



St Monica's Church Deffell St Evatt



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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.

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B CALMING THE STORM.

When a storm blew up on the sea of Galilee, Jesus' disciples feared that their boat would swamped by the waves. But Jesus, who was with them, calmed the sea. At times we can feel that we are being swamped by various troubles. But Jesus is with us to protect us. Like the apostle Paul we are overwhelmed, not by storms and troubles, but by the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus.

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome Piper Luscombe & Riley Gallway into our faith community through the waters of Baptism. May God's love and blessings be upon them on their Baptism day and always.

First Holy Communion - Thank you

A special thank you to the choirs, musicians who helped celebrated the First Holy Communion last weekend. We appreciate all your efforts and dedication to make it a success.

Adoration at St Monica's

A change of day and time.
Thursdays 6:15pm -7:15pm
All welcome

Musicians & Singers Needed

Calling all singers and musicians, needed for St Monica's Church, Evatt especially. Let's praise God with our song. Contact Anne Kennedy on 0414 778 599 or Lawrence De Costa on 0419 629 274 to join. Your talents God will multiply!

Planned Giving Envelopes 2024 -25

Envelopes for the financial year 24-25 are available for collection this weekend. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The Team is in need of a balance, we need two women to join to ensure balance on the team. The team will be formed over the next two months to ready itself for accepting inquirers who may wish to join the Catholic Church or re-engage with the Church after a long absence. The Team meets this Monday evening 6pm – 7pm at Kaleen.

For those who wish to contribute to Parish Finances;

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Pope Francis - the Spirit and the Bride

The Holy Spirit guides the people of God towards Jesus our hope. The Spirit teaches the Bride to pray. The Psalms, symphony of prayer in the Bible

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

In preparation for the next Jubilee, I invited the devotion of the year 2024 "to a great 'symphony' of prayer". With today's catechesis, I would like to recall that the Church already possesses a symphony of prayer, whose composer is the Holy Spirit, and it is the Book of Psalms.

As in any symphony, it contains various "movements", that is, various genres of prayer: praise, thanksgiving, supplication, lamentation, narration, sapiential reflection, and others, both in the personal form and in the choral form of the whole people. These are the songs that the Spirit himself has placed on the lips of the Bride, His Church. All the Books of the Bible, I mentioned last time, are inspired by the Holy Spirit, but the Book of Psalms is also so in the sense that it is full of poetic inspiration.

The Psalms have had a special place in the New Testament. Indeed, there were and still are editions that contain the New Testament and the Psalms together. On my desk I have an edition in Ukrainian of this New Testament of Psalms from a soldier who died in the war, that was sent to me. And he prayed on the front with this book. Not all the Psalms – and not all of every Psalm – can be repeated and made their own by Christians and even less by modern man. They reflect, at times, a historical situation and a religious mentality that are no longer our own. This does not mean that they are not inspired, but in certain aspects they are linked to a time and a temporary stage of revelation, as is also the case with a large part of ancient legislation.

What most commends the Psalms to our attention is that they were the prayer of Jesus, Mary, the Apostles and all the Christian generations that have preceded us. When we recite them, God listens to them with that grandiose "orchestration" that is the community of saints. Jesus, according to the Letter to the Hebrews, enters into the world with a verse from a Psalm in His heart: "Lo, I have come to do thy will, O God" (cf. *Heb* 10:7; *Ps* 40:9), and He leaves the world, according to the Gospel of Luke, with another verse on His lips: "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit" (*Lk* 23:46, cf. *Ps* 31:6).

The use of psalms in the New Testament is followed by that of the Fathers and the entire Church, which makes them a fixed element in the celebration of the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours. "All the Sacred Scripture breathes the goodness of God", says Saint Ambrose, "but in particular the sweet book of the Psalms" [2], the sweet book of the Psalms. I wonder: do you pray with the Psalms sometimes? Take the Bible or the New Testament, and pray a Psalm. For example, when you are a bit sad for having sinned, do you pray Psalm 50? There are many Psalms that help us keep going. Form the habit of praying with the Psalms. I assure you that you would be happy in the end.
Full text www.vatican.va, choose audiences, English

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. Preparation classes run for 6 weeks. For information regarding the 2024 Sacramental Program, please contact the Sacramental Program Coordinator.

Sacrament of Confirmation - will be celebrated on 17, 18, & 19 September 2024. Registrations **open next Monday 24 June 2024** via the parish Qkr! App.

Registrations will close on Friday 26 July 2024.

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 in that candidate's name.

ALSO - Please discuss with your child their Saint's name and Sponsor as this is a requirement on the registration form.

Please also note that the school holidays fall within the registration period, so please register sooner rather than later. No late registrations will be accepted after the closing date.

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 29-30 June 2024

St Monica's	5.00pm	10.00am
Acolyte	<i>Dolores Schneider</i>	<i>Franklin Soriano</i>
Altar Servers	<i>Harry Collett</i>	<i>Marissa Hartog</i>
Readers	<i>Kathy Compton</i>	<i>Gabrielle Sullivan</i>
	<i>Clair Devoy</i>	<i>Anton den Hartog</i>
Music	<i>Karen</i>	<i>LY</i>
Warden	<i>Kelly Grzywacz</i>	<i>Anna & Robert</i>
Church Cleaning	<i>Maryanne, Jenny, Daniela, Catherine, Judy</i>	
Altar Society	<i>Lucia Carbone & Flo Jeremiah</i>	
Counters	<i>Robert J, Robert B, Kelly</i>	
St Michael's	8.00am	5.30pm
Mass Coordinator	<i>Tina Fisk</i>	<i>Ivan Cretni</i>
Acolyte	<i>Bobby Goodwin</i>	<i>Phillip Butler</i>
Readers	<i>Linda Townrow</i>	<i>Maria Jayan</i>
	<i>Annett Jose</i>	<i>Joel Kurian</i>
Eucharistic Minister	<i>Sr Kate</i>	<i>Margaret Dudfield</i>
Church Cleaning	<i>Livia, Nidhi, John, Ivona</i>	
Sanctuary Linen	<i>Su Nguyen</i>	
Banking	<i>Gil Watters & Diane Watters</i>	

Next Week's Readings

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Wis 1:13-15 2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7, 9,13-15; Mk 5:21-43

Parish Safeguarding Commitment: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all of our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to, and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all of our thinking. **Communicating Concerns:** Parishioners are encouraged to raise any concerns they may have regarding safeguarding by emailing Fr Mick, Safeguarding Volunteers or the Parish Office.