

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish (North Belconnen)



*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.*

**St Monica's Church:** Deffell Street, Evatt  
**St Michael's Church:** Tyrell Circuit, Kaleen  
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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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY), YEAR A 12th of April 2026

### I AM SENDING YOU

*When we gather for the Eucharist each Sunday the risen Christ comes among us and offers us his gift of peace. Our celebration gives us joy and strengthens our faith. But we cannot stay inside the church with its doors locked. At the end of Mass we are sent out, commissioned to bring the love and mercy of Christ to all who continue to bear in their bodies the wounds of crucifixion.*

### Entrance Antiphon: (1 Pet 2:2)

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

### Communion Antiphon: (cf. Jn 20:27)

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia

### Next Week's Readings: 19th of April 2026

Third Sunday of Easter, Year A  
**HE WALKED BY THEIR SIDE**  
 Acts 2:14,22-33; 1 Pet 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

## 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

## Prayer Vigil for Peace

Pope Leo will lead a solemn Prayer Vigil for Peace at St Peter's Basilica at 6pm Rome Time on Saturday the 11th of April (2am on Sunday the 12th of April AEST). The Pope has invited Catholics and people of goodwill worldwide to unite in prayer for peace, urge an end to violence, and encourage dialogue over military action. We Join in this Vigil during our Masses this weekend by praying together the Pope's prayer intention from March:

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*Lord of Life, you shaped every human being in your image and likeness. We believe you created us for communion, not for war, for fraternity, not for destruction. You who greeted your disciples saying, "Peace be with you," grant us the gift of your peace and the strength to make it a reality in history. Today we lift up our prayer for peace in the world, asking that nations renounce weapons and choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy.*

*Disarm our hearts of hatred, resentment, and indifference, so we may become instruments of reconciliation. Help us understand that true security does not come from control fueled by fear, but from trust, justice, and solidarity among peoples.*

*Lord, enlighten the leaders of the nations, so that they may have the courage to abandon projects of death, halt the arms race, and place the lives of the most vulnerable at the center. May the nuclear threat never again dictate the future of humanity.*

*Holy Spirit, make us faithful and creative builders of daily peace: in our hearts, our families, our communities, and our cities. May every kind word, every gesture of reconciliation, and every choice for dialogue be seeds of a new world. Amen.*

## No 7am Friday Mass during Eastertide

There will be no 7am Friday Mass at St Monica's between now and Pentecost. There will be two Friday Stations of the Resurrection Masses instead.

## Stations of the Resurrection

Join us as we celebrate the Stations of the Resurrection inside Mass on the Fridays between Easter and Pentecost: 9.30am at St Michael's, Kaleen and 6pm at St Monica's, Evatt.

## Fr Mick away next weekend

Fr Mick will be on the Cursillo at St Clement's Galong next weekend: Frs Bernie Patterson and Warwick Tonkin will be with us for Masses.

## TAGS Lunch on Thursday the 16th of April

The next TAGS lunch will be at 12.30pm on Thursday the 16th of April, at the Gungahlin Lakes Club.

## Registrations for Confirmation close on the 22nd of April and Preparation begins on Thursday the 23rd of April

Registrations for Confirmation during Term 2 are open through Qkr! (Search for Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish). Registration closes on the 22nd of April. Preparation starts with a Parent and Child Formation evening at 6pm on Thursday the 23rd of April at St Monica's Church, Evatt. Children and at least one parent are expected to attend.

**Feedback sought on the Pause for Thought: Thinking Catholic, Teen's and Children's Bulletins** Please send your feedback and ideas to belconnennorth@cg.org.au. Thank you.

## St Christopher's Cathedral archival display on the 13th to the 17th of April

As part of the 2026 ACT Heritage Festival, the Archdiocesan Archive is hosting an exhibition of items relating to our Cathedral. In Haydon Hall, for 1 week commencing Sunday 12 April 12.30. Open week of 13th-17th April 12-2PM.

## Easter Oratorio by J.S. Bach on the 18th and 19th of April

The CANBERRA BACH ENSEMBLE presents the Easter Oratorio and 'Heaven laughs, Earth exults', for choir, orchestra, and soloists, directed by Andrew Koll. Joyous and festive Bach works celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus, on Saturday 18 April at 7.30pm, and Sunday 19 April at 2.00pm at St Christopher's Cathedral, Franklin Street, Manuka. For more info and to purchase tickets, please visit [www.canberrabachensemble.com](http://www.canberrabachensemble.com).

