



St Monica's Church Deffell St Evatt

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH NORTH BELCONNEN

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St Michael's Church Tyrrell Cct Kaleen

MASS TIMES

St Monica's Church, Evatt

Wednesday: 9.30 am
Friday: 7.00 am
Saturday Vigil: 5.00 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: 4.00—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 10:00 am, 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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

PRAYER REQUESTS

In thanksgiving: Jacquie Poliquit

Recently Deceased: Reginald McBride, Laurie Hancock, Jason Hogben, Margot Prout, Lesina Lufe, Marie Fury, Ruth Geetha Rani, Eleanor Glosz, Jim Mitchell

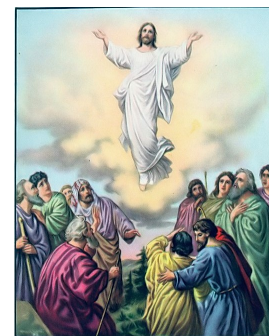
Anniversaries & Remembrances: Eugene, Mary Laraghy, Jordan Taylor, Bob Edwards, Jean & Cliff Seabrook, Mavis & Harold Hewish, Harry, Lilly & Jim Hill, Jacov Ivancic, Ruth Glover, Rachel Jones, Jacquie Burggraaf, Mollie Reiher, Dink Sargent, Maria Pham, Dominic Pham, Maria & John Nguyen

Sick: Bernard Storrier, Vimala Mahalingam, Bong, Rose Rajer, Clare Menezes, Pope Francis, Tricia Mitchell, Tony Marker, Lucio Crisanto, Sarah Driscoll, Caitlin, Royce Miosge, Hilaria Bathan, Francis Politano, Tony Murdoch, Donal Gerrard, Luke, Oliver, Pauline Greig, Fr Chris Murphy, Terry Nolan, Baby Maisie, Katia Banac, Rosa Bui Thi Ngoc

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, YEAR A

'I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS.'

When Christ ascended into heaven he did not abandon his disciples. Matthew's Gospel begins with the angel's words that Jesus will be called Emmanuel, which means God-is-with-us, and it ends with Jesus' promise: 'know that I am with you always, yes, to the end of time.' In a special way Emmanuel is with us in this Eucharist for 'where two or three are gathered in my name, I shall be there with them.'



Baptisms

This weekend we welcome Isla Thompson & Posy Murtagh into our faith community through the waters of Baptism. May God's love and blessings be upon them on their Baptism day and always.

Morning Tea, St Michael's, 21 May

We cordially invite our parishioners to join us for Morning Tea after the 8:00am Mass.

May - the month of Mary, the first disciple of Jesus

We will pray a decade of the Rosary before each weekend Mass - 5:00pm Sunday at St Michael's Church the full Rosary.

Stations of the Resurrection

This week, Stations 11, 12, 13 & 14 at St Michael's Church on Friday at 6:30pm. Thirty minutes of contemplative prayer with music.

Finalising the Project Compassion & Good Shepherd Appeals

Through your generosity we were able to raise \$ 5346.80 for Project Compassion and \$1631.55 for the Good Shepherd Appeal. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home please return them as soon as possible.

Cough and Cold Season

Please consider wearing a mask in church if you have symptoms. It will help others to stay healthy.

Food Friendship Faith—for those between 18 & 35 years

Sunday evening, after the 5:30pm Mass at St Michael's Church, Kaleen. We will meet in the parish meeting room next door to the Church.

Pope Francis on Evangelization and Missionaries

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!
Continuing our itinerary of the Catecheses with some exemplary models of apostolic zeal, today we recall, we are speaking about evangelization, about apostolic zeal, of bearing the name of Jesus. And there are many women and men in history who have done this in an exemplary way. Today, for example, we choose as an example, Saint Francis Xavier, who some say is considered the greatest missionary of modern times. But it is not possible to say who is the greatest, who is the least. There are so many hidden missionaries who, even today, do much more than Saint Francis Xavier. And Saint Francis Xavier is the patron of missions, like Saint Therese of the Child Jesus. Born in Spain, Francis studied in Paris, where he met Saint Ignatius of Loyola and, together with a few companions, formed the Society of Jesus, placing themselves at the service of the Pope for the most urgent needs of the Church of their time. The sixteenth century, the age of discovery, called for a great missionary outreach. Francis set out for the East Indies, where, starting in Goa, he carried out an intense activity of preaching, baptizing, catechizing and caring for the sick. From India, he passed to the Maluku islands and from there to Japan. Unable to fulfil his dream of entering China, Francis died, at only forty-six years of age, on the nearby island of Shangchuan. His heroic zeal for evangelization was the fruit of a life of deep prayer and loving union with the person of Jesus Christ. May the example of Saint Francis Xavier inspire our own efforts to advance the Church's mission, as joyful witnesses to the risen Lord and his saving word.

Calvary Hospital

Canberrans have a choice now as to which hospital they go to, but the ACT Government is going to take that choice away. The Little Company of Mary and the Catholic Church have given over forty years of faithful service at Calvary. The ACT Government is acting unilaterally in the forcible takeover, that is no way for a democratic government to act. Please go online to sign the petition or, if you have no computer, sign the petition in the foyer of the church. Please, only sign once, not multiple times. Encourage your neighbours to sign as well.
<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/petition-to-save-calvary-hospital-bruce/>

Laudato Si Week

This week is observed throughout the world to raise the consciousness of Catholics to the issues raised in the encyclical by Pope Francis – Laudato Si (Praise to you Lord). The Pope asks all Catholics to proclaim respect and protection for God's creation. The theme for this year's Laudato Si week 16-24 May is 'Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity'. The Archdiocese will launch its draft action plan at 11:00am Sunday Mass in the Cathedral 21 May.

Parish Sacramental Program 2023

Sacrament of First Eucharist - will be celebrated across the four Sunday Parish Masses:
5pm - 17 June at St Monica's Church, Evatt;
8am - 18 June at St Michael's Church, Kaleen;
10am - 18 June at St Monica's Church, Evatt;
5.30pm - 18 June at St Michael's Church, Kaleen.
Registrations are now closed and **no** late registrations can be accepted.

School of Religion - Sacrament of First Eucharist

Preparation classes for the Sacrament of First Eucharist classes will be held on 9, 16, 23, 30 May and 6 June 2023 in the meeting room at St Monica's Church, Evatt from 6-7 pm.

Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on 5, 6, 7 September 2023.

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in term 1, 2024.

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 May 2023)

St Monica's	5.00pm	10.00am
Acolyte	Garry Compton	Ciaran Gerrard
Alter Servers	Harry Collett	Volunteer
Readers	Veronica Dahl	Neill Cox
	Peter Donnellan	Leon Sadkowsky
Music	Karen & family	Anne
Warden	Dolores Schneider	Anna & Robert
Church Cleaning	Kelly, Sue, Tony & Sue Connell	
Alter Society	Maree Mitchell & Maryanne Gore	
Counters	Marian, Ross, Garry	
St Michael's	8.00am	5.30pm
Mass	Neill Seabrook	Cynthia Parayiwa
Coordinator		
Acolyte	Tony McArthur	Seven Tieupakt
Readers	Marie Seabrook	Louise & Jack
	Linda Townrow	Amos
	Sr Kate	Margaret Dudfield
Eucharistic Minister	Volunteer	Choir
Projectionist	Canberra El Shaddai Prayer Group	
Church Cleaning	Livia Brown	
Sanctuary Linen	Gil Watters & Diane Watters	
Banking		

Next Week's Readings

Pentecost Sunday, Yr A

Gen 11:1-9; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39