



St Monica's Church Deffell St Evatt



# OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH NORTH BELCONNEN EVATT, GIRALANG, KALEEN, LAWSON, MCKELLAR, MELBA & SPENCE

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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.*

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



*The Baby of Bethlehem is born today. May His peace, love and serenity descend upon you and your families and remain with you forever and ever!*  
*Fr Mick and Sr Kate*

### THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH AND DWELT UPON US

In Jesus, the Son of God did not simply become like a human being, or take only the visible form of a human being. God became a human being and pitched his tent among us. Christ, true God and true man, continues to dwell among us in his word and sacrament, and in all who make up his body.

### REMEMBERING OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES, 2023

Paul Flint, Eve Marzol, Pauline Ahones Who, Brenda Colliver, Baby Mia Cruz 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 Sekoranjia, Thomas Jones, Angiolina Di Iulio, Paul Martin, Bozo Kuljanac, Margot Prout, Mary MacKenzie, Thomas Gordon, Reginald Lee McBride, Tomislav Lipovac, Jennifer Beer, Margaret Schaeffer, Henry Daly, John Kirkland, Ivanka Medved, Jamie Laudess, Mary Wilkins, Fredrick Rumble, Dennis Smith, Sarah Corscadden, Carmel Kennedy, Louis Maroya, Maxwell Stewart, Renuka Goonatilleke, Karl Grimm, Marie Grima, Irma Phillip, Desmond Kearns, Anna Le Thi Bich Dung & Bernard Storrier



### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2023

This appeal will be conducted at all Christmas Masses throughout the Archdiocese. The appeal will raise funds for 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
<b>Acolyte</b>	John Jeffery	Frank Brassil
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>Readers</b>	Katie Brasnett Franklin Soriano FREE	Mylene Naboya Anton den Hartog Anne
<b>Music Warden</b>		
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Paul & Maree, Noel & Christian	
<b>Altar Society Counters</b>	Marian, Ross, Gary	
<b>St Michael's</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>
<b>Mass Coordinator</b>	Sue Collins	Cynthia Parayiwa
<b>Acolyte</b>	Tony McArthur	Ted Smith
<b>Readers</b>	Sr Kate Linda Townrow	Luciana Ciaccia
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Sr Kate	Margaret Dudfield
<b>Projectionist</b>	Livia Brown	Choir
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Tina, Gerry, Annette, Su, Ivona	
<b>Sanctuary Linen</b>	Maria Evans	
<b>Banking</b>	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

### 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

#### 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

### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, YEAR B

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;  
his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,  
and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**In Thanksgiving and Special Intentions:** Jacqui Poliquit, Balakrishnan & Francis families

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

**Sick:** Brendon Mooney, Renato Penaloza, 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