



St Monica's Church Deffell St Evatt



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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

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

#### JESUS TOOK HER BY THE HAND.

We sometimes come to Mass poor, sick and troubled, much like the people who crowd around the door of Jesus in today's Gospel. In this Mass let us express our needs to Jesus. Let us ask him to take us by the hand and help us as he helped Simon's mother-in-law. Then, with our spirits uplifted, we will go out from Mass with a renewed desire to share God's love with others.

#### Baptisms

This weekend we welcome Oscar Rezo & Lucas Wegrzyn into our faith community through the waters of Baptism. May God's love and blessings be upon them on their Baptism day and always.

#### Ash Wednesday – 14<sup>th</sup> February

##### Mass times

9:30am – St Monica's, Evatt  
12 noon – St Michael's, Kaleen  
6:00pm – St Michael's, Kaleen  
Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstaining from meat.

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Word of God Sunday (today)

We celebrate the place of Sacred Scripture in the life of our Church and in our own individual lives. God speaks to the Church and to us through the divinely inspired words of the Bible. For thousands of years before Jesus was born, the Jewish people listened to the sacred word – their myths, prayers, hymns, laws, history and calls to integrity. Jesus knew and upheld these words as God's Word. The early Church gives us the Gospels and the other New Testament writings and we revere the words of Jesus in the Gospels. Take time each day, if possible, but at least a few times each week to read a passage of Scripture and ask the Holy Spirit to give you a sense of the meaning of the passage. Then, use what you have read to pray, about the lesson learned and how it helps you to see a pathway to living your life for Christ.

#### 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 Fr Emil [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au)

### Pope Francis on the vice of wrath

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today we will pause to reflect on the vice of wrath. It is a particularly dark vice, and it is perhaps the easiest to detect from a physical point of view. The person dominated by wrath finds it difficult to hide this impulse: you can recognize it from the movements of his body, his aggressiveness, his laboured breathing, his grim and frowning expression.

In its most acute manifestation, wrath is a vice that concedes no respite. If it is born of an injustice suffered (or believed to be suffered), often it is unleashed not against the offender, but against the first unfortunate victim. There are men who withhold their rage in the workplace, showing themselves to be calm and composed, but at home they become unbearable for the wife and children. Wrath is a pervasive vice: it is capable of depriving us of sleep, of barring the way to reason and thought.

Wrath is a vice that destroys human relationships. It expresses the incapacity to accept the diversity of others, especially when their life choices diverge from our own. It does not stop at the misconduct of one person, but throws everything into the cauldron: it is the other person, the other as he or she is, the other as such, who provokes anger and resentment. One begins to detest the tone of their voice, their trivial everyday gestures, their ways of reasoning and feeling.

When the relationship arrives at this level of degeneration, lucidity is lost. Wrath makes us lose lucidity, doesn't it? Because one of the characteristics of wrath, at times, is that sometimes it fails to mitigate with time. In these cases, even distance and silence, instead of easing the burden of mistakes, magnifies them. For this reason, the Apostle Paul – as we have heard – recommends to Christians to face up to the problem straight away, and to attempt reconciliation: "Do not let the sun go down on your anger" (Eph 4:26).

### Marriage Preparation Course, February

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: **FOCCUS** - Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at CatholicCare. **Evenings for the Engaged** - Sat 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 9-3pm. **Engaged Encounter**- Sydney, Sat 24 & Sun 25. **SmartLoving** – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information contact [marriage.preparation@cg.org.au](mailto:marriage.preparation@cg.org.au) To register go to [www.marriagefamily.org.au](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au) **Enquiries:** Contact Lara Kirk on [lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au) or Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**

### An Evening with Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP, 14 March

Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP was Master of the Order of Preachers from 1992 to 2001. A member of the community at Blackfriars, Oxford, he is the author of several very popular books and an internationally reputed speaker and retreat-giver. **Date:** Thursday 14 March 2024, **Place:** Merci College Wise Street Braddon **Time:** 5.30 - 7.00pm **Free Tickets:** <https://bit.ly/4blSurY>

### 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 10-11 February 2024

St Monica's	6.00pm	10.00am
<b>Acolyte</b>	John Jeffrey	Ciaran Gerrard
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Jacob Gallana	Anton & Marissa
<b>Readers</b>	Kathy Compton	Clare Geoghegan
	Peter Donnellan	Magna Tsui
<b>Music</b>	Anne	CRS
<b>Warden</b>	Gavan Smith	Michael Holohan
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Maryanne, Jenny, Daniela, Catherine, Judy	
<b>Altar Society</b>	Maree Mitchell & Maryanne Gore	
<b>Counters</b>	Robert J, Robert B, Kelly	
<b>St Michael's</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>
<b>Mass</b>	Neil Seabrook	Cynthia Parayiwa
<b>Coordinator</b>		
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ted Smith	Chris Murphy
<b>Readers</b>	Marie Seabrook	Rachel Blackwell
	Julianne Garcia	Luciana Ciaccia
	Sr Kate	Margaret Dudfield
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>		
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Canberra EI Shaddai Prayer Group	
<b>Sanctuary Linen</b>	Annette Cox	
<b>Banking</b>	Peter Corkran & Ted Smith	

### Next Week's Readings

#### 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45