



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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### 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.

### 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

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

'LISTEN TO HIM.'

Jesus revealed his oneness with sinful humanity by his baptism in the river Jordan. On the mount of transfiguration he revealed his oneness with God who proclaims, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' It takes faith to listen to Jesus, who teaches that the path of life leads along the way of the cross. But, as Abraham learned, if we put our faith in God our reward will be great.

#### Baptisms

This weekend we welcome Jude Ponweera, Bronte & Joseph Devers into our faith community through the waters of Baptism. May God's love and blessings be upon them on their Baptism day and always.

#### Stations of The Cross

Two priests in the parish now allow for Stations to be held in both churches on the Fridays of Lent at 7:00pm.

#### Saturday Morning Mass 9:30am, St Michael's

There will be Saturday Morning Mass at St Michael's Church, Kaleen. Two priests in the Parish allows for this.

#### Lenten Prayer/Reflection Group

Luciana Ciaccia is hosting and leading a Prayer/Reflection Group for Lent. All materials supplied. Please phone Luciana for details; 0404 242 602.

#### Parish Daytime Retreat – this Wednesday

Starting with Mass at St Monica's Church, Evatt at 9:30am, we will then meet in the Meeting Room for the Retreat till 2:00pm. Please bring something to share for lunch. Tea, coffee, juices supplied.

#### Parish Twilight Retreat (especially for workers)

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 6:00pm-9:00pm, St Michael's Church, Kaleen

Come along and spend some time praying, reflecting and contemplating Jesus during these days of Lent. Food will be provided.

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St Monica's Church, Evatt - Thursdays 7-8 pm

#### Have you Considered joining Vinnies?

St Michael's Conference of the Society of Vincent de Paul, also known as Vinnies, needs more members. We have a variety of roles within our conference. If you feel that you would like to live out the social justice values of the Gospel through charitable works, please ring Tony McArthur, conference president, for a chat on 0421 647 811.

#### Prayer at end of each Mass – Hail Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary, pray for us O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of God. Amen.

### Pope Francis - Message for Lent

Dear brothers and sisters!

When our God reveals himself, his message is always one of freedom: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Ex 20:2). These are the first words of the Decalogue given to Moses on Mount Sinai. Those who heard them were quite familiar with the exodus of which God spoke: the experience of their bondage still weighed heavily upon them. In the desert, they received the "Ten Words" as a thoroughfare to freedom. We call them "commandments", in order to emphasize the strength of the love by which God shapes his people. The call to freedom is a demanding one. It is not answered straightaway; it has to mature as part of a journey. Just as Israel in the desert still clung to Egypt – often longing for the past and grumbling against the Lord and Moses – today too, God's people can cling to an oppressive bondage that it is called to leave behind. We realize how true this is at those moments when we feel hopeless, wandering through life like a desert and lacking a promised land as our destination. Lent is the season of grace in which the desert can become once more – in the words of the prophet Hosea – the place of our first love (cf. Hos 2:16-17). God shapes his people, he enables us to leave our slavery behind and experience a Passover from death to life. Like a bridegroom, the Lord draws us once more to himself, whispering words of love to our hearts.

For full message, some copies available in the church foyer or you can go online

Type in Message of the Holy Father Francis for Lent 2024.

#### Cursillo

A Spanish word meaning "short course". A Cursillo is an opportunity to renew your faith and to deepen your relationship with Jesus. The Cursillo is a three day live-in experience being led by a team of lay Catholics with a Spiritual Director (Priest). Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong. Assistance with the cost is available. More info to follow.

#### For those who wish to contribute to Parish Finances;

BSB: 062 786

Account No: 00029453

Account Name: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Reference: [ your name ]



Second Sunday of Lent  
24 & 25 February



After the birth of her children, 22 year old Ronita was at risk of having to leave school permanently, but with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she returned her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

#### Please donate to Project Compassion 2024

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

### 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. For information regarding the 2024 Sacramental Program, please contact the Sacramental Program Coordinator. **Sacrament of Reconciliation** - preparation classes commences this week, 27 February 2024 and will run 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. **Registrations are now open** via the parish Qkr! App and will close this Friday 1 March.

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.

**No late registrations** will be accepted after closing date.

#### Commitment Masses– Sacrament of Reconciliation

Students and parents **must** attend one of the weekend Masses at either St Monica's Church (6pm Saturday or 10am Sunday) or St Michael's Church (8am or 5.30pm Sunday) on one of the dates listed below to make their commitment for the Sacrament. Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 March Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 March

There will be **no additional** commitment masses beyond this date.

#### 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 2-3 March 2024

St Monica's	6.00pm	10.00am
Acolyte	Gary Crompton	Chris Dudfield
Altar Servers	Diosa Maka	Jessie Akkidasari
Readers	Kathy Compton	Angela Cornell
	Veronica Dahl	Neill Cox
Music	Karen	Wingettes
Warden	Gavan Smith	Kelly Grzywacz
Church Cleaning	Kelly, Sue K., Tony & Sue Connell	
Altar Society	Suzu Grgic & Kelly Grzywacz	
Counters	Matt, Paul, Khalil	
St Michael's	8.00am	5.30pm
Mass	Neil Seabrook	Ivan Cretni
Acolyte	Josh Lobo	Phillip Butler
Readers	Annett Jose	Maria Jayan
	Anne Staines	Joel Kurian
	Sr Kate	Margaret Dudfield
Eucharistic Minister		
Church Cleaning	Livia, Annette, Rene, Margaret, Tom	
Sanctuary Linen	Sr Kate	
Banking	Gil Watters & Diane Watters	

#### Next Week's Readings

Third Sunday of Lent, Year B

Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25