grumbling against the Lord and Moses - today too, God's people can cling to an oppressive bondage that it is called to leave behind. We realize how true this is at those moments when we feel hopeless, wandering through life like a desert and lacking a promised land as our destination. Lent is the season of grace in which the desert can become once more - in the words of the prophet Hosea - the place of our first love (cf. Hos 2:16-17). *God shapes his people, he enables us to leave our slavery behind* and experience a Passover from death to life. Like a bridegroom, the Lord draws us once more to himself, whispering words of love to our hearts.

For full message, some copies available in the church foyer or you can go online

Type in Message of the Holy Father Francis for Lent 2024.

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 (Priest).

Friday 12th April to Sunday 14th April at St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong.

Assistance with the cost is available. More info to follow.

Caritas Australia - Project Compassion 2024

First Sunday of Lent 17 & 18 February this year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world for all future generations. Please donate to Project Compassion. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available in the foyer or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

For those who wish to contribute to Parish Finances;

BSB: 062 786

Account No: 00029453

Account Name: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Reference: [your name]

Your contributions support both the priests of the Archdiocese and your Parish. 30% of monies are deposited for the priests and 70% are deposited in the Parish's own account. This is the same for any monies given via collections, tap n' go, direct debit and internet banking. Your sacrifices are much appreciated.

Parish Sacramental Program 2024

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

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 commences on 27 February 2024 for 6 weeks and the Sacrament will be celebrated on 9 April in St Monica's Church.

Sacraments to be celebrated in 2024

Sacrament of Reconciliation - will be celebrated during term 1. **Registrations open this Monday, 19 February** via the parish Qkr! App.

Registration for the Sacrament **must** be made via the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Qkr! App (**NOT** the school app.) If you are registering more than 1 child you will need to fully complete and pay for **each separate** registration.

No late registrations will be accepted after closing date.

Sacrament of First Communion - will be celebrated across the four Sunday Parish Masses on the weekend of 15 and 16 June.

Sacrament of Confirmation - will be celebrated in Term 3 on 17, 18 & 19 September.

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 24-25 February 2024

St Monica's	6.00pm	10.00am
Acolyte	Dolores Schneider	Neill Cox
Altar Servers	Adel & Diosa	Jessie & Lisia
Readers	Jenny Jeffery	Robert Sharf
	Gabrielle Jarvis	Magna Tsui
Music	Anne	Louise & Arthur
Warden	Kelly Grzywacz	Anna & Robert
Church Cleaning	Katrina, Mick, Felicity, Chamal	
Altar Society	Lucia Carbone & Flo Jeremiah	
Counters	Marian, Ross, Gary	
St Michael's	8.00am	5.30pm
Mass	Tina Fisk	Cynthia Parayiwa
Acolyte	Tony McArthur	Tanya Butler
Readers	Julianne Garcia	Maria Fernandes
	Anne Staines	Joshua Dias
	Livia Brown	Margaret Dudfield
Eucharistic Minister		
Church Cleaning	Canberra El Shaddai Prayer Group	
Sanctuary Linen	Maria Evans	
Banking	Peter Corkran & Ted Smith	

Next Week's Readings

Second Sunday of Lent, Year B

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10