## Holiness and evangelical counsels in the Church: Pope Leo's General Audience on Wednesday the 8th of April [Summary]

Dear brothers and sisters, in today's catechesis on the Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium*, we turn our attention to the universal call to holiness. Every baptized person is called to be holy: to live in God's grace, to practice virtue and to become like Christ. At its heart is love for both God and neighbor, and its greatest expression is martyrdom, the supreme witness of faith and charity. For this reason, the Church teaches that believers should be ready to confess Christ to the point of shedding blood. However, the interior transformation that conforms us to Christ is not possible without the aid of the Sacraments, most especially the Eucharist. In this regard, I would like to make particular mention of those men and women who consecrate their lives to God through the evangelical counsels: poverty, chastity and obedience which express their complete trust in God's providence, modelled on Christ's gift of himself to the Father with a pure heart. By their lives, consecrated persons radically witness to the fullness of life in Christ, even to the cross

To read the full transcript or watch the video use the QR code or go to [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va), Magisterium, Audiences.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**In Thanksgiving and Special Intentions:** Mary Schubert; Jacqui Lloys; Zoe Trivino; Louise Zinkel.

**Recently Deceased:** Tony Murdoch; Ricarte Polloso; Paz Polloso; Aldo Gomber; Margaret Schmetzer; Francis Wood; Margaret Schmetzer; Zaron Smith; Ray Araneta; Gerardo Fischetti; Fr Dermot Clinton; Maria Antonia Pelle; Bernadette Baker; Terry Nolan.

**Anniversaries and Remembrances:** Robin Tessensohn; Catarina Tamaro; Mario Tamaro; Tony Saunders; Jakov Ivancic; Arnold Ellem; Eleanor Aypa; Jose Galaga; Gertrudes Galaga; Paula Besin; Librado Carzon; John Hensley; Dario and Aldo Dessi; Brenden Mooney; Marcello Cocco; Paolo Lombardini; Stan and Mary Murugesan; Mirko Kokic; Anna Le Thi Bich Dung; Florentius Sunardi; Gisela Joris Yenny.

**Sick:** John Kennedy; Anne Lewis; Baby Connor Glover; Sophy Jacob; Frances McArdle; Anna Blackwell; Sarah Morris; Heno Launa; Katia Banac; Pauline Vatavuk; Celine Matthews; Celine Fernandez; Jeanette Howlett; Bernard Star; Vivian Calma; Fr. Michael Mullen; Carol Batten; Baby Lucia Beecher; Bernie and Anne Groves; Kerry Raftery; Tony Bui; Russell Fitzgerald; Ivana Deleva; Steve Billich; Effie de Lopez; Sophy Jacob; Maureen Donoghoe; Jan Gardner; Maisie; Louise Farrelly; Lucia Dessi; Carolyn Pritchard; Rithu Dany; Master Kaihran Taylor; Leena Culas; 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.



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## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS 2026

**Confirmation for children in Year 6 and above** in Term 2. Registrations are open on Qkr! until the 22nd of April.  
**First Holy Communion/Eucharist for children Year 4+** in Term 3. Registrations are open on Qkr! until 19th July.

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Pre-School to Year 12 who do not go to Catholic Schools. 6-7pm on Tuesday nights during School terms at St Monica's Church Meeting Room. \$30 per child/teen per year. Pre-Schoolers must be accompanied by a parent. Registration is through Qkr! Search for the Parish. You can register anytime.



## ROSTERS 18th and 19th of April 2026

<b>St Monica's</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Delores Schneider	Frank Brassil
<b>Altar Servers</b>	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
<b>Readers</b>	Jojo Sibayan	Angela Cornell
	Adel Sibayan	Gabrielle Sullivan
<b>Music Warden</b>	Anne	Arthur & Louise
	Jojo Sibayan	Anna Brunato
		Robert Brunato
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Paul and Marie Newman, Noel and Kristian Simento	
<b>Altar Society Counters</b>	Maree Mitchell, Maryanne Gore VOLUNTEERS	
<b>St Michael's</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>
<b>Mass Coordinator</b>	Tina Fisk	VOLUNTEER
<b>Acolyte</b>	TC Nguyen	Seven Tieupakt
<b>Readers</b>	Pat McArthur	Louise Amos
	Tony McArthur	Luciana Ciaccia
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Tina Fisk, Su Nguyen, Annette Jose, Rene Jose	
<b>Sanctuary Linen Banking</b>	Su Nguyen Gil and Diane Watters	

**Parish Safeguarding Commitment:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all of our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to, and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all of our thinking. **Communicating Concerns:** Parishioners are encouraged to raise any concerns they may have regarding safeguarding by emailing Fr Mick, Safeguarding Volunteers or the Parish Office.