



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

### 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: 5.00 pm Sunday: 10.00am

#### St Michael's Church, Kaleen

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

#### Reconciliation-Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 4.00 - 4.45 pm, St Monica's  
Sunday: 4.30 - 5.15 pm, St Michael's

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays: 6.00 - 7.00 pm, St Monica'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

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,  
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another  
Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

**In Thanksgiving and Special Intentions:** Louise Zinkel, Sophy Jacob, Jacqui Poliquit, For Peace & Justice in all the world, For the suffering people of Gaza

**Anniversaries and Remembrances:** Maria & Dominic Pham, John & Maria Nguyen, Jean & Cliff Seabrook, Harold & Mavis Hewish, Jim Hill, Mollie Reiher, Dink Sargent, Tony Saunders, Jakov Ivancic, Andrew Mitchell, Elvie Pritchard, Jack Rowan, Mirko Kokic, Anna Le Thi Bich Dung, Gisela Joris Yenny, Florentius Sunardi

**Recently Deceased:** Joan Beecher, Damienus Nguyen Van Quy, Caterina Barbaro, Kathleen Redding, Francis Kutty, Martin Spykerman, Sheila Gan, Karen Knox, Goiko Martinovic

**Sick:** Maree Mitchell, Sophy Jacob, Carmel Ford, Helen, Joseph Cretni, Shelley Knoke, Colin Kish, Brenden Mooney, Nina Wood, Steven Whiting, Renato Penalzoza, Baby Maisie, 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

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

'I CALL YOU FRIENDS.'

We often refer to Jesus by honorific titles, such as Lord, but do we also think of him, as he thinks of us, as a friend? The Talmud suggests that we should do two things: acquire a teacher and choose a friend. In Jesus we have both the best teacher and the best friend we could ever hope to have.

#### Baptisms

This weekend we welcome Peter Kabadanis, Bindi & Willow Gold into our faith community through the waters of Baptism. May God's love and blessings be upon them on their Baptism day and always.

#### Thank you from Sr Kate

Thank You Fr Mick and Everyone for my Birthday / Feastday 'Cuppas' and gifts last weekend! Being able to celebrate together with our Parish Community is a wonderful blessing and joy, and I am most grateful. I ask God's kindness on you and on all your loved ones. Many thanks to all, from Sr Kate.

#### Parish Safeguarding Co-Ordinators

To comply with all safeguarding requirements, the Parish needs two Co-Ordinators to act as overseers for our active safeguarding of people. The task is not onerous, requiring mainly observation only. On-line training is provided. The Parish needs a Co-Ordinator for St Monica's and St Michael's. Please see Fr Mick for more information.

#### Lectors - Readers

Ministers of the Word of God bring Sacred Scripture to life in the liturgical assembly. Proclaiming God's Word well requires specialized training, careful preparation and practice. To assist Lectors in their ministry to God's people, there will be two training days held - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 9:30am - 4:00pm. These training days will be facilitated by the Australian Catholic University liturgical training team. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. All Lectors (Readers) are invited to attend any or all of the sessions. Place your name and contact details on the sheets at the church entrance. New volunteers will be especially welcomed. There is no cost for this.

#### Thank you!

Through your generosity we were able to raise \$6524.85 for Project Compassion and \$336 for the Good Shepherd Appeal. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home please return them as soon as possible.

#### WhatsApp for parishioners

Would you like to receive a video Gospel reflection mid-week and any parish notifications? The Parish will soon start a WhatsApp group. All you need to do is give us your mobile phone number. Any numbers collected will of course remain confidential and cannot be shared with others. A list for you to place your mobile number is at the church doors.

#### Saturday Morning Mass

The 9:30am Mass will continue at St Michael's, Kaleen.

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St Monica's Church, Evatt - Wednesdays 6-7 pm

### Pope Francis - Virtue of Faith

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!  
Today I would like to talk about the virtue of *faith*. Together with charity and hope, this virtue is described as *theological*. There are three theological virtues: faith, hope and charity. Why are they theological? Because they can be lived - this virtue, the three theological virtues - only thanks to the gift of God. The three theological virtues are the great gifts that God gives to our moral capacity. Without them, we could be prudent, just, strong and temperate, but we would not have eyes that see even in the dark, we would not have a heart that loves even when it is not loved, we would not have a hope that dares against all hope.

