

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A 26th of April 2026

THEY KNOW HIS VOICE

At times it can be hard to recognise the voice of Jesus as there are many who claim to speak in his name. A useful guide is to look at people's actions. We can listen to those whose lives reveal the qualities of Jesus: love, compassion, justice, self-sacrifice. They are the good shepherds in our midst.

Entrance Antiphon: (cf. Ps 32:5-6)

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia..

Communion Antiphon:

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia

Next Week's Readings: 3rd of May 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A
 I AM THE WAY
 Acts 6:1-7, 1 Pet 2:4-9, Jn 14:1-12

Prayer for the children who are preparing for Confirmation this term and are being presented to the parish community this weekend

Loving and faithful God, we bring you these children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon them, that they may grow in wisdom, courage and understanding.

Strengthen their faith, guide their choices, and help them to follow Jesus with joyful hearts. May they come to know your love more deeply and share that love with others in their words and actions.

Surround them with the support of their families, sponsors, teachers and our community, and lead them to be witnesses of hope, peace, and compassion in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Liz & John D'Ambrosio who are celebrating fifty years of marriage.

Thank you to Sr Kate

Sr Kate celebrates her birthday and the feast day of St Catherine of Sienna's (29th) during April. Thank you Sr Kate for all that you do for our parish community, almost all of it behind the scenes. God bless you Sr Kate!

No 7am Friday Mass during Eastertide

There will be no 7am Friday Mass at St Monica's between Easter Sunday and Pentecost. There will be two Friday Stations of the Resurrection Masses instead.

Friday Stations of the Resurrection

The Stations of the Resurrection inside Mass on the Fridays between Easter Sunday and Pentecost: 9.30am at St Michael's, Kaleen and 6pm at St Monica's, Evatt.

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal

This weekend you are invited to support the formation of our future priests - men who are courageously saying "yes" to God's call and preparing to serve His people with faith and compassion. The Archdiocese invests over \$50,000 each year in every seminarian's formation. This year we have seven seminarian's to support. You can donate via the QR code or by taking an envelope this weekend. We also seek your ongoing prayers for these seminarians and those that follow them - they are our future.



Project Compassion thankyou

Our Parish has so far raised \$6,947 for Project Compassion 2026. Thank you to all those who contributed. If you have not returned your box or envelope please do so next weekend.

Pause for Thought: Thinking Catholic available this week

This week's edition focuses on peace, which we though appropriate given that it is the Anzac Day weekend, and with what is happening in our world. There is also an article on pornography. Please take a copy home with you to read, reflect, and share.

Don't forget we have Children's and Teen's Bulletins available each week

Weekly bulletins for children and teenagers are available in the foyer of the church (and at the side entrance in St Michael's). Children and teens, please take one. We'd also love to hear your feedback (belconnennorth@cg.org.au).

Australian Catholic University (ACU) Blackfriars Lecture: Misinformation as a Threat to International Security: The Cases of North Korea, Ukraine and Iran at 05:00 pm on Tuesday the 5th of May

The lecture examines misinformation as an emerging threat to international security, a challenge explicitly recognised by the UN Secretary-General during the Summit of the Future (2025). In a global environment shaped by instantaneous information flows, AI-generated content, and coordinated influence operations, misinformation has become a strategic tool capable of destabilising societies, fuelling conflicts, and undermining international peace and security. Date: Tuesday 5 May. Time: 5pm light refreshments



5:30pm lecture + Q&A. Place: ACU Canberra, Veritas Building (Building 301, Level 1, Room 20), 127 Phillip Avenue, Watson. Registration via the QR code.

