

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
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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.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A 15th of March 2026

NOW I CAN SEE!
In today's Gospel it is the man born blind who gradually comes to see that Jesus is Lord. Meanwhile the Pharisees, the custodians of the traditional faith, fall steadily into blindness. Self-confident in their own knowledge, the Pharisees refuse to see the workings of God in Jesus. Let us humbly ask Christ to open our eyes that we may see his presence in our Eucharistic community and in our world.

Entrance Antiphon: (cf. Isa 66:10-11)
 Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
 Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
 exalt and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Communion Antiphon: (cf. Jn 9:11,38)
 The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
 I saw and I believed in God.

Next Week's Readings: 22nd of March 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A
THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE
 Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

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
 5.00 - 5.45 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 Michael'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

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation for Belconnen Parishes at 6pm on Tuesday the 31st of March

The Sacrament will be held at St Matthew's Church, Chewing St, Page. A number of priests will be in attendance to celebrate Easter confessions with you. Another liturgy will be held the same night at Holy Spirit Church, Amaroo at 7.30pm

Holy Week - Mass of the Chrism and Renewal of Priestly Vows
 5pm on Monday the 30th of March at St Christopher's Cathedral.

Holy Week and Easter Times for the Parish

- ◆ Passion (Palm) Sunday (29th of March). Masses will be at their usual times.
- ◆ Monday of Holy Week - 9.30am Mass, St Monica's, Evatt.
- ◆ Tuesday of Holy Week - 9.30am Mass, St Michael's, Kaleen and the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation as per notice above.
- ◆ Wednesday of Holy Week - 9.30am Mass, St Monica's, Evatt and Keeping Holy Week Holy - Prayer and Reflection 6-7pm at St Michael's Kaleen, followed by Confessions until 7.30pm.
- ◆ Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm at St Michael's, Kaleen followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose till 8.30pm.
- ◆ Good Friday - 10am at St Michael's, Kaleen (with Holy Communion) and Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm at St Monica's, Evatt.
- ◆ Holy Saturday Morning Prayer - 9am to 9.30am at St Monica's, Evatt.
- ◆ Easter Vigil Mass - 6pm on Holy Saturday at St Monica's Evatt.
- ◆ Easter Sunday Masses - 8am at St Michael's, Kaleen; 10am at St Monica's, Evatt and 5.30pm at St Michael's, Kaleen.

Stations of the Cross in Lent

Join us for Mass and the Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent: 12 noon at St Michael's Kaleen and 7pm at St Monica's Evatt.

Parish Morning Teas after 8am Mass at St Michael's Church and 10am Mass at St Monica's Church, next Sunday, 22 March

All parishioners and visitors are warmly invited to stay for a cuppa and have a chat after Mass.

TAGS Lunch

Next lunch will be on Thursday the 19th of March 2026 at 12.30 pm at the Gungahlin Lakes Club.

St Monica's Primary School Fete: 11am—3pm Saturday the 21st March *How can you be involved?*

* **Cake Stall:** Love to bake or make preserves? We would like to sell them at our cake stall. They can be dropped off to the office on Friday 20th March between 8.30am – 4.30pm or delivered to the cake stall the morning of the 21st March before 11am. Please label the ingredients on your cakes, slices, biscuits and preserves.

If you have any questions or want to get involved please contact Kim at stmfete@gmail.com. Funds raised will go towards technology needs across the school (replacing Clevertouch boards in classrooms and providing laptops for students to use to support the curriculum.)

Palm Sunday Rally in Support of Refugees and Migrants at 1:00pm on the 29th of March in Civic Square

In September last year, Archbishop Christopher called for Australians "to reject fear and stereotypes in the wake of nationwide anti-immigration protests, urging a spirit of hospitality and hope instead". This year's Canberra Refugee Rally on Palm Sunday, which is under the theme, 'Refugees and Migrants Welcome Here' responds to the same issue. Join Vinnies to support Australia's 53-year-old commitment to an immigration program, which does not discriminate on the basis of race.

Pray with the Pope: Prayer Intention for March: Disarmament and Peace

'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 centre. 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.'

Use the QR code or go to www.popesprayer.va to pray this prayer with the Pope.



PRAYER REQUESTS

In Thanksgiving and Special Intentions: Anjie Dixon - for Vincent Chee

Recently Deceased: Henry Chee; Denis De Marco; Luigi D'Ambrósio; John Dossan, Glenn Zinkel; Denis Axelby; Tyson Larkham; Wee Soon Lan; Fr Peter Phuong.

Anniversaries and Remembrances: Members of the Santosuosso and Losanno Families; Carmel Smith; Angelina Di Iulio; John Pritchard; Paul Clark; Thelma Bush; Louella Dubbelaar; Cvita Haljev; Steven Najdecki; Ken Hutchins; Elaine Farrelly; Paul Clarke; Archbishop Francis Carroll; Jo Kearns; Matthew Dwyer; John Pritchard; Emiliya Klaric; Mary Thomas; Fran Sorrell; Drago & Dragica Cretni; Bogdan Stachurski; 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: Jo Groves, Baby Connor Glover; Sophy Jacob; Frances McArdle; Anna Blackwell; Sarah Morris; Heno Launa; Katia Banac; Pauline Vatauvuk; Celine Matthews; Celine Fernandez; Jeanette Howlett; Bernard Star; Vivian Calma (Gallana Family); Fr. Michael Mullen; Carol Batten; Baby Lucia Beecher; Bernie and Anne Groves; 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; 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.



Life was hard for **Manaini** and her children living in rural Fiji. With the support from Caritas Australia's partner, FRIEND, she learnt food processing and gardening skills, improving nutrition and creating new income opportunities to support her children's education.



You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code. Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/ donate or by calling 1800 024 413.

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

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.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS 2026

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

ROSTERS 21st & 22nd of March 2026

St Monica's	6.00pm	10.00am
Acolyte	Gavan Smith	Ciaran Gerrard
Altar Servers	Ellie Thomas	Marissa Hartog Timothy Smith
Readers	Jojo Sibayan Adel Sibayan	Gill Watters Angela Cornell
Music Warden	Free	Louise & Arthur Kelly Grzywacz
10am Morning Tea	Jojo Sibayan	Ciaran & Jo Gerrard
Church Cleaning	Maryanne Gore, Jenny Moylan, Daniella Zolli, Judy Sykes	
Altar Society Counters	Maree Mitchell, Maryanne Gore Gary Compton, VOLUNTEER	
St Michael's	8.00am	5.30pm
Mass Coordinator	Sue Collins	Ivan Cretni
Acolyte	TC Nguyen	Seven Tieupakt
Readers	Donna Victory Annett Jose	Louise Amos Luciana Ciaccia
Church Cleaning	Sue Collins, Diane Watters, Gil Watters, Tracy Sinclair	
Sanctuary Linen Banking	Carmel Carton Peter Corkran, Linda Townrow	

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.