



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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B COME, LORD JESUS.

The prophet Isaiah implored God to tear the heavens open and come down to save the people. God, however, did not come among us in such a dramatic way but in the humble form of Jesus of Nazareth. God continues to enter our lives in unexpected ways. If we are watchful for the presence of Christ in each day, we will recognise him when he comes in glory.

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome Steven Faraj, Imani Huho & Andy Thomas into our faith community through the waters of Baptism. May God's love and blessings be upon them on their Baptism day and always.

November Mass Offerings

Because of the large number of offerings, some will be sent to the Divine Word Missionaries who will send them to priests in the Missions to say the Masses. This is a good of showing support for the missionary priests - Fr Mick.

St Monica's Vinnies Christmas Appeal, 9 & 10 December

This year's Christmas Appeal is again focusing on helping families survive the ever-increasing cost-of-living. Over the past year increases in the cost of necessities like food, energy and rent have put an enormous strain on household budgets. It is always the vulnerable who are most acutely affected. In the community we support - Melba, Spence, Evatt and McKellar - we have seen an increase in the number of families at risk of homelessness as rents, fuel and power bills increase and families struggle to put food on the table. Despite being employed it is a week-to-week struggle for many vulnerable individuals and families. **We would be grateful for any assistance you can provide which will help us bring some Christmas joy to vulnerable families in our local area.** Thanks again for your generosity.

St Michael's Vinnies Christmas Appeal 2023

Following the success of the Christmas Appeal last year, we will use the same approach. In a time of rising costs, the conference believes that our companions will be supported best with food. We will not be providing toys we will not be providing a collection box for other items. Both the classes at the school and the parish will be supporting families with baskets of specific foodstuffs from a list. We ask parishioners to take a card, or a number of cards, based on what they can afford, from the large laundry baskets in the foyer. Each card refers to a food item and colour. Each basket is coloured. When you have purchased your item, please place it in the basket which labelled with the colour on the card. We must have the baskets filled by the end of the evening Mass on Sunday 17 December for distribution prior to Christmas. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Food Friendship Faith, for those aged 18-35 years

St Michael's Parish Centre

This is held each Sunday evening, after the 5:30pm Mass at St Michael's Church, Kaleen. We meet in the Parish Centre, next door to the church.



Advent Wreath Prayer - Lighting of the Candle of Hope

Lord God, make us people of the Light of Christ to bring hope to those who are suffering. Keep us mindful of Christ's promise to come again in glory. Amen.

Practice for Christmas Masses

Children in School Years 4, 5, 6 are invited to act out the Gospel at the Christmas night Masses - 6pm at St Michael's and 7:30pm at St Monica's. Practices will be held as follows: St Monica's - 3:30-4:30pm Tuesdays 5th, 12th, 19th St Michael's - 3:30-4:30pm Thursdays 7th, 14th, 21st Afternoon tea will be supplied at the practices. For more information, please call Fr Mick on 0419 010 870.

Aid To The Church In Need

Christmas Gift Catalogue available at the church door. Remember, they came to us in February this year enlisting our prayer and financial support for those Catholics in troubled areas in the world. They now have some beautiful gifts made from olive wood in Palestine for sale. Christmas cribs etc. Prayer cards are also available free.

Advent Reflection Booklets \$5

Prepare for Christmas by a simple reading and reflection each day of Advent. Written by Shane Dwyer, this booklet is ideal for everyone.

Young Adults 'Purpose Conference', 7-8 December

Sydney Archdiocese is hosting International Catholic speakers Jason Evert & Matt Fradd to run an evening conference for Young Adults this Thursday and Friday. For more info: www.sydneycatholic.org/events/summer-series/

Zoom Information Evening - Ministry to the Newly Married

Are you recently married or about to be married? Come and hear about a mentoring program for couples. Join us for a zoom information evening on 7th December, 7-8pm. Info: <https://bit.ly/MinistryNewlyMarried>

15-23 Dec | Filipino Simbang Gabi (9 Days Novena Mass)

Join us for Simbang Gabi, a beautiful 9-day novena mass celebration leading to Christmas, held from December 15-23 at 7:00 pm. Experience the joy of the season at St. Peter Chanel's Church in Loch St., Yarralumla, ACT 2600.

New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil, 31 December, 8:00pm

The Marian Movement of Priests invites you and your friends to the 17th Annual New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil at St Brigid's Church (2 Bancroft Street, Dickson).

First Cenacle is prayed at 8.00pm (Joyful Mysteries)

Second Cenacle is prayed at 9.00pm (Luminous Mysteries)

Third Cenacle is prayed at 10.00pm (Sorrowful Mysteries)

Fourth Cenacle is prayed at 11.00pm (Glorious Mysteries)

Exposition from 8.00pm until Benediction just before Midnight. For more information: mmp-oceania.net

Parish Sacramental Program 2024

2024 Sacramental Program - 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 or check the parish website for updates at www.cg.org.au/belconnennorth

ROSTERS 9-10 December 2023

	6.00pm	10.00am
St Monica's		
Acolyte	Dolores Schneider	Franklin Soriano
Altar Servers	Harry Collett	Clare Devoy
Readers	Jojo Sibayan Adel Sibayan	Robert Sharf Clare Geoghegan
Music	FREE	Wingettes
Warden	Luke Wensing	Kelly Grzywacz
Church Cleaning	Jo, John, David, Lilian	
Altar Society	Kay Grzadka & Linda Pike	
Counters	Matt Houghton, Paul Sykes, Khalil Taouk	
St Michael's		
Mass	8.00am	5.30pm
Coordinator	Sue Collins	Cynthia Parayiwa
Acolyte	Bobby Goodwin	Ted Smith
Readers	Linda Townrow Sr Kate	Rachel Blackwell Seven Tieupakt
Eucharistic Minister	Anne Staines	Margaret Dudfield
Projectionist	Arleen Stark	Choir
Church Cleaning	Canberra El Shaddai Prayer Group	
Sanctuary Linen	Arleen Stark	
Banking	Doug Widdup & Rod Dudfield	

Next Week's Readings

Second Sunday of Advent, Yr B

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.

In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.

Nor let my enemies exult over me;

and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

PRAYER REQUESTS

In Thanksgiving and Special Intentions: Martin Schubert, Jacqui Poliquit, Linda Dwyer, Phillip Neri Tin Nguyen, Giuse Duc Le, Anna Nguyen, Thi Kim Loan, Giuse Le Ngoc, Anna Cristina Ribero, Louise Zinkel

Anniversaries and Remembrances: Carmel Smith, Breda Gerrard, Govind Sharma, Mirko Kovic, Elena Bautista, Gisela Joris Yenny, Florentius Sunardi, deceased members of the Zinkel family

Recently Deceased: Theng Chiok Chan & Hing Chun Hong (brother & sister-in-law of Charlie & Roslyn Cha, in car accident while visiting W.A.), Neska Sekoranja (sister of Tony Medved, in Slovenia), Marie Grima, Karl Grim, Irma Phillip, Des Kearns, Anna Le Thi Bich Dung, Sr Barbara Fogarty RSJ, Sr Margarita Duffy RSM, Bernard Storrier

Sick: Nina Wood, Steven Whiting, Margaret Elkins, Brenda Colliver, Brendon Mooney, Renato Penaloza, Baby Maisie, Emeritus Archbishop Francis Carroll, Marazelle, Maria Teixeira, 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