



St Monica's Church Deffell St Evatt



# OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH NORTH BELCONNEN

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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

### 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

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

'THE TIME HAS COME.'

These are the first recorded words of Jesus in Mark's Gospel. In a variety of contexts we have probably used them ourselves when we felt that an important decision could be delayed no longer. At some point in our life, perhaps even today, the decision in question will be whether to follow Jesus wholeheartedly or in a superficial way.

### Baptism

This weekend we welcome Mazie Dobliger into our faith community through the waters of Baptism. May God's love and blessings be upon her on her Baptism day and always.

### Dates for Your Diary

Australia Day Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January Mass - St Monica's Church, Evatt 9:30am

(Lamington Competition judging – and eating)

Sat/Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> February Sunday of The Word of God

Sat/Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> February – Sacrament of Anointing at all Masses

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent

Fridays of Lent – Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Daytime Parish Retreat 10am-2pm

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Twilight Retreat 6pm-9pm

Sat/Sun 24<sup>th</sup> March – Palm (Passion) Sunday, Holy Week begins

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> March – Mass of the Chrism (St Christopher's Cathedral)

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March – Holy Thursday

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> March – Good Friday

Sun 31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Sunday

### Lamington Competition – Australia day

Create a lamington for Australia day. Bring to Mass at Evatt on Australia day – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 9:30am. Lamington can be in any shape or form. Judging will be best idea, best design and best eating. Fr Mick will judge!!!!!!



### Pope Francis on Virtues and Vices

Let us continue our journey concerning vices and virtues; and the ancient Fathers teach us that, after gluttony, the second 'demon' – that is, vice – that is always crouching at the door of the heart is that of *lust*, called *porneia* in Greek

Be careful: in Christianity, there is no condemnation of the sexual instinct. There is no condemnation. A book of the Bible, the Song of Songs, is a wonderful poem of love between two lovers. However, this beautiful dimension, the sexual dimension, the dimension of love, of our humanity is not without its dangers

But let us look at the human experience, the experience of falling in love. Why this mystery happens, and why it is such-

a shattering experience in people's lives, none of us know. One person falls in love with another, falling in love just happens. It is one of the most astonishing realities of existence.

If it is not polluted by vice, falling in love is one of the purest feelings. A person in love becomes generous, enjoys giving gifts, writes letters and poems. He stops thinking of himself to be completely focused on the other. This is beautiful And if you ask a person in love, "Why you love?" they won't have an answer. This 'garden' where wonders are multiplied is not, however, safe from evil. It is defiled by the demon of lust, and this vice is particularly odious, for at least two reasons. At least two.

First, because it *destroys relationships between peoples*. To prove such a reality, unfortunately, the daily news is sufficient. How many relationships that began in the best of ways have then turned into toxic relationships, of possession of the other, lacking respect and a sense of limits? These are loves in which chastity has been missing: a virtue not to be confused with sexual abstinence – chastity is something different from sexual abstinence – but rather must be connected with the will never to possess the other. To love is to respect the other, to seek his or her happiness, to cultivate empathy for his or her feelings, to dispose oneself in the knowledge of a body, a psychology, and a soul that are not our own, and that must be contemplated for the beauty they bear. That is love, and love is beautiful. Lust, on the other hand, makes a mockery of all this: lust plunders, it robs, it consumes in haste, it does not want to listen to the other but only to its own need and pleasure; lust judges every courtship a bore, it does not seek that synthesis between reason, drive and feeling that would help us to conduct existence wisely. The lustful seeks only shortcuts: he does not understand that the road to love must be travelled slowly, and this patience, far from being synonymous with boredom, allows us to make our loving relationships happy.

But there is a second reason why lust is a dangerous vice. Among all human pleasures, sexuality has a powerful voice. It involves all the senses; it dwells both in the body and in the psyche, and this is very beautiful; but if it is not disciplined with patience, if it is not inscribed in a relationship and in a story where two individuals transform it into a loving dance, it turns into a chain that deprives human beings of freedom. Sexual pleasure that is a gift from God is undermined by pornography: satisfaction without relationship that can generate forms of addiction. We have to defend love, the love of the heart, of the mind, of the body, pure love in the giving of oneself to the other. And this is the beauty of sexual intercourse. Winning the battle against lust, against the "objectification" of the other, can be a lifelong endeavour.

## Parish Sacramental Program 2024

**A Parish Sacramental Program Information Evening** Will be held at 6pm on Thursday 8 February 2024 in St Michael's Church, Kaleen for the families of students in years 4-6 in 2024. You are very welcome to attend the information evening where all the relevant information will be available.

### School of Religion

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, with registrations opening on 19 February via the parish Qkr! App - Our Lady of Perpetual Help (not the school app).

Sacrament of First Communion - will be celebrated on the weekend of 15 and 16 June.

Sacrament of Confirmation - will be celebrated during Term 3, 2024 (dates to be confirmed.)

**For further information regarding the Sacramental Program** – please contact the Sacramental Program Coordinator at [sc.belconnennorth@cg.org.au](mailto:sc.belconnennorth@cg.org.au) or check the parish website for updates at [www.cg.org.au/belconnennorth](http://www.cg.org.au/belconnennorth)

## ROSTERS 27-28 January 2024

St Monica's	6.00pm	10.00am
Acolyte	Garry Compton	Chris Dudfield
Altar Servers	Adel Sibayan	Lare Devoy
Readers	Vince O'Donnell	Anton den Hartog
	Paul Sykes	Angela Cornell
Music	Anne	FLY
Warden	Dolores Schneider	Kelly Grzywacz
Church Cleaning	Gavan, Jenny, Dolores	
Altar Society	Kay Grzadka & Linda Pike	
Counters	Marian, Ross, Gary	
St Michael's	8.00am	5.30pm
Mass	Sue Collins	Cynthia Parayiwaa
Coordinator		
Acolyte	Tony McArthur	Tanya Butler
Readers	Linda Townrow	Seven Tieupakt
	Anne Staines	Kevin Aoun
	Livia Brown	Margaret Dudfield
Eucharistic Minister		
Church Cleaning	Canberra El Shaddai Prayer Group	
Sanctuary Linen	Livia Brown	
Banking	Luciana Ciaccia & Clyde Robins	

## Next Week's Readings

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28