



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: 8:00 am, Croatian Community  
 10:00 am

#### St Michael's Church, Kaleen

Tuesday: 9:30 am  
 Thursday: 9:30 am  
 Saturday: 9:00 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 5:00 pm, St Monica's Chapel  
 Saturday 8:30 am, St Michael's  
 Sunday 5:00 pm, St Michael's

#### 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

2nd & 4th Saturday of each month  
 12.30pm to 5.00 pm, St Michael's

#### Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals

Contact Fr. Loi Viovicente on 6258 3212.

#### Mass with the Anointing of the Sick

2nd Wednesday of the month, St Monica's  
 2nd Saturday of the month, St Michael's

### 2ND 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

Please pray for rain for the drought stricken areas of  
 our Archdiocese and beyond.

**Recently Deceased:** Patrick Nolan, Mary Boyle, Judy MacAndrew,  
 Julieta Daanton Alcalá, Dominique Djomani Ngaleu, Joshua Kessler

**Death Anniversaries:** Michael Stinziani, Anna Zaja, Gerry Grzywacz,  
 Vernon Norris, Leonard Holt, Govind Sharma, Reg Smith

**Sick:** Neil Seabrook, Kevin Connor, Kevin Norton, Emeritus Archbishop  
 Francis Carroll, Des Kearns, Greg Worthington, Angela Worthington,  
 Stanko Rezo, Peter Lusty, Raja, Aialisia Senini, Claris, Rae & Glenn  
 Zinkel, Bill Jones, Mary Gogusz, Felix Zamora, Frances Smythe, Andre  
 Swanepoel, Betty Bestwitch, Joan Lowe, Helen, Valerie Hanlon, John  
 Mills, Anthony Pasquariello, Teresita Caringal, Marie Wicks, Heno  
 Laana, Edelweisse Symons, Peter Naughton, Sandra Caldicott

### 2ND 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.*

#### PARISH NOTICES

##### Baptisms

This weekend we welcome three new members into our faith  
 community through the waters of Baptism; Gabrielle Beale,  
 Zach Falcao and Niklaus Naboya. May God's grace and  
 blessings be showered upon them on their special day.

#### Vinnies Christmas Appeal, St Monica's & St Michael's, 7-8 December

Our Christmas Appeal will be held at all Masses this  
 weekend. We would be grateful for your generous donations  
 to assist those less fortunate than ourselves. Donations can  
 be made to Vinnies members in the foyer.

#### Vinnies Giving Mass, St Michael's, 10 December, 9.30am

This Mass will be celebrated with the teachers and students  
 of St Michael's School, as their Giving Mass for Vinnies and  
 to thank God for the blessings received throughout the year.

#### Masses with Holy Anointing, 11 & 14 December

St Monica's, Wednesday, 9.30am, 11 December  
 St Michael's, Saturday, 9.00am, 14 December

#### Parish Pastoral Council, St Monica's, 12 December

The PPC will meet at 6.30pm this Thursday in the meeting  
 room. If you have anything that you would like tabled at the  
 meeting, please send an email to the parish office.

#### Tags Third Age Group, Gungahlin, 12 December

The next lunch for TAGS will be on Thursday, 12.30pm, at  
 The Lakes, Gungahlin. Everyone is welcome. Contact  
 Margot Prout on 6258 3151 if you'd like to join us.

#### Simbang Gabi, St Monica's, 15-23 December, 8.00pm

This is a nine day Novena Mass in preparation for the birth of  
 Our Lord Jesus Christ. All parishioners are warmly invited to  
 attend the Masses.

#### Youth Mass, St Michael's, 22 December, 5.30pm

This will be on the fourth Sunday, just for this month. All  
 youth are warmly invited to attend and to stay for fellowship  
 afterwards. Please bring a plate of food to share. Contact  
 Monica: 0435 876 303.

#### Vinnies Cards and Calendars at St Monica's

The St Vincent de Paul Society is selling Christmas cards,  
 \$4.00 per packet, and Columban calendars, \$9.00 each, in  
 the church foyer. Stock up before Christmas and help a  
 good cause.

