



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

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

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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, YEAR B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We have seen his star in the East,
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

PRAYER REQUESTS

In Thanksgiving and Special Intentions: Jacqui Poliquit, Alfredo & Anne Patajo

Anniversaries and Remembrances: Marie Storrier, James Kershaw, Eileen Kershaw, Giuseppe Marzano

Recently Deceased: Yvette Finch Bowden, Brenda Colliver

Sick: Brendon Mooney, Nina Wood, Steven Whiting, Renato Penalzoza, Baby Maisie, Emeritus Archbishop Francis Carroll, 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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, YEAR B



THEY OFFERED HIM GIFTS.

For some Christians the feast of Epiphany is the day on which gifts are exchanged. As we observe the wise men opening their treasures in today's Gospel and offering gifts to Jesus, we can ask: what precious gifts can we offer to Jesus today? We may not have gold, frankincense and myrrh but we have our love, our fidelity, our time. We can give these to Jesus by giving them to those in need.

Thank You

Sr Kate and I wish to thank all for the kind greetings and gifts you sent our way at Christmas. Know well that you are in our prayers - Fr Mick.

Dates for Your Diary

Sat/Sun 10th 11th February – **Sacrament of Anointing at all Masses**

Wednesday 14th February – **Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent**

Fridays of Lent – **Stations of the Cross**

Wednesday 28th February – **Daytime Parish Retreat** 10am-2pm

Wednesday 6th March – **Twilight Retreat** 6pm-9pm

Sat/Sun 24th March – **Palm (Passion) Sunday, Holy Week begins**

Mon 25th March – **Mass of the Chrism** (St Christopher's Cathedral)

Thurs 28th March – **Holy Thursday**

Fri 29th March – **Good Friday**

Sun 31st March – **Easter Sunday**

Prayer for New Year's Day

God of all times and seasons, I pray for courage to face the new year, I pray for love to be able to meet you in all people, I pray for faith to be able to listen to you, I pray for peace that all people may be able to share in hope and I pray for determination to accept my mission from you to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all whom I meet this year. Bless all those who work to keep us safe, bless the nation's leaders in civil and business spheres that they will work for the common good. Bless the poor and the homeless, may all Australians work to end these injustices. Bless the young that they will desire to live for all people and bless the old that they would support the young with their wisdom. Bless you Lord God for your love and care and thank you for this new year. Amen.

Pope Francis on the Christian Life

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Last week we introduced the theme of vices and virtues. It refers to the spiritual struggle of the Christian. Indeed, the spiritual life of the Christian is not peaceful, linear and without challenges; on the contrary, Christian life demands constant striving: the Christian striving to preserve the faith, to enrich the gifts of faith in us. It is no coincidence that the first anointing that every Christian receives in the sacrament of Baptism - the catechumenal anointing - is without any aroma and symbolically announces that life is a struggle. In fact, in ancient times, wrestlers were fully anointed before the competition, both to tone their muscles and to make their bodies elusive to their opponent's grasp. The anointing of catechumens immediately makes it clear that the Christian is not spared the struggle, that the Christian must strive: his existence, like everyone else's, will have to descend into the arena, because life is a succession of trials and temptations.

Let us remember that we are always torn between opposite extremes: arrogance challenges humility; hatred opposes charity; sadness hinders the true joy of the Spirit; the hardening of the heart rejects mercy. Christians continually walk along these dividing lines. Therefore, it is important to reflect on vices and virtues: it helps us to defeat the nihilistic culture in which the boundaries between good and evil become blurred and, at the same time, it reminds us that the human being, unlike any other creature, can always transcend itself, opening up to God and journeying towards holiness.

The spiritual struggle, then, leads us to look closely at those vices that shackle us and to walk, with the grace of God, towards those virtues that can flourish in us, bringing the springtime of the Spirit into our lives.

Full text – www.vatican.va.com select The Holy See, click on audience, select English

THE MISSION OF OUR PARISH

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we, the faithful of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, are a multicultural Catholic family whose mission is to build a stronger worshipping community where:

The word of the Lord is proclaimed and lived.
We worship through sacrament and actions of care.

We honour the presence of God in our midst.

All are empowered to encounter, accept and build a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

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THE VISION OF OUR PARISH

Through the intercession and maternal protection of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, our goal is to build a family of faith of all ages where we are connected to Jesus Christ and one another through God's Word, liturgical worship and acts of service.

Parish Sacramental Program 2024

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 13-14 January 2024

St Monica's	6.00pm	10.00am
Acolyte	Dolores Schneider	Franklin Soriano
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer
Readers	Gabrielle Jarvis	Chris Dudfield
	Franklin Soriano	Mylene Naboya
Music	FREE	CRS
Warden	Luke Wensing	Anna & Robert
Church Cleaning	Luke & Marie, Daniel, John	
Altar Society	Lucia Carbone & Flo Jeremiah	
Counters	Robert J, Robert B, Kelly	
St Michael's	8.00am	5.30pm
Mass	Tina Fisk	Cynthia Parayiwa
Coordinator		
Acolyte	Neil Seabrook	Seven Tieupakt
Readers	Sr Kate	Kevin Aoun
	Annett Jose	Rachel Blackwell
	Marie Seabrook	Margaret Dudfield
Eucharistic Minister		
Church Cleaning	Canberra El Shaddai Prayer Group	
Sanctuary Linen	Su Nguyen	
Banking	Peter Corkran & Linda Townrow	

Next Week's Readings

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

1 Sam 3:3-10,19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42