



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: 5.00 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: 4.00 - 4.45 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

'I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD.'

Though few shepherds remain in our modern world, the image of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, continues to bring comfort to us. It reminds us that we are not alone. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, watches over us always. He lays down his life for us. He leads us to pasture, to water, to safety. He searches for us when we stray and bandages our wounds. Today, let us listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd.

Youth Ministers

Congratulations to Aghil Babu and Geamila Ellis Raya who have commenced work this week as the Parish's Co-Ordinators for Youth Ministry. The first task for them is to get to know the young people in School Years 6 – 12 and to plan together how best to support these young people in their journey of life and faith. Please keep Aghil and Geamila in your prayers.

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome Lucas Kennedy, E-Lynne & Emmanuel Yeong into our faith community through the waters of Baptism. May God's love and blessings be upon them on their Baptism day and always.

ANZAC DAY, Thursday 25th April

Mass at St Michael's, Kaleen at 9:30am
Let us remember in prayer those who have served in the Defence Forces of Australia and New Zealand and those who are currently serving. We pray for their protection.

SYNOD on SYNODALITY

Wednesday 24th April is an important date for our Parish. We will have an afternoon meeting 2pm-3:30pm at St Monica's Meeting Room and then in the evening 7:00-8:30pm, again at St Monica's Meeting Room to add our voices to the second session of the Synod, occurring at the Vatican in October this year. Come along and add your voice to the process.

Please join us for a Celebration Cuppa for Sr Kate after Mass on 27th & 28th April

After the Saturday vigil Mass at St Monica's and the Sunday morning Mass at St Michael's we celebrate Sr Kate's Saint's Feast Day and her April birthday, with a cuppa and hot and cold nibbles. Parishioners and friends are most welcome to stay and bring a plate to share.

Congratulations Sr Kate and thank you so much for all the good work you do in our parish which includes visiting the sick and aging people and parishioners who are unable to attend the church. We are so blessed in having you care for those in our community and this occasion gives us the opportunity to personally thank you for your continued and dedicated service. May our Lord continue to watch over you and guide you in your important ministry! Our prayers and best wishes are extended to you always and on your special Feast Day, 29th April. God bless!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Fr Kose

Is on the move again, to Temora this time to administer the Parish till June when the Parish Priest will return from India.

Pope Francis on temperance

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!
Today I will talk about the fourth and final cardinal virtue: *temperance*. With the other three, this virtue shares a history that goes far back in time and does not only belong to Christians. For the Greeks, the practice of the virtues had happiness as its objective. The philosopher Aristotle wrote his most important treatise on ethics, addressing it to his son Nicomachus, to instruct him in the art of living. Why does everyone seek happiness, even though so few achieve it? This is the question. To answer this question, Aristotle confronts the theme of the virtues, among which *enkráteia*, that is, temperance, takes a prominent place. The Greek term literally means "power over oneself". So, temperance is a power over oneself. This virtue is thus the capacity for self-mastery, the art of not letting oneself be overcome by rebellious passions, of establishing order in what Manzoni calls "the jumble of the human heart".

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that "temperance is the moral virtue that moderates the attraction of pleasures and provides balance in the use of created goods". The *Catechism* continues, "It ensures the will's mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable. The temperate person directs the sensitive appetites toward what is good and maintains a healthy discretion, and does not follow the base desires, but restrains the appetites" (1809).
Full text www.vatican.va

WhatsApp for parishioners

Would you like to receive a video Gospel reflection mid-week and any parish notifications? The Parish will soon start a WhatsApp group. All you need to do is give us your mobile phone number. Any numbers collected will of course remain confidential and cannot be shared with others. A list for you to place your mobile number is at the church doors.

Stations of the Resurrection

Friday evenings 7:00pm

During Lent we had Stations of the Cross, now we have Stations of the Resurrection to keep Eastertide in focus.
The third session, this Friday, at St Monica's Evatt.

Project Compassion

Thank you for the many sacrifices you made during Lent to support Project Compassion. It is now time to bring in your offerings.

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]

Youth Group, 28 April, St John the Apostle Parish Centre

Young Christian students who are in years 7-12 are invited for this Youth Group. Next meeting will be held on 28 April at St John the Apostle Parish Centre from 7:00pm to 9:00pm (after the 6:00pm Mass). For more information contact the Parish Office: kippax@cg.org.au

Healing Rally with Damian Stayne, 1 May, 7:00pm -9:30pm

Everyone is welcome! @St Peter Channels Church, Yarralumla.

Good Shepherd Sunday

Today we hear the Gospel of the Good Shepherd. We are all called to shepherd our world in the ways of Jesus. Some men are called to be priests or deacons. They need our support while they train for ministry among us. **The Good Shepherd Appeal** will be taken up today to support our three Seminarians studying at Good Shepherd Seminary in Sydney. Please pray for Nicholas Barry (1st year), Cinnil Thomas (2nd year) and Bran Grgic (3rd year).

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.

Preparation classes for the Sacrament of First Communion begin on Tuesday 7 May and will run for 6 weeks.

Sacrament of First Communion - for School of Religion, St Michael's School students and St Monica's School students will be celebrated across the four Sunday Parish Masses on the weekend of 15 and 16 June 2024.

Sacrament of Confirmation - will be celebrated 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 27-28 April 2024

St Monica's	5.00pm	10.00am
Acolyte	Katie Brasnett	Franklin Soriano
Altar Servers	Adel Sibayan	Jessie Akkidasari
Readers	Jenny Jeffery	Jo Hardiman
	Vince O'Donnell	Robert Sharf
Music	Anne	Anne
Warden	Katie Brasnett	Anna & Robert
Church Cleaning	Jo, John, David, Lilian	
Altar Society	Maxine Lloyd & Mary Williams	
Counters	Matt, Paul, Khalil	
St Michael's	8.00am	5.30pm
Mass	Neil Seabrook	Cynthia Parayiwa
Acolyte	Ted Smith	Phillip Butler
Readers	Sr Kate	Seven Tieupakt
	Marie Seabrook	Kevin Aoun
	Volunteer	Margaret Dudfield
Eucharistic Minister		
Church Cleaning	Canberra El Shaddai Prayer Group	
Sanctuary Linen	Sr Kate	
Banking	Doug Widdup & Rod Dudfield	

Next Week's Readings

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B

Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8