



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

MASS TIMES

St Monica's Church, Evatt

Wednesday: 9.30 am
 Friday: 7.00 am
 Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm
 Sunday: 10.00 am

St Michael's Church, Kaleen

Tuesday: 9.30 am
 Thursday: 9.30 am
 Sunday: 8.00 am & 5:30 pm

Reconciliation-Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 4.30—5.30 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

Tuesday 6.30 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. Loi Viovicente on 6258 3212.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O people of Sion, behold,
 The Lord will come to save the nations,
 And the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
 In the joy of your heart.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
 and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Recently Deceased: Joan Porta, Sharon Woods (Fr John Woods' sister), Cecilia Gowing, Laurie Cannon, Mary Gogusz

Death Anniversaries: Fr Jim De Mooy, Ben Gafa, Beth Hanrahan, Michael Stinziani, Fr Francis Carson, Vicente Nguyen Van Den

Sick: Tony Murdoch, Pam Edwards, Vince Evans, Brid Gerrard, Donal Gerrard, Luke, Oliver, Jo Van der Geest, Pauline Greig, Fr Chris Murphy, Elena Bautista, Terry Nolan, Baby Maisie, Katia Banac, Rosa Bui Thi Ngoc Bich, Bernard Storrier, Vicki Heffernan, Des Kearns, Katherine Allen, Norma Pridgen

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A

GOD'S KINGDOM IS NEAR

John the Baptist urged the people to prepare for the coming of the kingdom by repenting of their sins. Their baptism by John in the Jordan river was an important ritual act of sorrow. But they also had to express their sorrow by reforming their lives. The sacrament of reconciliation, and right living, are excellent means through which we can prepare for the feast of Christmas.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal, St Michael's

This year, the St Michael's Vinnies Christmas Appeal will be different. In a time of rising costs, the Conference believes that our companions will be best supported with donations of food. We will not be providing toys, so our collection boxes will be for food items only. The primary school and the parish will be supporting families with baskets of specific food items 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 food items. The baskets are coloured. When you have purchased your item(s), please place this in the basket of the appropriate colour. *We must have the baskets filled by the end of the evening Mass on Sunday, 18 December, for distribution prior to Christmas.* Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal, St Monica's, 10/11 December

This year we will focus on helping families to survive the cost of living crisis. The substantial increase in inflation has impacted on the cost of necessities like food, energy and rent. It is always the vulnerable who are most affected. In the community we support; Melba, Spence, Evatt and McKellar, we have seen an increase in families at risk of homelessness. Even in families where a member is working, there is difficulty in affording basic items. Families in private rental accommodation are especially struggling; Canberra has been identified as the most expensive rental capital in Australia. Therefore, we would be grateful for any assistance you can provide which will help to bring some Christmas joy to vulnerable families in our local area. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Sacramental Program 2023

If you have a child in Years 4,5 or 6 in 2023, this is a Sacramental Year.

A Parish Sacramental Program Information Evening will be held on Thursday, 16 February, 2023, at 6pm in St Monica's Church for the families of students in Years 3-6 in 2023. You are very welcome to attend this Information Evening where all the relevant information will be available.

First Eucharist will be celebrated on 17 & 18 June, 2023
Confirmation will be celebrated in September 2023 (dates to be confirmed with the bishop.)

Reconciliation will be celebrated in Term 1, 2024.

School of Religion - Sacrament dates and information session are the same as St Michael's and St Monica's Schools candidates (see above). Classes are held on Tuesdays from 6-7pm in the meeting room in St Monica's Church (dates to be provided early 2023).

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



Lighting of the Candle of Peace

All: Father, as we journey down this Advent road, we relight the candle of hope and we light the candle of peace. Grant us the courage to make peace; peace in our hearts, peace in our homes and peace in our communities.

Christmas Mass Times

St Monica's Church, Evatt

24 December, Christmas Eve, 6pm
 25 December, Christmas Day, 10am

St Michael's Church, Kaleen

24 December, Christmas Eve, 8pm
 25 December, Christmas Day, 8am, **No 5.30pm Mass**

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome Amara Fernandez and Pippa Walker into our faith community through the waters of Baptism. May God's love and blessings be upon them on their Baptism day and always.

Fr Loi's Farewell, St Monica's School Hall, 17 December

All parishioners are invited to this event, to be held at 7pm. There will be live music with a band and entertainment. Let's make this a memorable occasion for Fr Loi. Jacko's Pizza truck will be on site to provide pizzas. Parishioners may also bring a plate of food to share for appetizers and dessert. Tea and coffee will be served and cordial for the children. If you'd like to come, please put your name on the list in the church foyer, so that we know the numbers.

Farewell to Monica Culas and T C Nguyen

Many thanks to Monica Culas, who has served as the Youth Minister, and T C Nguyen, the Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council, for a job well done. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Parish 'Advent' Morning Tea, St Michael's, 11 December

All parishioners and visitors are invited to a morning tea after 8am Sunday Mass. Contributions are very welcome.

The Marian Grotto

Parishioners are invited to consider if they would like to have a brick sized, wall plaque installed on the Grotto Wall in memory of their deceased family members. The estimated cost of this wall plaque would be \$300. If interested, please enter your contact details on the form provided in the church foyer. For more information, contact Fr Loi or Gavan Smith on 0416 258 846.

Parish Ladies Dinner, Yowani Country Club, 15 December

The Christmas dinner will be held in the Yowani function room on Thursday, 15 December, 7pm. The cost is \$42. If you'd like to come along, please email Tina: tinafisk@gmail.com or send a text to 0432 540 210.

Booklets for Advent and Christmas

Copies of 'Incarnate', a booklet of prayerful reflections for Advent and the Christmas Season, are available in the church foyer at a cost of \$5.00 each.

ROSTERS—St Monica's

10-11 December 2022	6.00pm	10.00am
Acolyte	John Jeffery	Neill Cox
Altar Servers	Jacob Gallana	Clair Devoy Jessi Akkidasari
Readers	Jojo Sibayan Paul Sykes	Alex Montaos Anton den Hartog
Music	Free	Wingettes
Warden	Noel Simento	A & R Brunato

10 December Church Cleaning	Carlo & Sue Mancuso, Michaela & Marie Bangard, Jackie Horgan
Altar Society	Marg Smith, Louise Zinkel
11 December Counters	Marian Irvine, Ross Catanzariti, Gary Compton

ROSTERS—St Michael's

11 December 2022	8.00am	5.30pm
Mass Coordinator	Neil Seabrook	Cynthia Parayiwa
Acolyte	Neil Seabrook	TC Nguyen Chris Murphy
Readers	Linda Townrow Annette Jose	Luciana Ciaccia Rachel Blackwell
Eucharistic Minister	Anne Staines	Margaret Dudfield
Projectionist	Arleen Stark	Choir

10 December Church Cleaning	Canberra El Shaddai Prayer Group
Sanctuary Linen	Livia Brown
13 December Banking	Gil Watters, Diane Watters

Next Week's Readings

Third Sunday of Advent, Year A

Is 35:1-6,10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11