

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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A 22nd of March 2026

THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

The raising of Lazarus from the dead was a wonderful event. His sisters were overjoyed and many people came to believe in Jesus. But something more wonderful happened in Jesus' own death and resurrection. While Lazarus was restored to his former life, the death of Jesus produces a life that will last forever, a life that we receive in baptism. Let us pray for all who are to be baptised this Easter.

Entrance Antiphon: (cf. Ps 42:1-2)

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Communion Antiphon: (cf. Jn 11:26)

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

Next Week's Readings: 29th of March 2026
 Passion (Palm) Sunday, Year A
 THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS
 Isa 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 27:11-54

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

First Reconciliation being Celebrated this Week

This week, fifty-five of our young parishioners will celebrate their First Reconciliation. Let us all open our hearts up to God's mercy and receive this Sacrament leading up to the Easter renewal of our Baptismal promises.

No 9.30am Mass on Thursday the 26th of March There will be an 11am Requiem Mass at St Michael's for Terry Nolan.

Children at the 10am Mass on Passion (Palm) Sunday and a 'palm' making working bee after Wednesday's 9.30am Mass

Children will form a procession at the 10am St Monica's Mass. To enable this, a working bee to make their "palms" will be held in the Meeting Room of St Monica's after Wednesday's 9:30am Mass. Please bring staplers and scissors. All material supplied.

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.

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

The theme for this year's Canberra Refugee Rally on Palm Sunday is 'Refugees and Migrants Welcome Here'. Join Vinnies to support Australia's 53-year-old commitment to an immigration program, which does not discriminate on the basis of race.

The Church, a Priestly and Prophetic People: Pope Leo's General Audience on Wednesday the 18th of March [Summary provided by the Vatican]

Dear brothers and sisters, in our continuing catechesis on the Second Vatican Council, today we consider the participation of the faithful in Jesus Christ's priestly, prophetic and royal offices, as presented by the Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium*. Through the sacrament of baptism, each of us are called to share in Christ's royal priesthood and to worship him in spirit and truth, especially through our participation in the Eucharist. We also partake in Jesus' prophetic mission, for we are called to bear witness to the truth of the faith. Indeed, the Council Fathers taught that "the whole body of the faithful ... cannot be mistaken in belief. It shows this characteristic through the entire people's supernatural sense of faith when, from the bishops to the last of the faithful, it manifests a universal consensus in matters of faith and morals". Along with these gifts shared by all members of the Church, the Holy Spirit continues to allot special graces to the faithful in order to enrich and build up the body of Christ. It is important that we recognize these manifold gifts and express our gratitude to God for allowing us to be partakers in his work of salvation.



To read the full transcript or watch the video use the QR code or go to www.vatican.va, Magisterium, Audiences.

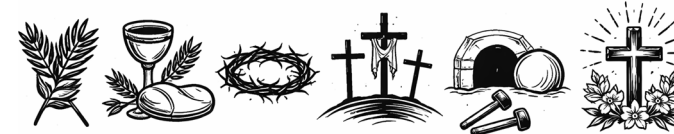
PRAYER REQUESTS

In Thanksgiving and Special Intentions: Liz D'Ambrosio; Jackie Lloyd; Mary Schubert; Anjie Dixon - for Vincent Chee.

Recently Deceased: Maria Antonia Pelle; Bernadette Baker; Terry Nolan (Requiem Mass St Michel's Kaleen, Thursday 26th March 11:00am); Henry Chee; Denis De Marco; Luigi D'Ambrosio; John Dossan, Glenn Zinkel; Denis Axelby.

Anniversaries and Remembrances: Arnold Ellem; Eleanor Aypa; Jose Galaga; Gertrudes Galaga; Paula Besin; Librado Carzon; John Hensley; Members of the Santosuosso and Losanno Families; Carmel Smith; Angelina Di Iulio; John Pritchard; Paul Clark; 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 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 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.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIMES

Passion (Palm) Sunday, the 29th of March: Masses will be at their usual times.

Monday of Holy Week, the 30th of March:

- ◆ 9.30am Mass, St Monica's, Evatt.
- ◆ 5pm Mass of the Chrism and Renewal of Priestly Vows at St Christopher's Cathedral.

Tuesday of Holy Week, the 31st of March:

- ◆ 9.30am Mass at St Michael's, Kaleen
- ◆ 6pm Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation for Belconnen Parishes at St Matthew's Church, Chewing St, Page. A number of priests will be in attendance to celebrate Easter confessions.

◆ 7.30pm Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation at Holy Spirit Church, Amaroo.

Wednesday of Holy Week, the 1st of April:

- ◆ 9.30am Mass, St Monica's, Evatt.
- ◆ 6pm-7pm Keeping Holy Week Holy Prayer and Reflection at St Michael's Kaleen, followed by Confessions until 7.30pm.

Holy Thursday, the 2nd of April: 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, the 3rd of April:

- ◆ 10am at St Michael's, Kaleen (with Holy Communion).
- ◆ 3pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, St Monica's, Evatt

Holy Saturday, the 4th of April:

- ◆ 9am to 9.30am Morning Prayer at St Monica's, Evatt
- ◆ 6pm Easter Vigil Mass, St Monica's, Evatt

Easter Sunday, the 5th of April: Masses will be at their usual times. Note that Daylight Saving Time finishes on the 5th.



Since October 2023, Caritas Jerusalem staff in Gaza have endured displacement, personal loss, and danger alongside the communities they serve. Despite unimaginable challenges, they remain committed to providing lifesaving support, standing in solidarity with families enduring this conflict.

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 28th & 29th of March 2026

St Monica's	6.00pm	10.00am
Acolyte	Garry Compton	John Jeffrey
Altar Servers	Jacob Gallana Pia Gallana	Jessie Akkidasari
Readers	Dante Gallana Jacob Gallana	Neill Cox Gabrielle Sullivan
Music	Anne	LY
Warden	Kelly Grzywacz	Anna Brunato Robert Brunato
Church Cleaning	Jo McMillan, John Clifford, David Whalan, Lilian Pridjan	
Altar Society	Marg Smith, Louise Zinkel	
Counters	Matt Houghton, Paul Sykes	
St Michael's	8.00am	5.30pm
Mass Coordinator	Tina Fisk	VOLUNTEER
Acolyte	Tony McArthur	Ted Smith
Readers	Linda Townrow Anne Staines	Kevin Aoun Seven Tieupakt
Church Cleaning	Canberra El Shaddai Prayer Group	
Sanctuary Linen	Maree Corkran	
Banking	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.