



Delay not, O Blessed Lady, to help me whenever I call on Thee, for, in all my needs, in all my temptations I shall never cease to call on Thee, ever repeating Thy sacred name, Mary, Mary.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish (North Belconnen)

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Intercede for me, dear St. Monica, that God may favourably hear my plea and grant me the grace to accept His Will in all things.
St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.



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 and present.

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C 19th of October 2025

PRAY CONTINUALLY

The saving power of God flows into our world through human agents. In today's First Reading, the Israelites are saved from destruction by the power of God mediated through Moses, their leader. In the Gospel Jesus assures us that God will see justice done on earth provided we pray for it night and day, and keep knocking on the doors of the unjust. Let us pray and work constantly for justice, never losing heart.

Entrance Antiphon:

(cf. Ps 16:6,8)
To you I call; for your will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Communion Antiphon:

(Mk 10:45)
The Son of Man has come
to give his life as a ransom for many.

Next Week's Readings: 26th of October 2025

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
The prayer of the sinner
Sir 35:12-14,16-19; 2 Tim 4:6-8,16-18; Lk 18:9-14

MASSES AND MORE

Tuesday: 9.30am St Michael's, Kaleen

Wednesday: 9.30am St Monica's, Evatt

Thursday: 9.30am, St Michael's, Kaleen

Friday: 7am, St Monica's, Evatt

Saturday: 9.30am St Michael's, Kaleen

Saturday Vigil: 6pm St Monica's, Evatt

Sunday: 8am, St Michael's, Kaleen

10am, St Monica's, Evatt

5.30pm, St Michael's, Kaleen

Reconciliation-Sacrament of Penance

4.00 - 4.45 pm Saturday, St Monica's

4.30 - 5.15 pm Sunday, St Michael's

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8.45 - 9.30am Wednesday, St Monica's

6.30pm Thursday, St Monica's

Rosary

4.30 pm Tuesday, St Monica's Chapel

9.00 am Saturday, St Michael's

5 pm Sunday, St Michael's

(Zoom Rosary at 4 pm every Wednesday & Friday or nightly at 8:30pm. Meeting No: 697 896 1059, Password: 8Py80J)

Legion of Mary 6:15 pm Wednesday, St Monica's

Novena Devotion to O.L. of Perpetual Succour

7.00pm Thursday, St Michael's

El Shaddai Prayer Group

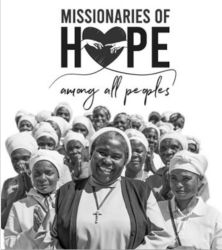
2nd & 4th Saturday of each month

12.30pm to 5.00 pm, St Michael's

Men Alive 7.00pm Thursday, St Monica's

Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals

Contact Fr. Mick Mac Andrew on 0419 010 870



Catholic Mission Appeal: Sunday the 19th of October

This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers to give birth safely. The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to

ensure every woman and baby received a safe and dignified start to life. During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist other Church programs around the world.

Fr Mick Celebrates his Birthday on Saturday 25th of October

You are invited to help Fr Mick celebrate his birthday next weekend with a cuppa and finger food after the 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass and 10am Sunday Mass at St Monica's or the 8am Sunday Mass at St Michael's. Please bring a plate of food to share if you can.

Prayer Petitions for Rome

Fr Mick is travelling to Rome for the Jubilee Year on the 10th of November. He wishes to take the prayer petitions of parishioners with him to lay on the Altar in St Peter's Basilica while he celebrates Mass. Please take a petition form and fill it out and return to the box in the Church foyer. The petitions can be sealed or unsealed, Fr Mick will not read them, they can be completely anonymous. Fr Mick will celebrate Masses in Assisi and Rome for the intentions of all parishioners, for the gift of Jubilee hope for each one. No offerings please. This is Fr Mick's blessing for all parishioners.

God's Word 2026 and ADVENT Reflections available for sale

GOD's WORD 2026 now on sale \$15: The daily readings for Mass plus a short reflection. It can be used as a diary as it has space for your appointments. ADVENT Reflections only \$5: *In Holy Stillness* is the Brisbane Archdiocese offering. It offers a reflection on the daily readings for Advent up till Christmas plus a short prayer. *The Promise* is the Wollongong Diocese offering of art work and a reflection on the daily readings up to the Feast of Epiphany in January.

Forged Youth Group Meeting this Friday the 24th of October

Forged Youth Group will be running this Friday, the 24th of October, for students in Year 6 to 12. We will start with dinner and games, followed by a discussion. Our topic for this week is discernment. How do we know what God wants us to do? We will hopefully be joined by a special guest. Other meetings this term are on Friday in Weeks 4, 6, 8, and 9. New members are always welcome, meetings are from 6pm until 8pm and are held in the meeting room attached to St Monica's Church. If you have any questions or concerns, please email your Parish Youth Coordinators, Katie and Rebecca: youth.northbelconnen@cg.org.

St Monica's School Fundraiser: Mangoes for Sale

St Monica's School is offering trays of mangoes (delivery in November) as a fundraiser for the school. Trays are \$21. Orders close on Tuesday 21st of October. You can order and pay cash or card at the St Monica's school office.

Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te* of the Holy Father Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor.

An Apostolic Exhortation is a pastoral message the pope sends out to Catholics to establish a clear direction for addressing critical issues. This week Pope Leo presented his first Apostolic Exhortation on the love of the poor. The following are extracts from that Exhortation.

'...Jesus identified himself "with the lowest ranks of society" and...with his love poured out to the end, he confirms the dignity of every human being, especially when "they are weak, scorned, or suffering." As we contemplate Christ's love, "we too are inspired to be more attentive to the sufferings and needs of others, and confirmed in our efforts to share in his work of liberation as instrument for the spread of his love."

