



St Monica's Church Deffell St Evatt



# OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH NORTH BELCONNEN EVATT, GIRALANG, KALEEN, LAWSON, MCKELLAR, MELBA & SPENCE



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: 5.00 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: 4.00 - 4.45 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

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day  
rise from the dead;  
in his name repentance and remission of sins  
must be preached to all the nations, 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:** Mirko Kokic, Anna Le Thi Bich Dung, Gisela Joris Yenny, Florentius Sunardi

**Recently Deceased:** Matthew Dwyer

**Sick:** Sophy Jacob, Carmel Ford, Helen, Joseph Cretni, Francis Kutty, Shelley Knoke, Colin Kish, Brenden Mooney, Nina Wood, Steven Whiting, Renato Penaloza, 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

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES.

*The disciples of Jesus had great respect for the Jewish Scriptures: the Law of Moses, the prophets and the psalms. They came to full belief in the resurrection of Jesus only after he had opened their minds to see that his shameful death and glorious resurrection were prefigured in the sacred texts. The ancient Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament provide valuable witness for us also, strengthening our faith.*

#### Welcome Fr Bernie Patterson and Fr Warwick Tonkin

Thank you for giving us Mass while Fr Mick is attending the Cursillo in Galong this weekend.

#### Training for Eucharistic Ministers

Thank you to all who have volunteered to become Ministers of the Eucharist. Training for this ministry will be held at the following times. Attend only one session.

**St Monica's Evatt** – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 10:00am- 11:00am  
**St Michael's Kaleen** – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 3:30pm – 4:30pm

#### 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 second session, this Friday, at St Michael's Kaleen.**

#### SYNOD on SYNODALITY

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April is an important date for our Parish. We will have an afternoon meeting 2pm-3:30pm at St Monica's Meeting Room and then in the evening 7:00-8:30pm, again at St Monica's Meeting Room to add our voices to the second session of the Synod, occurring at the Vatican in October this year. Come along and add your voice to the process.

#### Please join us for a Celebration Cuppa for Sr Kate after Mass on 27th & 28th April

After the Saturday vigil Mass at St Monica's and the Sunday morning Mass at St Michael's we celebrate Sr Kate's Saint's Feast Day and her April birthday, with a cuppa and hot and cold nibbles. Parishioners and friends are most welcome to stay and bring a plate to share.

Congratulations Sr Kate and thank you so much for all the good work you do in our parish which includes visiting the sick and aging people and parishioners who are unable to attend the church. We are so blessed in having you care for those in our community and this occasion gives us the opportunity to personally thank you for your continued and dedicated service. May our Lord continue to watch over you and guide you in your important ministry! Our prayers and best wishes are extended to you always and on your special Feast Day, 29th April. God bless!

#### TAGS Lunch

Next lunch will be on Thursday 18 April 2024 at 12.30 pm at the Gungahlin Lakes Club. Contact: Vivien Gleeson on 0400 466 555.

#### Project Compassion

Thank you for the many sacrifices you made during Lent to support Project Compassion. It is now time to bring in your offerings.

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

### Pope Francis - Virtue of Fortitude

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!  
Today's catechesis is dedicated to the third of the cardinal virtues, namely *fortitude*. Let us begin with the description given in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: "Fortitude is the moral virtue that ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good. It strengthens the resolve to resist temptations and to overcome obstacles in the moral life. The virtue of fortitude enables one to conquer fear, even fear of death, and to face trials and persecutions" (1808). This is what the Catechism of the Catholic Church says about the virtue of fortitude.

Here, then, is the most "combative" of the virtues. If the first of the moral virtues, that is, prudence, was primarily associated with man's reason; and while justice found its abode in the will, this third virtue, fortitude, is often linked by scholastic authors to what the ancients called the "irascible appetite". Ancient thought did not imagine a man without passions: he would be a stone. And the passions are not necessarily the residue of a sin; but they must be educated, they must be channelled, they must be purified with the water of Baptism, or better with the fire of the Holy Spirit. A Christian without courage, who does not turn his own strength to good, who does not bother anyone, is a useless Christian. Let us think about this! Jesus is not a diaphanous, ascetic God, who does not know human emotions. Quite the contrary. Faced with the death of His friend Lazarus, He breaks down in tears, and His impassioned spirit is apparent in some of His expressions, such as when He says: "I came to cast fire upon the earth, and would that it were already kindled!" (Lk 12:49); and confronted with the trade in the temple, He reacted with force (cf. Mt. 21: 12-13). Jesus had passion.

Fortitude is a fundamental virtue because it *takes the challenge of evil in the world seriously*. Some pretend it does not exist, that everything is going fine, that human will is not sometimes blind, that dark forces that bring death do not lurk in history. But it suffices to leaf through a history book, or unfortunately even the newspapers, to discover the nefarious deeds of which we are partly victims and partly perpetrators: wars, violence, slavery, oppression of the poor, wounds that have never healed and continue to bleed. The virtue of fortitude makes us react and cry out "no", an emphatic "no" to all of this. In our comfortable Western world, which has watered everything down somewhat, which has transformed the pursuit of perfection into a simple organic development, which has no need for struggle because everything looks the same, we sometimes feel a healthy nostalgia for prophets. But disruptive, visionary people are very rare. There is a need for someone who can rouse us from the soft place in which we have lain down and make us resolutely repeat our "no" to evil and to everything that leads to indifference. "No" to evil and "no" to indifference; "yes" to progress, to the path that moves us forward, and for this we must fight.

Let us therefore rediscover in the Gospel the fortitude of Jesus, and learn it from the witness of the saints. Thank you.

#### 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 ]

### Holiday Program for Primary Children, Kippax

'Holiday Happenings' will take place at Kippax Community Centre, Hardwick Cres, Holt, on Thursday, 18 April 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be craft, games, stories and activities each day. Cost is \$5 per child. Bookings are essential. Contact 6254 1733 for more information and to register.

### 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.

**Sacrament of First Communion - School of Religion, St Monica's school students and St Michael's school students** - will be celebrated during the weekend Masses on 15 & 16 June 2024. **Registrations are open and will close on Friday 3 May** via the parish Qkr! App.

Registrations for the Sacrament **must** be made via the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Qkr! App (**NOT** the school app). **No late registrations** will be accepted after the closing date.

**Sacrament of Confirmation** - will be celebrated 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 20-21 April 2024

St Monica's	5.00pm	10.00am
Acolyte	John Jeffery	Chris Dudfield
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer
Readers	Veronica Dahl	Mylene Naboya
	Katie Brasnett	Magna Tsui
Music	Karen	LY
Warden	Noel Simento	Bob Jepsen
Church Cleaning	Maryanne, Jenny, Daniela, Catherine, Judy	
Altar Society	Kay Grzadzka & Linda Pike	
Counters	Marian, Ross, Gary	
St Michael's	8.00am	5.30pm
Mass	Tina Fisk	Cynthia Parayiwa
Acolyte	Bobby Goodwin	Seven Tieupakt
Readers	Linda Townrow	Luciana Ciaccia
	Sr Kate	Louise Amos
Eucharistic Minister	Marie Seabrook	Margaret Dudfield
Church Cleaning	Neil, Marie, Kevin, Glen, Maree	
Sanctuary Linen	Maria Evans	
Banking	Doug Widdup & Rod Dudfield	

### Next Week's Readings

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18