What is faith? This question: what is faith? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, it explains that faith is the act by which the human being freely commits himself to God (1814). In this faith, Abraham was the great father. When he agreed to leave the land of his ancestors to head for the land that God would show him, he would probably have been judged insane: why leave the known for the unknown, the certain for the uncertain? But why do this? It is insane, isn't it? But Abraham sets off, as if he could see the invisible: this is what the Bible says about Abraham. "He went, not knowing where he was to go". This is beautiful. And it will again be the invisible that makes him go up the mountain with his son Isaac, the only son of the promise, who only at the last moment will be spared from sacrifice. In this faith, Abraham becomes the father of a long line of descendants. Faith made him fruitful.

The Virgin Mary was a woman of faith when, receiving the annunciation of the Angel, which many would have dismissed as too demanding and risky, answered, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). And, with her heart full of faith, with her heart full of trust in God, Mary set out on a path of which she knew neither the route nor the dangers.

Faith is the virtue that makes the Christian. Because to be Christians is not first and foremost about accepting a culture, with the values that accompany it, but being Christian is welcoming and cherishing a bond, a bond with God: God and I, myself and the amiable face of Jesus. This bond is what makes us Christians.

#### Stations of the Resurrection

Friday evenings 7:00pm

During Lent we had Stations of the Cross, now we have Stations of the Resurrection to keep Eastertide in focus. **The fifth session, this Friday, at St Monica's Evatt.**

#### Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, St Monica's, 26 May

Kelly would love you to join her to raise funds for Cancer Council by having a cuppa, cake, treats and chat with friends for **Australia's Biggest Morning Tea** after 10:00am Mass at St Monica's on 26th of May. For more info:



[Australia's Biggest Morning Tea | Cancer Council | 2024](#)

#### For those who wish to contribute to Parish Finances;

BSB: 062 786  
Account No: 00029453  
Account Name: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish  
Reference: [ your name ]

### The Canberra Bach Ensemble, 11 May, 7:30pm

*Leipzig at Last! 300 years of Bach's Chorale Cantata Cycle 1724-25.* Choir, orchestra, and soloists, directed by Andrew Koll. Performances of Bach's Chorale Cantatas **BWV 9, 107 & 178** on Saturday 11 May at 7.30pm, and Sunday 12 May at 2.00pm at St Christopher's Cathedral, Franklin Street, Manuka. For more info: [www.canberrabachensemble.com](http://www.canberrabachensemble.com)

### Parish Sacramental Program 2024

**2024 Sacramental Program** - for students who are baptised and will be in years 4-6 in 2024.

#### 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.

Preparation classes for SOR for the Sacrament of First Communion begin on Tuesday 7 May and will run for 6 weeks.

**Sacrament of First Communion** - for School of Religion, St Michael's School students and St Monica's School students will be celebrated across the four Sunday Parish Masses on the weekend of 15 and 16 June 2024.

**Parent Information Meeting** for the Sacrament of First Eucharist- 6pm this Thursday 9 May 2024 at St Monica's Church, Evatt.

**Sacrament of Confirmation** - will be celebrated during term 3 on 17, 18, & 19 September.

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

### ROSTERS 11-12 May 2024

St Monica's	5.00pm	10.00am
<b>Acolyte</b>	Gavan Smith	Ciaran Gerrard
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Harry Collett	Jessie & Lisia
<b>Readers</b>	Jojo Sibayan	Clara Geoghegan
	Adel Sibayan	Mylene Naboya
<b>Music</b>	Anne	Eclectics
<b>Warden</b>	Luke Wensing	Michael Holohan
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Kelly, Sue K, Tony & Sue	
<b>Altar Society</b>	Marg Smith & Louise Zinkel	
<b>Counters</b>	John, Maureen, Daniel	
<b>St Michael's</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>
<b>Mass Coordinator</b>	Neil Seabrook	Ivan Cretni
<b>Acolyte</b>	Bobby Goodwin	TC Nguyen
<b>Readers</b>	Annett Jose	Rachel Blackwell
	Marie Seabrook	Kevin Aoun
	Sr Kate	Margaret Dudfield
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>		
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Canberra El Shaddai Prayer Group	
<b>Sanctuary Linen</b>	Arleen Stark	
<b>Banking</b>	Peter Corkran & Ted Smith	

### Next Week's Readings

The Ascension of the Lord, Year B

Acts 1:1-11, 34-35; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20