

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.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A 1st of March 2026

OASES ON THE JOURNEY

As followers of Jesus, we have nowhere to pitch our tents. We must journey with Jesus through the hardships of life to glory. There will be oases along the way - moments of consolation which reveal the presence of God among us. We cannot remain in these moments for ever, but they give us refreshment. Remembering them will sustain us on our pilgrim way.

Entrance Antiphon: (cf. Ps 26:8-9)
 Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
 It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
 hide not your face from me.

Communion Antiphon: (Mt 17:5)
 This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
 listen to him.

Next Week's Readings: 8th of March 2026
 Third Sunday of Lent, Year A
THE WATER OF LIFE
 Gen 12:1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

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 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 for the children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Loving Father, we pray for the children in our parish who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon them. Help them to trust in your mercy, to speak honestly from their hearts, and to know how deeply they are loved. Bless their families and teachers who guide them. May our parish community support them with prayer and encouragement. May the Sacrament of Reconciliation always be a time of peace, healing, and joy, drawing them closer to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A message for the Archdiocese: Get Up! Listen! Go!

This is the Scripture quote chosen by Archbishop Christopher Prowse for us to not only hear this year, but to act upon. It comes from Matthew's Gospel 9:7 and John's Gospel 5:8 where Jesus heals those who were paralysed. He cures them and tells them to get up and go. We also are healed of anything that would prevent us from taking up our Mission to evangelise – the culture, our neighbours, our wider community. Let us walk together with all people (synodal way) and lead them to Jesus Christ. We ask the Holy Spirit in our Archdiocesan prayer:



Holy Spirit, Lord of all evangelisation, guide us in our Archdiocese. Lead us to ENCOUNTER you (get up). Teach us to be true Disciples of the Resurrection (Listen). Send us out as Missionaries after your own likeness in a synodal way (Go). Mary, lead us always to your Son, Jesus, our Saviour and Mighty God. Amen.

Stations of the Cross in Lent

Join us as we follow Jesus through the last days of His life on earth through the Stations of the Cross incorporated into Mass on Fridays through Lent: 12 noon at St Michael's Kaleen and 7pm at St Monica's Evatt.

No Parish Pastoral Council Meeting for March: An Archdiocesan Zoom Meeting Instead

There will not be a Parish Pastoral Council meeting this Wednesday. Instead, members of the Council are asked to participate in an Archdiocesan Zoom Meeting 5.30pm - 6.30pm on Thursday the 19th of March. Details will be emailed to you.

Morning Tea after 10am Mass at St Monica's on Sunday the 8th of March All Parishioners and visitors welcome.

Cursillo Retreat: Friday the 17th to Sunday the 19th of April

An authentic Christian life is challenging. A Cursillo weekend can help. A Cursillo is a short course in Christian living; encouraging a Christian life based on prayer, study and action. Men and women are invited. For more information and to register go to <https://tinyurl.com/cursillo2026> or use the QR code. Registrations close on Friday the 3rd of April. Contact Michael and Erica michaelderaadt@gmail.com for more information.

St Michael's Primary School is seeking help with a piano

St Michael's are seeking the expertise of a volunteer piano tuner to save our underutilised school piano. Alternatively, if you are looking to donate a well-loved piano, our students would graciously accept your generosity. For more information or to make a donation, please contact the school on 6241 4022 or via email office.stmichaelsps@cg.catholic.edu.au.



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

- White Elephant:** Have items you no longer need? Donate them to W.E. (White Elephant) in the School Hall. Drop off times: Sunday 1st March 2pm-4pm; Saturday 7th March & Sunday 8th March 2pm-4pm; Saturday 14th March & Sunday 15th March 2pm-4pm.
- 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 in your cake.

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.)

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Do you know the original meaning of the word 'Sin'?

In the Old Testament (written mainly in Hebrew), the word 'sin' has a deeper and more nuanced original meaning than simply 'doing wrong'. In the Old Testament the most common word translated as sin is *ḥattā'ah* (from the verb *ḥāṭā'*). It literally means 'to miss the mark.' The term comes from archery: if you aim at a target and miss it, you *ḥāṭā'*. So originally 'sin' meant failing to hit the goal - not living up to what God intends for human beings. In this sense, sin is falling short, straying from the right path, missing the purpose for which we were created. In the New Testament (written in Greek), the main word for sin is *hamartia*. It carries the same idea: 'to miss the mark' or 'to fail.' Again, it is not just about breaking a rule - it's about missing the fullness of life and love that God intends.

The English word 'sin' comes from old English *synn*, which meant wrongdoing, offence, moral failure. But the earlier biblical meanings show something important: Sin was not originally just about guilt or punishment - it was about failure to live in right relationship with God, others, and oneself. In simple terms sin originally meant missing the target of love, justice, and faithfulness that God sets for human life. It suggests not only deliberate wrongdoing but also weakness, mistakes, choosing something less than what is right, turning away from relationship. That's why in Christian theology, sin is understood as a broken relationship rather than just rule-breaking.

PRAYER REQUESTS

In Thanksgiving and Special Intentions: Masayuki Ito; Arne Poliquit; Martin Schubert.

Recently Deceased: Denis Axelby (Brother-in-law of Annette Cox); Tyson Larkham; Wee Soon Lan (Grandmother of Stefanie Sim, in Malaysia); Fr Peter

Phuong (a Dominican priest from the USA); Tim Mulcahy; John Dwyer; Mary Pavey; Kieron Hart.

Anniversaries and Remembrances: 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; Joseph Gerrard; 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: Baby Connor Glover; Sophy Jacob; Frances McArdle; Anna Blackwell; Sarah Morris; Heno Launa; Katia Banac; Pauline Vatavuk; Celine Matthews; Celine Fernandez; Vicki Heffernan; Jeanette Howlett; Bernard Star; Vivian Calma (Gallana Family); Fr. Michael Mullins; 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 Kaihnan 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.



Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day be coming a pilot.

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ROSTERS 7th & 8th of March 2026

St Monica's Acolyte	6.00pm Katie Brasnett	10.00am Neil Cox
Altar Servers	Celeste Devoy	Marissa Hartog
Readers	Kathy Compton Clair Devoy	Leon Sadkowsky Magna Tsui
Music Warden	Anthony T	Eclectics
10am Morning Tea	Mike Devoy	Bob Jepsen Kelly Grzywacz Anna Brunato
Church Cleaning	Gavan Smith, Jenny Jeffrey, Bill Ryan, Ivan Coric	
Altar Society Counters	Lucia Carbone, Flo Jeremiah Robert Jepsen, Robert Brunato, Kelly Grzywacz	
St Michael's Mass Coordinator	8.00am Tina Fisk	5.30pm Volunteer
Acolyte Readers	Tony McArthur Sr Kate Linda Townrow	Tanya Butler Seven Tieupakt Rachel Blackwell
Church Cleaning	Neil and Marie Seabrook, Kevin Heindl, Maree Corkran, Glen Matthews	
Sanctuary Linen Banking	Arleen Stark Doug Widdup, Rod Dudfield	

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.