The condition of the poor is a cry that, throughout human history, constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems, and, not least, the Church. On the wounded face of the poor, we see the suffering of the innocent and, therefore, the suffering of Christ himself. At the same time, we should perhaps speak more correctly of the many faces of the poor and of poverty, since it is a multifaceted phenomenon. In fact, there are many form of poverty: the poverty of those who lack material means of subsistence, the poverty of those who are socially marginalised and lack the means to give voice to their dignities and abilities, moral and spiritual poverty, cultural poverty, the poverty of those who find themselves in a condition of personal or social weakness or fragility, the poverty of those who have no right, no space, no freedom.

I have chosen to recall the age-old history of the Church's care of the poor and with the poor in order to make clear that it has always been a central part of her life. Indeed, caring for the poor is part of the Church's great Tradition, a beacon as it were of evangelical light to illumine the hearts and guide the decisions of Christians in every age...No Christian can regard the poor simply as a societal problem; they are part of our "family." They are "one of us." ..."We are asked to devote time to the poor, to give them loving attention, to listen to them with interest, to stand by them in difficult moments, choosing to spend hours, weeks or years of our lives with them, and striving to transform their situations, starting from them. We cannot forget that this is what Jesus himself proposed in his actions and by his words."

The dominant culture at the beginning of this millennium would have us abandon the poor to their fate and consider them unworthy of attention, much less our respect..."We need to acknowledge that we are constantly tempted to ignore others, especially the weak. Let us admit that, for all the progress that we have made, we are still 'illiterate' when it comes to accompanying, caring for and supporting the most frail and vulnerable members of our developed societies. We have become accustomed to looking the other way, passing by, and ignoring situations until they affect us directly."

For us Christians, the problem of the poor leads to the very heart of our faith...For Christians, the poor are not a sociological category, but the very "flesh" of Christ...Our love and our deepest convictions need to be continually cultivated, and we do so through concrete actions. Remaining in the realm of ideas and theories, while failing to give them expression through frequent and practical acts of charity, will eventually cause even our most cherished hopes and aspirations to weaken and fade away.

Christian love breaks down every barrier, brings close those who were distant, unites strangers, and reconciles enemies. It spans chasms that are humanly impossible to bridge, and it penetrates to the most hidden crevices of society. By its very nature, Christian love is prophetic: it works miracles and knows no limits. It makes what was apparently impossible happen. Love is above all a way of looking at life and a way of living it. A Church that sets no limits to love, that knows no enemies to fight but only men and women to love, is the Church that the world needs today. Through your work, your efforts to change unjust social structures or your simple, heartfelt gesture of closeness and support, the poor will come to realise that Jesus' words are addressed personally to each of them: "I have loved you" (Rev 3:9).'



To see the full Apostolic Exhortation visit Vatican.va then 'Magisterium' or use the QR code. You can also access the Pope's Weekly Audience and Sermons at Vatican.va

PRAYER REQUESTS

In Thanksgiving and Special Intentions: Ethan Poliquit; Louise Zinkel; Shirley Boag; Flo Jeremiah; Valerie; Jacqui Lloyd; Francine Feliciano.

Anniversaries and Remembrances: Patrick Griffin; Luke Dorsett; Roozi Araghi; Kate Goodchild; Cindy Low; Dario Dessi; Brendan Mooney; Marcello Cocco; Paolo Lombardini; Aldo Dessi; Mary Murugesan; Mirko Kokic; Anna Li Thi Bich Dung; Florentius Sunardi; Gisela Joris Yenny.

Recently Deceased: Vivienne McMahon (Sister-in-law of Sr Kate); Helen Gresham (wife of Bob, funeral Mass 11am Friday the 23rd of October at St Michael's Kaleen), Sr Liz West LCM (funeral Mass 10am Tuesday the 21st of October at Calvary Heyden Village Bruce); Catherine Burrowes.

Sick: Kerry Raftery; Tony Bui; Russell Fitzgerald; Ivana Deleva; Steve Bilich; Effie de Lopez; Sophy Jacob; Maureen Donoghoe; Jan Gardner; Maisie; Louise Farrelly; Lucia Dessi; Carolyn Pritchard; Rithu Dany; Master Kaihran Taylor; Leena Culas; Damian Smith; Carmel Ford; Joseph Cretni; Shelley Knoke; Colin Kish; Nina Wood; Steven Whiting; Rose Rajer; Tricia Vimala Mahalingam; Bong; Mitchell; Tony Marker; Sarah Driscoll; Royce Miosge; Francis Politano; Tony Murdoch.

ROSTERS 25th & 26th of OCTOBER 2025

St Monica's

Acolyte

Altar Servers

Readers

Music

Warden

Church Cleaning

Altar Society

Counters

St Michael's

Mass Coordinator

Acolyte

Readers

Church Cleaning

Sanctuary Linen

Banking

6.00pm

John Jeffrey

Harry Collet

Franklin Soriano

Peter Donnellan

Anne

Luke Wensing

Maryanne Gore, Jenny Moylan,

Daniella Zolli & Judy Sykes

Maxine Lloyd & Mary Williams

John Jeffrey, Maureen Delaney &

Daniel Moses

8.00am

Sue Collins

TC Nguyen

Anne Staines

Linda Townrow

Canberra El Shaddai Prayer Group

Annette Cox

Peter Corkran & Linda Townrow

10.00am

Neill Cox

Marissa Hartog

Angela Cornell

Rowena Vimalasiri

LY

Michael Holohan

5.30pm

Ivan Cretni

Seven Tieupakt

Maria Jayan

Joel Kurian