



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

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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B

### A DWELLING PLACE FOR GOD.

King David wanted to build a fine temple in which God would dwell among the people. But God did not choose a building made of stones and mortar for a dwelling place but the womb of the virgin Mary. God continues to dwell among us in Mary's son, Jesus Christ, whose body is the Church. Let us pray for a deepening of faith this Christmas that we, like Mary, may continue to give Christ to the world.

### Christmas Lunch

Fr Mick is hosting a shared Christmas lunch at the presbytery, 1 Sharwood Cres, Evatt, for anyone who does not have family or friends with whom to celebrate. To help with catering, please let him know of your attendance.

### Christmas Mass Times

#### St Monica's Church, Evatt

Tomorrow, 10.00am

#### St Michael's Church, Kaleen

Tomorrow, 8:00am and 5:30pm

### New Year's Day Masses

#### World Day of Prayer for Peace

9:30am - St Michael's Church, Kaleen

12 noon - St Monica's Church, Evatt

### Thank You, God Bless You

I would like to express, on behalf of all Parishioners, sincere thanks to those who take on responsibilities in Parish Ministry and Service. Sr Kate McMahon, Acolytes, Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Church Cleaners, Church Counters, Readers, Church Wardens and Mass Co-ordinators, Musicians and Singers, those who look after the flowers and banners, those who continually look after the grounds of our churches and the presbytery, Secretaries, our Finance Officer, our Parish School of Religion teachers, the Altar Society carers, our wonderful St Vincent de Paul Conference members, members of the Parish Council and Parish Finance Committee and the 'army' of parishioners who care for me and the Parish behind the scenes. May God grant you your prayers and may the Christ Child bless you with peace, love and joy this Christmas - Fr Mick.

### Christmas Masses-Ministers of Holy Communion

We will need extra ministers at all Christmas Masses tomorrow. If you would like to assist, please see Fr Mick.

### Vinnies Christmas Appeal - St Monica's

A big thank you to the community of St Monica's who have once again been extremely generous with their support for others in our community. This year you contributed a total of \$7091 which helps to support our work. Because of your generosity we have delivered around 40 Christmas hampers and provided Toys for 40 children. Wishing everyone a Christmas full of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.



### Advent Wreath Prayer - Lighting of the Candle of Light

God of all light and joy, fill our minds and hearts with Mary's joy at the birth of your only Son, Jesus. Amen.

### Blessing of the Crib Prayer

Loving God, you gave us Christ, born of Mary's yes and guarded over by Joseph, to be our light and our hope in every way. As we place the nativity scene in our home, bless us and fill our hearts with peace and joy. Help us to humbly follow St Francis of Assisi in welcoming the Christ Child into our lives for this Christmas. May we open our hearts to all who need Christ, his peace, hope and light. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.



### Blessing the Christmas Dinner

Gracious God, we gather around this table in celebration of your love for us in sending Jesus to be born amongst us. Unite us in love and keep us always in your service. Bless our meal today and bless the poor whom we will always keep in our hearts. Bring peace and hope to all in the world. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Pope Francis - document on Blessings

Pope Francis has proclaimed that people in 'irregular' situations can approach the Church for a blessing - to keep them in the embrace of God's love. It is important that all Catholics understand what the proclamation says and what it doesn't say.

[https://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc\\_dcf\\_doc\\_20231218\\_fiducia-supplicans\\_en.html](https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_dcf_doc_20231218_fiducia-supplicans_en.html)

For those without computers some hard copies of the proclamation are available at the church doors.

### Nativity Scene Reflection by Pope Francis

This year marks 800 years since St Francis of Assisi set up the first known Nativity Scene at midnight Mass in Creccio, Italy, in 1223. St Francis persuaded the parish priest to have midnight Mass in the stable amongst the animals, with a young couple and their baby taking the part of the Holy Family.

### Christmas Mass Collection for 2023

#### Archbishop's Christmas Appeal

Please help to give life saving assistance to refugees fleeing violence, including evacuation, food, shelter as well as student assistance in Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Donations can also be sent to: Archbishop's Christmas Appeal, GPO Box 3089, Canberra Act 2601.

## Parish Sacramental Program 2024

For students who are baptised and will be in years 4-6 in 2024:

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in term 1, 2024

Sacrament of First Communion will be celebrated in term 2, 2024

Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in term 3, 2024

### Information Session

An information session for the 2024 Sacramental Program will be held at **6pm on Thursday 8 February 2024 in St Michael's Church, Kaleen**. If your child is baptised and will be in years 4-6 in 2024, please put this date in your diary.

### 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.

### 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 30-31 December 2023

St Monica's	6.00pm	10.00am
Acolyte	John Jeffery	Frank Brassil
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer
Readers	Katie Brasnett Franklin Soriano	Mylene Naboya Anton den Hartog
Music Warden	FREE	Anne
Church Cleaning	Paul & Maree, Noel & Christian	
Altar Society Counters	Marian, Ross, Gary	
St Michael's Mass	8.00am Sue Collins	5.30pm Cynthia Parayiwa
Coordinator		
Acolyte	Tony McArthur	Ted Smith
Readers	Sr Kate Linda Townrow	Luciana Ciaccia
Eucharistic Minister	Sr Kate	Margaret Dudfield
Projectionist	Livia Brown	Choir
Church Cleaning	Tina, Gerry, Annette, Su, Ivona	
Sanctuary Linen	Maria Evans	
Banking	Peter Corkran & Linda Townrow	

## Next Week's Readings

### The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, Yr B

Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19;

Lk 2:22-40

## PRAYER REQUESTS

In Thanksgiving and Special Intentions: Jacqui PoliQuit, Balikrishnan & Francis families

Anniversaries and Remembrances: Ouseph Mathew, Francisco Damiao Sr, Kathleen Holden, Bruno Mancuso, Sybil Kelleher, Peter Bird, Tom Glover, Mirko Kokic, Gisela Joris Yenny, Florentius Sunardi, Elena Bautista, Carmel Smith, Breda Gerrard, Natalia Dalbo, Amelia Dalbo, Antonio de Marco, Concetta de Marco

Recently Deceased: Eve Marzol, Pauline Ahones Who, Brenda Colliver (sister of Marie & Peter Corcoran), Baby Mia Cruz McKinnon (newborn daughter of Emma & Shaun McKinnon), Margaret Elkins, Wilma Griffin, Nola Harrington, Nick Simoncini, Doreen Stansalaus, Lorraine Cabrera, Petronella Wensing, Kevin Wellspring, Adam Suckling, Sammy Jugovac, Theng ChioK Chan & Hing Chun Hong, Neska Sekoranja, Marie Grima, Karl Grim, Irma Phillip, Des Kearns, Anna Le Thi Bich Dung, Bernard Storrier

Sick: Brendon Mooney, Renato Penalzoza, Baby Maisie, Emeritus Archbishop Francis Carroll, Marazelle, Michael Hanley, Elaine Drayson, Mary Murugesan, Vimala Mahalingam, Bong, Rose Rajer, Clare Menezes, Tricia Mitchell, Tony Marker, Sarah Driscoll, Caitlin, Royce Miosge, Hilaria Bathan, Francis Politano, Tony Murdoch