

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.

EASTER SUNDAY, YEAR A 5th of April 2026

CHRIST IS RISEN. ALLELUIA!
The empty tomb, and the neatly folded burial cloths, were signs that led the Beloved Disciple to believe that Jesus was risen from the dead. In the witness of the apostles, and the faithfulness, courage, and love of our fellow Christians, we too have powerful signs that Christ is risen and lives among us. Observing them, our faith cries out: 'Alleluia!'

Entrance Antiphon: (cf. Ps 138:18,5-6)
 I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
 You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
 Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: (1 Cor 5:7-8)
 Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
 therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Next Week's Readings: 5th of April 2026
 Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy), Year A
 I AM SENDING YOU
 Acts 2:42-27; 1 Pet 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

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 Blessing from the Parish Team

Dear Parishioners and visitors, As we celebrate the joy and hope of Easter, we wish you all a blessed time. May the Risen Christ fill your hearts with peace, renew your spirits with His love, and strengthen your faith in His promise of new life. In this sacred season, may you be reminded that light overcomes darkness, hope conquers despair, and love is stronger than death. May the empty tomb inspire you to live with courage, trust and joy, knowing that Christ walks with you always. We pray that your homes and hearts are filled with the peace of the Risen Lord and your lives guided by His truth. May you and all who you love be blessed this Easter and always. With prayerful best wishes, Your Parish Team.

Saturday Vigil Mass time returns to 5pm next weekend

With Daylight Saving finishing on Easter Sunday, our Saturday Vigil Mass returns to its normal time of 5pm from next Saturday.

Stations of the Resurrection

Join us as we celebrate the Stations of the Resurrection inside Mass on the Fridays between Easter and Pentecost: 9.30am at St Michael's, Kaleen and 6pm at St Monica's, Evatt.

Registrations for Confirmation (Term 2) and First Holy Communion (Term 3) are open

Registrations are open through Qkr! (Search for Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish). Registration closes on the 22nd of April. The Programs start with a Parent and Child Formation evening. The Confirmation evening will be at 6pm on Thursday the 23rd of April at St Monica's Church, Evatt. The First Holy Communion evening will be at 6pm on Thursday the 23rd of July at St Michael's Church, Kaleen. Confirmation is usually for Year 6 students and First Holy Communion for Year 4.

Christian Life Program 1 to 4pm on Saturday the 11th of April

Couples for Christ, a Catholic community dedicated to strengthening marriages, supporting families, and helping individuals grow in their faith is conducting the Christian Life Program (CLP) at St. Monica's Church Meeting Room on Saturday, 11 April 2026 from 1 to 4 PM. The CLP is a warm and welcoming series for married couples and individuals who want to deepen their relationship with God, and many who have joined describe it as a meaningful and uplifting experience - one that brings renewed peace, joy, and purpose. You are invited.

The Billings Ovulation Method® is a non-invasive method of managing your combined couple fertility, based on understanding the importance of natural symptoms as a marker of fertility. It can be reliably used to plan a baby or to naturally postpone or avoid pregnancy. It gives all women insight into their own reproductive health allowing them to recognise any need to seek early and appropriate medical help. Contact 0414165848 or visit the Billings LIFE website. For your convenience, instruction can also be given via Zoom/Skype. More information: 1800335860.

Pray with the Pope: April Prayer Intention: For Priests, especially those in crisis

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd and companion on the journey, today we place in your hands all priests, especially those going through moments of crisis, when loneliness weighs heavily, when doubt clouds their hearts, and when exhaustion seems stronger than hope. You who know their struggles and wounds, renew in them the certainty of your unconditional love. Let them

feel they are not mere functionaries or lonely heroes, but beloved sons, humble and cherished disciples, and pastors sustained by the prayer of their people.

Good Father, teach us as a community to care for our priests: to listen without judging, to give thanks without demanding perfection, to share with them the baptismal mission of proclaiming the Kingdom in word and deed, and to accompany them with closeness and sincere prayer. May we support those who so often support us. Holy Spirit, rekindle in our priests the joy of the Gospel. Grant them healthy friendships, networks of fraternal support, a sense of humor when things don't go as expected, and the grace to always rediscover the beauty of their vocation. May they never lose trust in You, nor the joy of serving your Church with a humble and generous heart. Amen.

Use the QR code to pray this prayer with the Pope or go to www.popesprayer.va

Living stones in the Church and witnesses in the world: the laity in the People of God: Pope Leo's General Audience on Wednesday the 1st of April [Summary by the Vatican]

'Dear brothers and sisters,

In our ongoing catechesis on the Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium*, we turn today to consider the laity. Rather than limiting itself to defining the laity for what they are not, the Second Vatican Council sought to shed light on their innate dignity as members of the People of God and underline the peculiarity of their role in the mission of the Church. Having been incorporated into Christ through Baptism, the laity are made sharers in their own way in his priestly, prophetic and kingly office. The Church is present wherever her children profess the Gospel and bear witness to Christ. For this reason, lay men and women are particularly called to carry Christ's presence to all spheres of life and so transform them from within by bearing witness to the beauty of a life in Christ and the elevating power of his grace.'

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: Francis Wood; Margaret Schmetzer; Zaron Smith; Ray Araneta; Gerardo Fischetti; Fr Dermot Clinton; Maria Antonia Pelle; Bernadette Baker; Terry Nolan; Henry Chee.

Anniversaries and Remembrances: Catarina Tammaro; Mario Tammaro; 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; 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: Anne Lewis; Jo Groves, Baby Connor Glover; Sophy Jacob; Frances McArdle; Anna Blackwell; Sarah Morris; Heno Launa; Katia Banac; Pauline Vatauvuk; 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 Kaihan 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.



Happy Easter from all of us at Caritas Australia!

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Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS 2026

Confirmation for children in Year 6 and above in Term 2. Registrations are open on Qkr! Until the 22nd of April.
First Holy Communion/Eucharist for children Year 4+ in Term 3. Registrations are open on Qkr! Until 19th July.

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.



ROSTERS 11th and 12th of April 2026

St Monica's	5.00pm	10.00am
Acolyte	Garry Compton	Franklin Soriano
Altar Servers	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Readers	Franklin Soriano	Leon Sadkowsky
	Peter Donnelan	Magna Tsui
Music		Eclectics
Warden	Franklin Soriano	Kelly Grzywacz
10am Morning Tea		Patsy Sheales
		Jackie Hourigan
Church Cleaning	Kelly and Ray Grzywacz, Tony and Sue Connell	
Altar Society	Suzy Grgic, Kelly Grzywacz	
Counters	John Jeffrey, Maureen Delaney	
St Michael's	8.00am	5.30pm
Mass Coordinator	Neil Seabrook	VOLUNTEER
Acolyte	Tony McArthur	Tanya Butler
Readers	Annett Jose	Rachel Blackwell
	Donna Victory	Kevin Aoun
Church Cleaning	Canberra El Shaddai Prayer Group	
Sanctuary Linen	Sr Kate	
Banking	Gil and 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. 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.