Public Lecture on Jurisprudence and Theology by a High Court Judge on Wednesday the 13th of May

The Honourable Justice Simon Steward AC of the High Court of Australia will deliver a public address on jurisprudence and theology on 13 May 2026 at 5.30pm at the ANU Law School. Hosted by the ANU Law School, ANU Catholic Society, and the Australian Catholic Students Association (ACSA), this event marks the ACT launch of ACSA's National Conference (3-5 July 2026, Sydney). All are welcome. Registration is essential. Use the QR code or go to events.humanitix.com/public-lecture-by-justice-simon-steward/tickets/

'To Witness and to Accompany with Christian Hope': guidance for faithful Catholics in regards to euthanasia or voluntary, assisted suicide (VAD)

This document provides Catholic pastoral guidance for accompanying people who are considering or haven chosen euthanasia (voluntary assisted dying). It emphasises that Christian accompaniment continues the ministry of Jesus: offering

compassion, presence, and truth, without condoning actions contrary to the dignity of human life. The Church teaches that euthanasia is morally wrong because all human life has inherent dignity as a gift from God. Intentionally ending life contradicts this dignity and the commandment to respect life. However, individuals considering euthanasia should never be abandoned; they remain loved members of families, and the Church, who deserve care, understanding and spiritual support.

The document highlights four key elements of accompaniment: staying with the person, understanding their medical situation, upholding Church teaching, and providing pastoral care. It stresses the importance of listening, addressing fears (such as pain, loneliness, or being a burden), and helping people access palliative care, which can often relieve suffering and restore hope. Suffering, while difficult, is presented in Christian terms as something that can have meaning and be united with Christ's own suffering. Relationships, love, and presence at the end of life are emphasised as central to human dignity.

Clear guidance is given for different roles. Families should continue to love but not support euthanasia. Healthcare professionals should not participate in it and should promote ethical care. Pastoral workers should accompany with compassion while remaining faithful to Church teaching. For priests, the document outlines when sacraments may be offered. If a person is open to change, sacraments can be given; if they persist in choosing euthanasia, pastoral care and prayer can continue. Funeral rites may still be offered with care. Overall we are called as a Church, and as individuals, to be witnesses of hope, compassion, and fidelity to life, even in the most difficult end-of-life situations.



Copies of the document are available in the foyer or via the QR code.

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.. Registration is through Qkr! Search for the Parish.

PRAYER REQUESTS

In Thanksgiving and Special Intentions: Mary Schubert; Jaqui Lloyd – Masayuki Ho; Zoe Trivino; Miguel Zatarain; Arne Pouquitt.

Recently Deceased: Louise Bell; Anna Thamboo; Kam Moon; George Edwards; Jim Lee; Ricarte Poloso; Paz Poloso; Aldo Gomber; Margaret Schmetzer; Francis Wood.

Anniversaries and Remembrances: Imelda Cahill; Jean & Cliff Seabrook; Harold & Mavis Hewish; Terry Williams; Harry & Lilly Hill; Bob & Molly Dean; Jim Hill; Zacarias Patajo; Avelino Patajo; Robin Tessensohn; 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 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.

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 2nd and 3rd of May 2026

St Monica's	5.00pm	10.00am
Acolyte	John Jeffrey	Franklin Soriano
Altar Servers	Adel Sibayan	Jessie Akkidasari
Readers	Vince O'Donnell	Leon Sadkowsky
	Kathy Compton	Magna Tsui
Music Warden	Anthony T	Wingettes
Church Cleaning	Gavan Smith	Kelly Grzywacz
	Luke and Marie Wensing,	Daniel Akkidasaxi, John Quinn
Altar Society	Lucia Carbone, Flo Jeremiah	Robert Jepsen, Robert Brunato
Counters	Robert Jepsen, Robert Brunato	Kelly Grzywacz
St Michael's	8.00am	5.30pm
Mass Coordinator	Neil Seabrook	VOLUNTEER
Acolyte	Josh Lobo	Ted Smith
Readers	Sr Kate	John Jayan
	Donna Victory	Joel Kurian
Church Cleaning	Margaret Dudfield, Linda Townrow,	Ted Smith, Ivan Cretni
Sanctuary Linen	Livia Brown	
Banking	Luciana Ciaccia, Clyde Robins	