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.*

ALL SAINTS, YEAR A, 1ST of November 2026

A COUNTLESS MULTITUDE
On this feast of All Saints we remember the countless multitude of men, women and children, including many we have known, who are now in heaven. We continue to be inspired by the qualities they revealed in their lives: humility, a concern for justice, gentleness, purity of heart, mercy, and courage. We take comfort in knowing that from their home in heaven they intercede for us still.

Entrance Antiphon:
Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints,
at whose festival the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

Communion Antiphon: (Mt 11:28)
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Next Week: 8th of November 2026
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
KEEP YOUR LAMPS BURNING
Wis 6: 12-16; 1 Thess 4: 13-18; Mt 25: 1-13

We welcome Thea Mary Longmuir, daughter of Valerie and Joel, who is being baptised this weekend

This weekend we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the parish of St Michael's

We would love to see you at the 50th celebration: 10am Mass at St Michael's Kaleen Followed by lunch in St Michael's School Hall.

In January 1974 the suburbs of Kaleen and Giralang were formally created and they were attached to St Monica's Parish. On the 7th of October 1976 the Parish of St Michael the Archangel, Kaleen was established. Fr Hilton Roberts was the first Parish Priest. The first Masses were held in the presbytery in Powlett Street, Kaleen, then moving to the Kaleen Primary School Hall, then St Michael's Primary School Hall, and finally, with Fr Bernie Patterson, into the newly established Church we have today in 1990. Then on the 1st of January 2018 the Parish of St Michael's returned to join with the Parish of St Monica's and form the Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Holy Souls Day on Monday the 2nd of November
- 7am Mass at St Monica's, Evatt.
- 9.30am Mass at St Michael's, Kaleen.
- 12 noon Mass at St Monica's, Evatt.
- 5.30pm Mass at St Michael's, Kaleen.

Parish Pastoral Council: 6pm, 11th of November in the Parish Office, Kaleen

Learn more about St Francis and how the gift he left us can also help us pray

We started this week but we would love to see more of you there from next week. Four weeks to go. Text supplied. Wednesday afternoons 2pm to 3.30pm or Wednesday evening 7pm to 8.30pm. Parish Office meeting room, Kaleen. Please see Fr Mick or email belconnennorth@cg.org.au if you would like to attend.

St Monica's School Trivia Night Friday the 6th of November

Join Fr Mick on the Parish Table. $25 a ticket. Some food supplied. BYO drinks. See Fr Mick to book your place.

Young Adults RCIA

We commence another journey for young adults exploring the Catholic Faith next Sunday the 8th of November from 3.30pm to 4.30pm in the Parish Office, next to St Michael's Church, Kaleen. See Fr Mick for more details.

St Monica's Vinnies Twinning Appeal – Solomon Islands: weekend of the 7th and 8th of November

St Monica's has partnered with a Vinnies group in a remote part of the Solomon Islands – St. Theresa, in the small town of Takwa in Malaita province since 2020. St Monica's parishioners generously donated over $4,000 last year to assist this group in their work. We disbursed most of the funds on Stage 2 of an agricultural tools project for villagers to use in their vegetable gardens. They are thrilled with our support and have asked for further assistance in 2027, to purchase fishing gear and cold storage containers – vegetables and fish are staples in their diet. The Vinnies group also visits the sick and elderly providing food, often from their own vegetable gardens and fish. We would be grateful for your generous support.

St Monica's Primary School is seeking volunteers to help in the canteen

Help is needed with: recess and lunch prep, placing labels on bags, dishes/clean up, and sales at the counter. All you need is a Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP) card and time to spare! Contact St Monica's Front Office on 62585105 or come and chat.

Calling all young artists across the Archdiocese!

Create an artwork inspired by "Everyone is Invited" and show us what bringing people together at Christmas means to you. The winning artwork will feature on the December Christmas cover of Catholic Voice, so grab your pencils, paints or pastels. Scan the QR code for full details and how to enter. Entries close on the 16th of November.

Pope Leo's comments before the Angelus on Sunday the 25th of October

In Matthew 22:34-40 (last Sunday's Gospel) 'A teacher of the Law, seeking to test Jesus, asks Him, "Which commandment in the law is the greatest?" [Jesus] responds by quoting a passage from Deuteronomy: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." Christ places love at the very centre of our relationship with God. Indeed, it is not enough to know that God exists, that He is the only God, or that He is the Almighty. The Lord seeks a personal relationship with us: the one true God wants to become *our* God. In our encounter with Him, the commandment of love is neither an obligation nor an imposition. Indeed, one cannot love "on command." Love for God is the very essence of human desire, which finds its fulfillment in communion with Him. For this reason, our love can be authentic only when it is a response to His love, which always precedes us. From this arises the need for a total commitment that involves the whole person: heart, soul and mind. To the first commandment, the Lord adds a second: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself" (*Mt* 22:39). This rule of life springs from the same source; that is why Jesus says that it is similar to the first. Thanks to our close relationship with God, we are able to look at ourselves and our neighbours through the eyes of Christ, from His perspective. In this way selfishness is overcome and even love for oneself becomes charity: our existence turns toward the other and becomes a gift for those around us. Saint Therese of the Child Jesus understood this well: "Love alone," she wrote, makes "the Church's members act, and if Love ever became extinct, apostles would not preach the Gospel" (cf. *Complete Works,* Manuscript B, 3v, Rome 1997, 223). Indeed, without love, our faith would be deprived of its essence, our good works would be reduced to mere moralism, and our hope would be in vain. Dear friends, we cannot truly love God unless this love overflows into love for our brothers and sisters. And we cannot truly love our neighbour except as children of the same Father who loved us first in His Son, Jesus. Let us ask the Lord for the grace of a new heart, capable of embracing and living out the greatest of all commandments. May the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for us, in whose Immaculate Heart there is nothing but love.'

