Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish (Belconnen North)



Delay not, O Blessed lady, to help us whenever we call on Thee, for in all our needs, in all our temptations, we 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 us, dear St Monica that God may favourably hear our plea and grant us the grace to accept His Will in all things. St St *Michael the Archangel, defend us. Be our defence against the wickedness 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.*

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
YEAR A (22nd of November 2026)

WELCOME INTO THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU

Neither baptism nor the profession of faith in Christ guarantees our entry into Christ's Kingdom. What is most important is the way we treat the least of Christ's brothers and sisters. What we do for them we do for Christ. By our care for them, we reveal that our profession of faith at Mass is more than just words.

Entrance Antiphon: (Apol 5:12, 1:6)
How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Communion Antiphon: (Ps 28:10-11)
The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Next Week: 29th of November 2026
First Sunday of Advent, Year B
COME, LORD JESUS
Isa 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Congratulations to Nora Stebbing, and Margaret and Murray Tonissen on their Baptisms this weekend

Weekday Masses between the 23rd and 27th of November will all be held at St Monica's, Evatt

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

Michelle Rivers-Brown is with us this weekend. The focus this weekend is helping us to become aware of the 300 million, yes, 300 million Christians throughout the world who are harassed, fearful, persecuted for living their faith in Christ. **Your help is needed – to form a Prayer-Accompaniment Group in the Parish** who will keep this sadness before our eyes and help us to pray for those suffering. The group can manage itself and be committed to prayer especially for those who suffer. ACN will resource the group and keep you informed. It won't be onerous, just committed, to pray and inform us with details of CAN's latest work. **Michelle has a documentary to screen after Mass**. The documentary is not suitable for children.

Advent resources and more for sale in the foyer after Mass

For sale: Advent reflection and family books; God's Word 2027; Columban Calendars 2027 and Christmas Cards.

November Mass Offerings

Because of the number of offerings received, all will be sent to the Divine Word Missionaries for distribution to Mission priests for the offering of those Masses.

Parish Ladies' Dinner on Wednesday the 16th of December

Parish ladies are invited to the Parish Ladies' Dinner on Wednesday the 16th of December at 6.30pm for 7pm in the new restaurant at Yowani near the roundabout at Riggall Place, Lyneham. Cost is $45. Please email Tina Fisk at tinafisk@gmail.com or text or phone 0432 540 210 to book and to let us know of food intolerances.

St Michael's Vinnies Christmas Appeal 2026

As in past years, the St Michael's Vinnies Conference will be conducting a Christmas Appeal. In a time of rising costs, the conference believes that our companions will be supported best with food. We will not be providing toys and we will not be providing a collection box for other items. Classes at St Michael's School and the parish will be supporting families with baskets of specific foodstuffs. We ask parishioners to take a card, or a number of cards, based on what they can afford, from the large laundry baskets in the foyer at St Michael's. Each card refers to a food item. When you have purchased your item, please place it in one of the baskets in the foyer. *We must have the baskets filled by the evening mass on Sunday the 13th of December for distribution prior to Christmas*. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

St Monica's Vinnies Twinning Appeal – Thank You

A big thank you for your generosity in donating $7,100 to support the Vinnies conference of St Theresa's in the Solomon Islands. These funds will be used over the coming year to assist firstly with the purchase of fishing ear and cold storage containers and other practical goods to help with the work of the conference. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Volunteer gardeners for St Michael's Church

The St Michael's church gardening group is seeking more volunteers to help with the care and maintenance of the garden beds around the church and parish office. If you could spare thirty minutes or an hour of your time, on a Saturday morning, from 10am, please contact Livia on 0403 990 397.

Celebrating the Franciscan Jubilee Year on Saturday the 28th of November

A Votive Mass will be celebrated at St Christopher's Cathedral on Saturday the 28th of November at 12:15pm to recognise the Franciscan Jubilee Year which ends in early January. The 29th of November is the feast day of All Saints of the Seraphic Order that honours the countless women and men who have followed in the footsteps of Sts Francis and Clare of Assisi.

Freedom in Christ Advent Retreat

6pm Friday the 4th to 2pm Sunday the 6th of December, St Benedict's Church, Narrabundah. A weekend of teaching and prayer to find healing and freedom in Christ hosted by the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters, based on the book "Unbound" by Neal Lozano. Contact: Sharits D'Souza MGL 0403 568 355 or sharitadsouza.mgl@gmail.com. Register online: www.trybooking.com/dpqom.

Archdiocese advances the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council

A 16 November *The Voice* article gives an update from the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC) Working Party. The draft Statutes for the soon to be formed APC, are published and parishioners are invited to share their reflection and comment on them so that the next Council of Priests meeting hears the voice of interested parishioners from across the archdiocese.

A reflection on Liturgical Year A as it closes

After a year of walking with Matthew's Gospel, the closing readings feel like the answer to a question we've been asked since Advent 2025: what does it look like to follow Jesus, to be His disciple?

