



St Monica's Church Deffell St Evatt



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH NORTH BELCONNEN

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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. Mick Mac Andrew on 0419 010 870.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God
 and bow low before the God who made us,
 for he is the Lord our God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
 his wonders for the children of men,
 for he satisfies the thirst soul,
 and the hungry he fills with good things.

PRAYER REQUESTS

In Thanksgiving: Jess Navarre, Jacqui Poliquit

Recently Deceased: Tony Mooney (Cousin of Brendon Mooney), Bill Jones, John Suckling, Elena Bautista, Peter Bird, Peter Chan Kok Hong, Anna Schneider

Anniversaries & Remembrances: Valerio Lovrinovic, Laurie Halloran, Jessie Maroya, Kevin Connor, Baby Rafaela Lemos

Sick: Hilaria Bathan, Francis Politano, Tony Murdoch, Donal Gerrard, Luke, Oliver, Jo Van der Geest, Pauline Greig, Fr Chris Murphy, Terry Nolan, Baby Maisie, Katia Banac, Rosa Bui Thi Ngoc Bich, Bernard Storrer, Vicki Heffernan, Des Kearns, Katherine Allen

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

We all have our special gifts, but sometimes we fail to recognise this. We may feel that we have little to offer others. That is never true. As Jesus says: 'You are the salt of the earth! You are the light of the world!' Let us ask Jesus to help us recognise our unique gifts and share them with others.

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome Louie Cappello, Brianna & Jasmine Alexander into our faith community through the waters of Baptism. May God's love and blessings be upon them on their Baptism day and always.

Prayer/Discussion Groups for Lent

Lent is a time for reassessing our commitment to Christ and to remember his sacrifice for us on the Cross. One way of doing this is to join a prayer/discussion group that focuses on each Sunday's Gospel. Just for one hour during each week of Lent. If you would like to join a group and/or offer your home and yourself to host a group (maximum of six or seven people, including yourself), please place your contact details on the clipboards at the church door. We will be using the Brisbane Archdiocese booklet.

Parish Sacramental Program 2023

If you have a child in years 4, 5 or 6 in 2023, this may be a Sacramental year.

Parish Sacramental Program Information Evening

An information evening will be held on Thursday 16 February 2023 at 6pm in St Monica's Church for the families of eligible students in years 3-6 in 2023. You are very welcome to attend the information evening where all the relevant information will be available.

First Eucharist will be celebrated on the weekend of 17 and 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 for St Michael's and St Monica's Schools candidates (see above).

School of Religion classes are held on Tuesdays from 6-7pm in the meeting room in St Monica's Church (commencing early May 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

Position Vacant: Digital Officer, Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

This role combines two primary skillsets for the digital delivery of Archdiocesan Communications - IT knowledge and content production. We're seeking someone who knows their way around social media and content management systems and is creative, hands-on, and digitally savvy. Closing date: Friday 10 February, 2023. For more information; <https://bit.ly/CGDigital2023> or contact 0409 498 382.

Sunday of the Word of God

Sunday 5th February

We are asked to show our love of God's word in the Bible. The Bible is a living thing, it gives life to our faith. It gives us hope that we can embrace God's will and live each day sharing God's love with others. Do you read/pray the Bible? Everyday? Or a few times a week? Do you study the Bible? Are you a member of a Bible Study group? Have you thought of studying the Bible to learn more about your faith?

I would like to offer parishioners the opportunity to join a Bible Study group.

I would like to offer a **Beginners' Bible Study Group** and an **Advanced Bible Study Group**. The Beginners' group is for people who would like to start reading/praying the Bible and the advanced group for those who already read/study the Bible. An information session will be held for all participants in both the beginners' and advanced categories. You can then choose which group best suits you. Bible study sessions can be held during the day or in the evening, depending on need.

Information Sessions - either Tuesday 21st Feb, 2:00 pm or Tuesday 21st Feb, 7:00 pm, St Monica's Church Meeting Room. Even if you don't have a Bible, please feel free to come along to either session. - Fr. Mick

Bibles and books about the Bible - On Sale

A selection of books from the Catholic Bookshop in Manuka will be on sale on this weekend.

Words of Advice from Pope Francis

DON'T WASTE THE GIFT THAT WE ARE

The first challenge: *not to waste the gift that we are*. Each one of us is a good, independent of the gifts we have. Every woman, every man, is rich not only in talents, but in dignity. He or she is loved by God, is valuable, is precious. Jesus reminds us that we are blessed not for what we have, but for who we are. And when a person lets go and throws him or herself away, he or she wastes themselves. **Let us struggle, with God's help, against the temptations of believing ourselves inadequate, wrong, and feeling sorry for ourselves.**

DON'T WASTE THE GIFTS WE HAVE

Then, the second challenge: *not to waste the gifts we have*. It is a fact that about one-third of total food production goes to waste in the world each year, while so many die of hunger! Nature's resources cannot be used like this. Goods should be taken care of and shared in such a way that no one lack what is necessary. Rather than waste what we have, let us **disseminate an ecology of justice and charity, of sharing!**

DON'T THROW PEOPLE AWAY

Lastly, the third challenge: *not to throw people away*. The throw-away culture says, "I use you in as much as I need you. When I am not interested in you anymore, or you are in my way, I throw you out."

It is especially the weakest who are treated this way – **unborn children, the elderly, the needy and the disadvantaged**. But people are never to be thrown out, the disadvantaged cannot be through away! Every person is a sacred gift, each person is a unique gift, no matter what their age or condition. Let us always respect and promote life! Let's not throw life away!

ROSTERS—St Monica's

11-12 February 2023	6.00pm	10.00am
Acolyte	Katie Brasnett	Chris Dudfield
Altar Servers	Jacob Gallana	Anton den Hartog
Readers	Kathy Compton Maryanne Gore	Neill Cox Clara Geoghegan
Music	FREE	Wingettes
Warden	Gavan Smith	Kelly Grzywacz

11 February Church Cleaning	Gavan Smith, Jenny Jeffrey, Dolores Schneider
Altar Society	Suzu Grgic & Kelly Grzywacz
12 February Counters	Matt Houghton, Paul Sykes, Khalil Taouk

ROSTERS—St Michael's

12 February 2023	8.00am	5.30pm
Mass Coordinator	Neil Seabrook	Ivan Cretni
Acolyte	Felix Stravens	Ted Smith Tanya Butler
Readers	Sr Kate Marie Seabrook	Luciana Ciaccia Rachel Blackwell
Eucharistic Minister	Anne Staines	Margaret Dudfield
Projectionist	Arleen Stark	Choir

11 February Church Cleaning	Canberra El Shaddai Prayer Group
Sanctuary Linen	Su Nguyen
14 February Banking	Gerry Maynes & Linda Townrow

Next Week's Readings
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
 Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37