PRAYER REQUESTS

In Thanksgiving and Special Intentions: Baby Steele; Mary Schubert; Jackie Lloyd; Elowyn Ineali Arianayagam; Sheila Santa Maria; Holy Souls; Louise Zinkel; Zoe Trivino; Maricor Polloso; Jenny & Neil Cox; Masayuki Ito; Sarah Van Laarhoven; Avelita Aguilar; Richu Rinu.

Recently Deceased: Lucia Dessi (mother of Patrick and Albert – funeral 12 noon 11th Nov St Michael's); Vesna Market (in Croatia); Joseph Kapusin (father of Natasha); Michael McAlister (husband of Vicki, father of Jaimi, Dannielle, Benjamin – funeral 12 noon 6th Nov St Monica's); Ana Marcelina Marques; Glennie Gibbons; Jo Spagnolo; Bernard Crook; Derrick Andrews John Kennedy

Anniversaries and Remembrances: Lincoln Bautista; Dominic & Maria Nguyen; Rosemary Mosbergen; John Oliver; Cravy Langue; Juanita Zamora Montaos; Carmine Bianco; Julita Tabones; Remegia Maga; Deceased parishioners of St Michael's Parish – Kaleen; November Remembrances; Michael Corscadden; Des Kearns; Anne Nguyen Thi Vyen; Rosemary Mosbergen; John Oliver; Cravy Langue; Julita Tabones; Remegia Maga; Luke Dorsett; Roozi Araghi; Kate Goodchild; Cindy Low; Deceased members of the Dessi, Cervi and Conforty Families; Silvio and Gianni Cervi; Amy Lobo; Papa Dominique Djomani Ngaleu; Carmine Bianco; Jose and Gertrudes Gelaga; 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: Greg Spencer; Jim Banks; Greg Holwell; Murray Mules; Basil & Pat Wheeler; Joyce & Paul Thompson; MP Helen Haines; Pope Leo; Vensa Market; Jasna Market-Simpson; Michael; Tony Barrett; Jerry Monteiro; Kelly Ann Baptist; Frederick Koelmeyer; Max Spencer; Michael and Ann Carol; Danny Dossan; Mary Young; Nancy Librando; Samantha Thirkettle; Anne Lewis; Anna Blackwell; Sarah Morris; Heno Launa; Katia Banac; Pauline Vatavuk; Celine Matthews; Celine Fernandez; Bernard Star; Vivial Calma; Fr Michael Mullen; Carol Batten; Baby Lucia Beecher; Kerry Rafferty; Tony Bui; Russell Fitzgerald; Ivana Deleva; Steve Bilich; Effie de Lopez; Sophy Jacob; Maureen Donoghue; Jan Gardner; Maisie; Louise Farrelly; Lucia Dessi; Carolyn Pritchard; Rithu Dany; Master Kaihran Taylor; Leena Cullas; 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 Pollitano, 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: 7am St Monica's
Saturday: 9.30am St Michael's, Kaleen
Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm St Monica's, Evatt
Sunday: 8am, St Michael's, Kaleen
10am, St Monica's, Evatt
5.30pm, St Michael's, Kaleen

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation
4.30 - 5.15 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

ROSTERS 7th & 8th of November 2026

St Monica's	5.30pm	10am
Acolyte	Dolores Schneider	Franklin Soriano
Altar Servers	Diosa Maka	Marissa Hartog
Readers	Kathy Compton Paul Sykes	Angeria Cornell Gabrielle Sullivan
Music	Anne	Eclectics
Warden	Katie Brasnett	Michael Holohan
Church Cleaning	Katrina Ciampa, Mick Devoy, Felicity Magnusson	
Altar Society	Lucia Carbone, Flo Jeremiah	
Counters	Matt Houghton, Paul Sykes	

St Michael's	8am	5.30pm
Mass Coordinator	Tina Fisk	Ivan Cretni
Acolyte	Tony McArthur	Ted Smith
Readers	Marie Seabrook Anne Staines	Luciana Ciaccia Rachel Blackwell
Church Cleaning	M. Dudfield, Linda Townrow, Ted Smith Ivan Cretni	
Sanctuary Linen	Arleen Stark	
Banking	Gil Watters, 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.*
Communicating Concerns: *Parishioners are encouraged to raise any concerns regarding safeguarding by emailing Fr Mick, Safeguarding Volunteers or the Parish Office.*