



St Monica's Church Deffell St Evatt



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NORTH BELCONNEN

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4.30—5.30 pm, St Monica's

Sunday: 4.30—5.30 pm, St Michael's

Reconciliation is available under changed conditions. Father will be seated outside the main entrance of the church. You may drive through in your car, or be seated at a distance of 1.5 metres away.

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES & FUNERALS

New protocols are in effect.
Contact Fr. Loi Viovicente on 6258 3212.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made.
Alleluia.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen,
Who laid down his life for his sheep
And willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Recently Deceased: Sr Stephanie Duck RSM, Mirko Kopic, Maurice Bobbin (Fr Troy Bobbins father), Peter Lusty, Emeritus Archbishop John Bathersby, Dr Angela Worthington

Death Anniversaries: Rachel Jones, Fr John O'Connor, Fr Charles Murphy, Fr Patrick O'Reilly, June Mooney, Bernadette Nolan, Bishop Thomas Cahill, Fr Morgan O'Connor

Sick: Joshua Montaos, Hasina Alter Shahin, Kevin O'Sullivan, Colin Kish, Flo Jeremiah, Janice Hamilton, Grace Falzon, Heno Laane, Judy Jones, Neville Borgona, Liana Krha-Blagevic, Louis Maroya, Eileen Doherty, Joanne, Neil Seabrook, Kevin Norton, Greg Worthington, Stanko Rezo, Raja, Aialisa Senini, Claris, Rae & Glenn Zinkel, Bill Jones, Mary Gogusz, Felix Zamora, Andre Swanepoel, Betty Bestwitch, Joan Lowe, Helen, Anthony Pasquariello, Teresita Caringal

Next Week's Readings

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pet 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

PASTORAL LETTER FROM FR LUIS VIOVICENTE

My Dear Parishioners,

On 25th March 2020, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, Archbishop Christopher Prowse, in light of the Australian Government's health advice and restrictions, decided to close all churches in the Archdiocese. It was a sad decision but at the same time, a necessary one.

It has been a month since then and we have been dependent on online Masses and spiritual communion. I know that many of you are egging to celebrate the Holy Mass together physically and spiritually. I, too, cannot wait for things to get back to 'normal' and we can celebrate, break the Word of God and share the Bread together.

The Parish Pastoral Council has been exploring ways for parishioners to remain connected with the parish despite the coronavirus restrictions. As well as online Masses every 6pm on Saturday, phone calls and emails, 'drive thru' confessions on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, there is an army of volunteers delivering the parish bulletin to mailboxes.

This has been highly effective. However, not all church goers receive the bulletins since we do not have everyone's address, mostly of those who contribute to the planned giving. If you are aware of a regular Mass-goer in your area who would like a bulletin, let us know so that they can be added to our list.

As we face this time of uncertainty, I would like to turn your attention to last Sunday's Gospel, the Third Sunday of Easter; the Disciple's Journey to Emmaus. The disciples were so lost in despair after the death of Jesus, that they failed to recognise His presence when He joined them on their journey. The feeling of pain, sadness and loss blinded them from seeing Jesus walk with them.

Some of us question God's existence or God's presence in this time of pandemic and difficulties. Let us keep in mind that God never abandons us. In fact, Jesus is walking and journeying with us. Let us be patient and in due course we will be celebrating the Holy Eucharist together joyfully.

May our patrons, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Michael and St. Monica, protect us and keep us from harm. Stay safe everyone and God bless.

Fr. Loi.

Caritas Australia Free Online Concert, Saturday, 9 May, 4.00pm

'Walk With Me': Loungeroom Sessions with Gary Pinto
Australian and International music stars will be performing from their loungeroom to yours, for the benefit of Project Compassion. Some of the musicians bringing their talents and hearts to the concert will be: Gary Pinto, Diesel, Carmen Smith, Bobbie Lee Stamper, Matt Gresham and many more.
Register at: caritas@e.caritas.org.au.

Online Archdiocesan Mass

Visit www.catholicvoice.org.au for Sunday Mass at 11.00am, Saturday Mass at 9.00am and weekday Mass at 12.15pm.

Sunday Television Mass, Free to Air

Tune in to WIN, channel 10, (or channel 8), at 6.00am, Sunday.

Live-Streamed Parish Mass

This is via the parish Facebook account, every Saturday at 6.00pm. Search for Our Lady of Perpetual Help-North Belconnen or enter @OLOPHNBELCO in the Facebook search field. Mass is livestreamed on Saturday at 6pm. The recording can be viewed anytime afterwards.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A



God Our Father,

Your will is that the whole world be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Send workers into your harvest, that the gospel may be preached to all people. We implore you to choose from among us, your children, many priests and religious who, filled with your Spirit, will love you with their whole hearts and spend their lives in your service. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

This Sunday is the World Day of Vocations. Each one of us can do something for the future of the Church in our nation. We all want and need more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. The most important and essential thing that each of us can do is to pray; intentionally, regularly, insistently. Make a decision today to include a prayer for vocations in your daily prayers. Our Vocations Director is Fr Paul Nulley: paul.nulley@cg.org.au. An informative website for those considering a vocation to the priesthood is: diocesanpriest.com.au.

Planned Giving Arrangements

The Parish sincerely thanks all parishioners who contribute to the Planned Giving Program, particularly to those who have continued to support the Parish during these difficult days. We recognise too that there are families who have been impacted by work restrictions and consequently may not be able to contribute at this time. Our prayers are with you all.

With the closure of the Church for weekly Mass, our income has been significantly reduced to only that of Planned Giving and while we are able to reduce some expenses, the reduced income does not cover all the remaining expenses.

With such uncertainty as to future income, we would like to ask those parishioners who contribute through the envelopes to again consider moving to direct debit contributions. This would not only assist in ensuring a regular cash flow but would also cut down on the administration work involved and reduce the need to handle cash. You might like to begin now or think about it for the new financial year. Application forms are available at <http://cg.org.au/belconnennorth/ApplicationForms.aspx>

Alternatively, you can continue to physically drop off your envelopes to the locked letterboxes at St Michael's and St Monica's or consider making direct deposits to Our Lady of Perpetual Help BSB 062 786 A/c No 00029453 giving details of your envelope number and surname.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss your contributions please contact Ted Smith on 6241 3364 or 0411 106 295.