#### Vinnies Christmas Hamper Donations, St Michael's

To help support our companions this Christmas we are  
 seeking donations of non-perishable food items. A box has  
 been placed in the foyer for the collection of donations.  
 Thank you for your generosity.



### THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

*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. Amen.*

### PRAYER FOR THE BLESSING OF RAIN

*Lord God, Bless Australia, our Great South Land of the  
 Holy Spirit. Grant, that as the Cross shines in our  
 southern skies, so may Christ bring light to our nation,  
 to its peoples old and new. May we receive the  
 blessing of abundant rain so that the 'desert blooms  
 with the life that lies in wait.'*  
*May those in our country experiencing drought, fire and  
 other natural disasters, be aware of our tangible  
 support through our prayer and actions. We ask this  
 through Christ Our Lord, Amen.*

### Volunteers for 8.00am Sunday Mass Morning Tea

Some more volunteers are needed to provide the morning  
 tea at St Michael's for the last Sunday of each month. If you  
 could assist, please see Marie Seabrook after Mass or send  
 an email to the parish office. Thank you.

### Volunteers for Christmas Flyer Letterbox Drop

This Advent, our parish will again do a letterbox drop of  
 flyers, informing residents of our Christmas Masses. There  
 are 10,000 flyers to deliver so your help is needed. Please  
 collect a kit from the church foyer and help to spread the  
 good news of Jesus' birth.

### 'Step-Up' School Shoes Project for Fiji

Transform lives today by giving children in Fiji a pair of  
 shoes to attend school with dignity, helping them to learn,  
 play and thrive. We are seeking donations of new and used  
 (in good condition) black school shoes, or sports shoes,  
 suitable for children from prep to year 12. These will be sent  
 to St Peter's and Lomari primary and secondary schools in  
 Fiji. Boxes have been placed in the foyers of both churches,  
 for collection of the shoes. Thank you for your generosity.  
 Contact: Michaella Bangard on 0412 599 603.

### Advent Booklets

Copies of 'The Way', a booklet of prayerful reflections, are  
 available in the church foyer at a cost of \$4.00 each.

### OTHER NOTICES

#### Carols By Candlelight, Commonwealth Park, 14 Dec

The Woden Valley Youth Choir and Canberra City Band will  
 present the carols at Stage 88 in the park at 7.00pm.  
 Donations and funds raised will go towards Anglicare Youth  
 and Family service programs. There will be a mix of  
 traditional and contemporary carols. Enquiries to:  
 Info.wvyc@gmail.com

### ROSTERS—St Monica's

14-15 Dec 2019	6.00pm	10.00am
<b>Acolytes</b>	Mark Gore	Krys Sadkowsky
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Katie Brasnett Aria Wallace	Connor Devoy Clare Devoy
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Kerry Morcombe Linda Pike	Ray Storrier F. Carneiro Alphonso Clara Geoghegan Marg Smith
<b>Readers</b>	Geoffrey Paul Maryanne Gore	Magna Tsui Angela Cornell
<b>Music</b>	Anne	St Monica's Singers
<b>Wardens</b>	Peter Donnellan	Holohan family
<b>Church Cleaning 14 December 2019</b>	The Nahon family	
<b>Altar Society</b>	Lucia Carbonne, Flo Jeremiah	
<b>Counters 15 December</b>	Marian Irvine, Ross Catanzariti, Gary Compton	
<b>Children's Liturgy 15 December</b>	Anna Brunato	

### ROSTERS—St Michael's

15 December 2019	8.00am	5.30pm
<b>Mass Coordinator</b>	Ninia Benedictos	Cynthia Parayiwa
<b>Acolytes</b>	Simeon Benedictos Ted Smith	AJ Emalay
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Joshua	Phillip, Joel
<b>Readers</b>	Gil Watters Annette Jose	Seven Tieupakt Volunteer
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Vince Evans Marie Seabrook	Doug Widdup Luciana Ciaccia TC Nguyen
<b>Projectionist</b>	Livia Brown	Choir
<b>Church Cleaning 14 December</b>	Canberra El Shaddai Prayer Group	
<b>Sanctuary Linen</b>	Maria Evans	
<b>Banking</b>	Gil & Dianne Watters	

### Next Week's Readings

#### 3rd Sunday of Advent Year A

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