

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.

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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A 19th of April 2026

HE WALKED BY THEIR SIDE

In today's Gospel we meet a person who walks with us, and talks with us, even when we walk away from him. Jesus will never abandon us. Let us invite him to eat with us. He will bring us joy, and give us the enthusiasm we need to continue to proclaim or faith in the resurrection.

Entrance Antiphon: (cf. Ps 65:1-2)

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: (Lk 24:35)

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Next Week's Readings: 26th of April 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A
 THEY KNOW HIS VOICE
 Acts 2:14,36-41; 1 Pet 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10

Middle East Emergency Appeal by Aid to the Church in Need

In this season of Easter, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is urging all Catholics to urgently pray for and support Christians suffering in the Middle East. The situation is especially dire for Christians in the South of Lebanon, who are among more than one million people displaced by airstrikes and facing the threat of destruction of their villages, churches and homes. As a Pontifical foundation, ACN International is in direct contact with the bishops, parishes, and religious communities on the ground, who report they are overwhelmed in sheltering displaced families, running emergency food kitchens, and organising emergency distribution of food and medicine. If you are able to provide financial aid or wish to learn more, please scan the QR code or visit: www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal.

Reflection of His Holiness Pope Leo at the Prayer Vigil for Peace on the 11th of April [Extract]

Dear brothers and sisters, Your prayer is an expression of that faith, which according to the words of Jesus, moves mountains (cf Mt 17:2). Thank you for accepting this invitation to gather here at the tomb of St Peter and in so many other places around the world to pray for peace. War divides; hope unites. Arrogance tramples upon others; love lifts us. Idolatry blinds us; the living God enlightens. My dearest friends, all it takes is a little faith, a mere "crumb" of faith, in order to face this dramatic hour in history together - as humanity alongside humanity. Prayer is not a refuge in which to hide from our responsibilities, not an anesthetic to numb the pain provoked by so much injustice. Rather, it is the most selfless, universal and transformative response to death: we are a people who are already risen! Within each of us, within every human being, the interior Teacher teaches peace, urges us to encounter and inspires us to make supplication [a humble, earnest plea or prayer]. Let us rise from the rubble! Nothing can confine us to a predetermined fate, not even in this world where there never seems to be enough graves, for people continue to crucify one another and eliminate life, with no regard to justice and mercy...

Prayer teaches us how to act. In prayer, our limited human possibilities are joined to the infinite possibilities of God. Thoughts, words and deeds then break the demonic cycle of evil and are placed at the service of the Kingdom of God. A Kingdom in which there is no sword, no drone, no vengeance, no trivialization of evil, no unjust profit, but only dignity, understanding and forgiveness. It is here that we find a bulwark [solid defensive wall] against that delusion of omnipotence that surrounds us and is becoming increasingly unpredictable and aggressive. The balance within the human family has been severely destabilized. Even the holy Name of God, the God of life, is being dragged into discourses of death. A world of brothers and sisters with one heavenly Father vanishes, as in a nightmare, giving way to a reality populated by enemies. We are met by threats, rather than the invitation to listen and to come together. Brothers and sisters, those who pray are aware of their own limitations; they do not kill or threaten with death. Instead, death enslaves those who have turned their backs on the living God, turning themselves and their own power into a mute, blind and deaf idol (cf. PS 115:4-8), to which they sacrifice every value, demanding that the whole world bend to its knee.

Enough of the idolatry of self and money! Enough of the display of power! Enough of war! True strength is shown by serving life. With evangelical simplicity, Saint John XXII once wrote: "The benefits of peace will be felt everywhere, by individuals, by families, by

nations, by the whole human race." And echoing the incisive words of Pious XII, he added: "Nothing is lost by peace, everything may be lost by war" (Encyclical Letter *Pacem in Terris*, 116). Let us therefore, unite the moral and spiritual strength of the millions and billions of men and women, young and old, who today choose to believe in peace, caring for the wounds and repairing the damage left behind by the madness of war. I receive countless letters from children in areas of conflict. In reading them, one perceives, through the lens of innocence, all the horror and inhumanity of actions that some adults boast of with pride. Let us listen to the voices of children!

Dear brothers and sisters, there are certainly binding responsibilities that fall to the leaders of nations. To them we cry out; Stop! It is time for peace! Sit at the table of dialogue and mediation, not at the table where rearmament is planned and deadly actions are decided! Yet there is no less significant responsibility that falls to all of us - men and women from all over the world. We are an immense multitude that rejects war not only in word, but also in deed. Prayer calls us to leave behind whatever violence remains in our hearts and minds. Let us turn to a Kingdom of peace that is built up day by day - in our homes, schools, neighbourhoods, and civil and religious communities. A Kingdom that counters polemics [the practice of engaging in intense, aggressive, and often public debate or controversy] and resignation through friendship and a culture of encounter. Let us believe once again in love, moderation and good politics. We must form ourselves and get personally involved, each following our own calling. Everyone has a place in the mosaic of peace!...

To read the full transcript or watch the video use the QR code or go to www.vatican.va, Magisterium, Homilies, Holy Rosary for Peace.

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Recently Deceased: Louise Bell; Anna Thamboo; Kam Moon; George Edwards; Jim Lee; Ricarte Poloso; Paz Poloso; Aldo Gomber; Margaret Schmetzer; Francis Wood; Zaron Smith; Ray Araneta; Gerardo Fischetti; Fr Dermot Clinton.

Anniversaries and Remembrances: Robin Tessensohn; Catarina Tammaro; Mario Tammaro; Tony Saunders; Jakov Ivancic; 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: Samantha Thirkettle; John Kennedy; Anne Lewis; Sophy Jacob; Frances McArdle; Anna Blackwell; Sarah Morris; Heno Launa; Katia Banac; Pauline Vatauvuk; 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 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.

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: usually 7am St Monica's but during Eastertide (until Pentecost) we celebrate at 9.30am, St Michael's, Kaleen, and 6pm, St Monica's, Evatt
Saturday: 9.30am St Michael's, Kaleen
Saturday Vigil: 5pm St Monica's, Evatt (The Saturday Vigil is 6pm during Daylight Saving)
Sunday: 8am, St Michael's, Kaleen
 10am, St Monica's, Evatt
 5.30pm, St Michael's, Kaleen
Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation
 4.00 - 4.45 pm Saturday, St Monica's (5pm to 5.45pm during Daylight Saving)
 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

ROSTERS 25th and 26th of April 2026

St Monica's	5.00pm	10.00am
Acolyte	Mark Gore	Ciaran Gerrard
Altar Servers	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Readers	Dante Gallana	Gill Watters
	Jacob Gallana	Neill Cox
Music	Anne	Eclectics
Warden	Kelly Grzywacz	Neill Cox
10am Morning Tea		Alfredo & Anne Patajo
Church Cleaning	Gary and Cathy Compton, Carmel McGarry, Kathy Catanzariti	Marg Smith, Louise Zinkel Matt Houghton, Paul Sykes
Altar Society		
Counters		
St Michael's	8.00am	5.30pm
Mass Coordinator	Sue Collins	VOLUNTEER
Acolyte	Bobby Goodwin	Tanya Butler
Readers	Linda Townrow	Seven Tieupakt
	Anne Staines	Kevin Aoun
Church Cleaning	Canberra El Shaddai Prayer Group	
Sanctuary Linen	Arleen Stark	
Banking	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.