

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.

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY, YEAR A 29th of March 2026

THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS

We see ourselves in the crowds who cried 'Hosanna to the Son of David' one day and 'Crucify him' just a few days later. Like Peter and the other disciples we can be fickle followers of Jesus. We should not, however, imitate Judas and despair at our infidelity. Rather, we should look to Jesus who allowed his blood to be poured out for many 'for the forgiveness of sins'. Let us praise him with grateful hearts.

Entrance Antiphon: (Mt 21:9)

Hosanna to the Son of David;
 blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

Communion Antiphon: (Mt 26:42)

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, you will be done.

Next Week's Readings: 5th of April 2026

Easter Sunday, Year A
 Easter Night: Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10
 Easter Day: Acts 10:34,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

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

Easter Blessings to those travelling away To all who will be travelling away over Easter, I ask God's blessings for safety and joy for you. May your time away renew your spirits and bring you Easter peace and joy. Fr Mick

Second Rite of Reconciliation at 6pm on Tuesday is at St Vincents, Aranda not St Matthew's, Page.

Keeping Holy Week Holy! It is important for us and for those who observe our way of life, for us to keep Holy Week holy. Why? Because, first of all, we need renewal in our faith in Christ's death and resurrection in order to continue living lives of faith and purpose and secondly, to seek others who may just observe us and our lifestyles and come to faith themselves. Let us participate as much as possible in all the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter and increase the graces of God at work in our world.

Catechumens – Those preparing for Baptism and Full Communion with the Church At some of the Palm Sunday Masses, our Catechumens and Candidates will be presented with the Cross. Please keep them in prayer during this week as they prepare for Baptism at Easter and Full Communion with the Church: Kaoru Pota, Joshua Pota, Jamie Pota, Jesse Pota, Madeleine Kirsten, Sarah Meier, Carlie Rossiter, Christopher Bilboe, Erin Fausett, Adam White, Amelia Richard, Meena Phan, Lisiate Taumoepeau. We also will celebrate the Baptism of Zachariah Anthony Braddock, son of Marlon and Rebecca Braddock, at the Easter Vigil.

Daylight Saving ends at 3am AEDT on Easter Sunday, the 5th of April. Clocks go backward one hour to make it 2am AEST.

Easter Vigil and 5.30pm Easter Sunday Celebrations: Please bring a plate and join us For those attending the Easter Vigil at Evatt and the 5:30pm Easter Sunday Mass at Kaleen, there will be a celebration afterwards. If you are able, please bring a plate of food to share. Thanks. Fr Mick

No Parish Pastoral Council Meeting this Week instead copies of the draft revised Archdiocesan Statutes for Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils are being emailed to members seeking comments back to belconnennorth@cg.org.au by 30 April, for consolidation and then consideration at May meetings.

On the foundation of the Apostles. The Church in her hierarchical dimension: Pope Leo's General Audience on Wednesday the 25th of March [Summary by the Vatican] 'Dear brothers and sisters, In our ongoing catechesis on the Second Vatican Council, today we reflect on the teachings of the Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium* concerning the hierarchical structure of the Church. In this regard, it is helpful to bear in mind that the Church is not something we invented, but is a divine institution established by Jesus himself. Christ appointed the apostles, placing Peter at their head, and sent them out to continue his salvific mission until his return in glory. To perpetuate this same mission, ministers were invested with sacred power to be the successors of the Apostles as Bishops, in whose ministry priests and deacons likewise participate through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Sharing in the ministry of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, they are consecrated to serve the faithful, build up the Church and ensure the fruitful transmission of the faith. Let us therefore ask the Lord to continue to bless his Church with shepherds after his own heart.'

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: Zaron Smith (nephew of Matt & Georgia Kendall, in Melb); Ray Araneta (Father of Richie and Beth, grandfather of Gabriel in Philippines); Gerardo Fischetti (uncle of Raph & Rosie Tammara); Fr Dermot Clinton; Maria Antonia Pelle; Bernadette Baker; Terry Nolan; Henry Chee; Denis De Marco; Luigi D'Ambrosio; John Dossan, Glenn Zinkel.

Anniversaries and Remembrances: Catarina Tammara; Mario Tammara; Tony Saunders; Jakov Ivancic; 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 Cretini; 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

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 Vincents Church, 7 Vindel St, Aranda. 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 to 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 Stations of the Cross 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 at their usual times.



As Project Compassion 2026 comes to a close, we thank you for your generous support throughout Lent. There is still time to donate! Together, we can continue nurturing hope and empowering communities facing poverty and injustice. You can support Project Compassion 2026 by scanning the QR code. Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au



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.

HOLY WEEK ROSTERS

7pm Holy Thursday (2nd of April) St Michael's
Mass Coordinator: Neil Seabrook **Acolyte:** Bobby Goodwin
Readers: St Kate, Marie Seabrook
10am Good Friday (3rd of April) St Michael's
Mass Coordinator: Neil Seabrook **Acolyte:** Neil Seabrook
Readers: St Kate, Marie Seabrook
3pm Good Friday (3rd of April) St Monica's
Acolyte: Mark Gore **Alter Server:** Adel Sibayan **Readers:** Maryanne Gore, Clair Devoy, Paul Sykes **Music:** Anne **Warden:** Gavan Smith

EASTER ROSTERS 4th and 5th of April 2026

	6.00pm	10.00am
St Monica's Acolyte	Gavan Smith	Neil Cox
Altar Servers	Franklin Soriano Emma Albiqueque Ellie Thomas	Marissa Hartog
Readers	Vince O'Donnell Kathy Compton Eclectics	Rowena Vimalasiri Gill Watters Anne
Music Warden	Bob Wensing	Bob Jepsen
Church Cleaning	Katrina Ciampa, Mick Devoy, Felicity Magnusson	
Altar Society Counters	Lucia Carbone, Flo Jeremiah Robert Jepsen, Robert Brunato, Kelly Grzywacz	
St Michael's Mass Coordinator	Sue Collins	VOLUNTEER
Acolyte	Josh Lobo	Seven Tieupakt
Readers	Sr Kate Marie Seabrook	Luciana Ciaccia Tanya Butler
Church Cleaning	Livia Brown, Damian Gamlath, Annette Cox, John Martin	
Sanctuary Linen Banking	Annette Cox 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.