



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

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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

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let your face shine on your servant.  
Save me in your merciful love.  
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

**In Thanksgiving and Special Intentions:** Jacqui Poliuit, Natalina Coelho, Ann Brindle

**Anniversaries and Remembrances:** Jesse Mayora, Kevin Connors, Fr Drinkwater, Marie Storrier, Jozepha Grzywacz, Volerio Lovrinovic, Mirko Kokic, Gisela Joris Yenny, Florentius Sunardi, Anna Le Thi Bich Dung, Des Kearns, Bill Jones, Sr Mary Tarcisius, Stanley Lewis, Giuseppe Marzano, Romeo Cabardo

**Recently Deceased:** Matthew Hellier, Christopher Thompson, David Thompson, Shirley Dunn

**Sick:** John Hunter, Brenden Mooney, Nina Wood, Steven Whiting, 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

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

#### A TEACHING WITH AUTHORITY BEHIND IT.

Power and authority usually go together and are often confused. If Jesus exercised authority it was not in the oppressive fashion of many earthly rulers but in service of the poor. His power was directed towards liberating people from unjust laws, evil spirits, debilitating illnesses and the slavery of sin. It is this power that is at work in us.

#### Baptism

This weekend we welcome Freyja Homza into our faith community through the waters of Baptism. May God's love and blessings be upon her on her Baptism day and always.

#### Bible Study – recommences this week.

Tuesday afternoons 1:30-2:30pm  
Tuesday evenings – 7pm for young adults  
Thursday afternoons 1:30-2:30pm  
Thursday evenings 7pm – 8pm

**There are seven extra text books for anyone wishing to join. Please see Fr Mick.**

All sessions are held at the Presbytery 1 Sharwood Cres Evatt.

#### Wanted to buy – desk

The Parish wishes to buy a small desk for use by the new Youth Minister. If you have one you are not using please see Fr Mick.

#### Welcome back to school

A warm welcome back to staff and students for the beginning of the school year. The staff have already been busy preparing and they also attended a spirituality day during the week. I attended both days and they were very uplifting and drew us closer to Jesus.

#### Sunday of The Word of God 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> February

Along with other observances, a book stall with Bibles and Bible related materials will be held.

#### RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Any adult seeking to be Baptised or to become a member of the Catholic Church!

The RCIA group commences on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 7pm at the Kaleen Office.

Please see Fr Mick for more details.

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St Monica's Church, Evatt - Thursdays 7-8 pm  
(an offering from the Young Adults Group)

#### Vocations Dinner at Archbishop's House, 8 February, 6pm

For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au) 0414 523 036.

### Pope Francis on the vice of avarice

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

We are continuing our catechesis on vices and virtues, and today we will talk about avarice, that form of attachment to money that keeps man from generosity. It is not a sin that regards only people with large assets, but rather a transversal vice, which often has nothing to do with the bank balance. It is a sickness of the heart, not of the wallet.

The desert fathers' analysis of this evil showed how avarice could even take hold of monks, who, after renouncing enormous inheritances, in the solitude of their cell clung to objects of little value: they would not lend them, they did not share them and were even less willing to give them away. An attachment to little things, which takes away freedom. Those objects became for them a sort of fetish from which they could not detach themselves. A sort of regression to the state of children who clutch their toy repeating, "It's mine! It's mine!". In this claim there lurks a disordered relationship with reality, which can result in forms of compulsive hoarding and pathological accumulation.

To heal from this sickness, the monks proposed a drastic, though highly effective method: meditation on death. However much a person accumulates goods in this world, of one thing we can be absolutely sure: they will not enter the coffin with us. We cannot take property with us! Here the senselessness of this vice is revealed. The bond of possession we create with objects is only apparent, because we are not the masters of the world: this earth that we love is in truth not ours, and we move about like strangers and pilgrims (cf. *Lev 25:23*).

These simple considerations allow us to realize the folly of avarice, but also its innermost reason. It is an attempt to exorcise the fear of death: it seeks securities that in reality crumble the very moment we hold them in our hand.

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### Art Exhibition John XXIII College, 2-3 February

Tickets at <https://bit.ly/3HqcR9H>



Works of the well-regarded Dominican Korean Artist Fr Kim En Joong OP. Cocktail opening reception: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of February, 5.30 – 8.30PM and Saturday 3 February, 10AM – 12.30PM

### Parish Sacramental Program 2024

#### A Parish Sacramental Program Information Evening

Will be held at 6pm on Thursday 8 February 2024 in St Michael's Church, Kaleen for the families of students in years 4-6 in 2024. You are very welcome to attend the information evening where all the relevant information will be available.

#### 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 for SOR- preparation classes commences on 27 February 2024 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, with registrations opening on 19 February via the parish Qkr! App - Our Lady of Perpetual Help (not the school app).

Sacrament of First Communion - will be celebrated on the weekend of 15 and 16 June.

Sacrament of Confirmation - will be celebrated during Term 3, 2024 (dates to be confirmed.)

**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/](http://www.cg.org.au/)

### ROSTERS 3-4 February 2024

St Monica's	6.00pm	10.00am
<b>Acolyte</b>	Gavan Smith	Frank Brassil
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Diosa Maka	Jessie & Lisia
<b>Readers</b>	Jojo Sibayan Adel Sibayan	Leon Sadkowsky Mylene Naboya
<b>Music</b>	Karen	Wingettes
<b>Warden</b>	Katie Brasnett	Anna & Robert
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Michaela & Marie, Mark & Jackie	
<b>Altar Society</b>	Maxine Lloyd & Mary Williams	
<b>Counters</b>	Matt, Paul, Khalil	
St Michael's	8.00am	5.30pm
<b>Mass</b>	Tina Fisk	Ivan Cretni
<b>Coordinator</b>		
<b>Acolyte</b>	Josh Lobo	Ted Smith
<b>Readers</b>	Annett Jose Sr Kate	Maria Jayan Joel Kurian
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Marie Seabrook	Margaret Duffield
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Neil & Marie, Kevin, Glen, Maree	
<b>Sanctuary Linen</b>	Carmel Carton	
<b>Banking</b>	Luciana Ciaccia & Clyde Robins	

### Next Week's Readings

#### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39