We began the year with Mary and Joseph saying yes, and with the Magi, who travelled far to kneel before a child. Then came the Sermon on the Mount, where Jesus turned our expectations upside down: the poor in spirit, the meek, and the peacemakers are blessed. Through the parables, the Kingdom appeared as a mustard seed, leaven, and a hidden treasure; all small and easily missed but quietly transforming everything. Along the way we met Peter, who was given the keys and a few moments later was called a stumbling block, so that we might see ourselves honestly.

In the final weeks, Matthew gathers everything into three images: the bridesmaids waiting with lamps, the servants entrusted with talents, and today, the sheep and the goats. Each asks something different of us. The bridesmaids ask for readiness, the servants for courage and responsibility, and the final judgement for mercy. What is striking is that today, the Solemnity of Christ the King, contains no throne room ceremony. The King is found among the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the sick and the imprisoned. The year that began with God hidden in a manger ends with Christ hidden in the least of our neighbours.

Matthew started with *Emmanuel*, God with us, in the first chapter, and ends with "I am with you always" in the last, and in every page between, the invitation to meet him in the people in front of us. As we ready ourselves to turn to the beginning of Advent and the Gospel of Mark, we might ask ourselves: Where did I recognise Christ this year, and where did I walk past Him?

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: Bob Boag (husband of Shirley); Ivan Cusack; Connie Casey; Fr. Stanislaw (Stan) Sniezek; Josephine Maud Antioch; Oleksy Motrichenko; Mirjana Glavinic.

Anniversaries and Remembrances: Mary & Jack Rohan; Tony Medved; Carmel & Reg Smith; Michael Stinziani; the Kokic family; Steve Sedgwick; Dario & Aldo Dessi; Brenden Mooney; Marcello Cocco; Paolo Lombardini; Stan & Mary Murugesan; Mirko Kokic; Anna Le Thi Bich Dung; Florentius Sunardi; Gisela Joris Yenny.

Sick: Heno Banac; Jim Banks; Kelly Ann Baptist; Tony Barrett; Carol Batten; Baby Lucia Beecher; Steve Bilich; Anna Blackwell; Tony Bui; Vivian Calma; Michael & Ann Carol; Prue Cordoza/Muthu; Joseph Cretni; Leena Cullas; Richu Dany; Effie de Lopez; Ivana Deleva; Maureen Donoghue; Danny Dossan; Sarah Driscoll; Louise Farrelly; Celine Fernandez; Russell Fitzgerald; Carmel Ford; Jan Gardner; MP Helen Haines; Greg Holwell; Sophy Jacob; Colin Kish; Shelley Knoke; Frederick Koelmeyer; Heno Launa; Anne Lewis; Nancy Librando; Vimala Mahalingam; Tony Marker; Jasna Market-Simpson; Celine Matthews; Royce Miosge; Jeanette Montiero; Sarah Morris; Murray Mules; Fr Michael Mullen; Tony Murdoch; Francis Pollitano; Carolyn Pritchard; Kerry Rafferty; Rose Rajer; Greg Spencer; Max Spencer; Bernard Star; Master Kaihran Taylor; Samantha Thirkettle; Joyce & Paul Thompson; Pauline Vatuvak; Basil & Pat Wheeler; Steven Whiting; Nina Wood; Mary Young; Bong; James; Maisie; Maryanne; Michael; Mitchell; Tricia.

Masses
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: 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
Saturday: 4.30pm – 5.15pm St Monica's, Evatt
Sunday: 4.30pm – 5.15pm St Michael's, Kaleen

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday: 8.45am – 9.30am St Monica's, Evatt
Thursday: 6.30pm – 7.15pm, St Monica's, Evatt

Rosary
Tuesday: 4.30pm St Monica's Chapel, Evatt
Saturday: 9am St Michael's, Kaleen
Sunday: 5pm St Michael's, Kaleen
Zoom: 4pm Wednesday & Friday or nightly at 8.30pm
Meeting No: 697 896 1059 Password: 8Py80J

Legion of Mary
Saturday: 3.30pm St Monica's, Evatt (Robert 0438436524)

Novena Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thursday: 7pm St Michael's, Kaleen

El Shaddai Prayer Group
2nd & 4th Saturday of the month
12.15pm – 5pm St Michael's, Kaleen

Men Alive
Thursday: 7pm St Monica's, Evatt

Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals
Contact Fr Mick Mac Andrew on 0419 010 870

ROSTERS: 28th & 29th of November 2026
(Your roster takes precedence over this reminder if there is a difference)

St Monica's	5.30pm Vigil	10am
Acolyte:	Delores Schneider	Neill Cox
Altar Servers:	Adel Sibayan	Melissa De Hartog
Readers:	Jojo Sibayan	Geoffrey Paul
	Adel Sibayan	Shirley Paul
Music:	Anne	Louise & Arthur
Warden:	Jojo Sibayan	Anna Brunato
		Robert Brunato

Church Cleaning: Gary & Cathy Compton, Carmel McGarry, Kathy Catanzariti
Altar Society: Maxine Lloyd, Mary Williams
Counters: Gary Compton, Marian Irvine

St Michael's	8am	5.30pm
Mass Coordinator:	Sue Collins	Ivan Cretni
Acolyte:	Neil Seabrook	Tanya Butler
Readers:	Anne Staines	Luciana Ciaccia
	Donna Victory	Seven Tieupakit

Church Cleaning: Canberra El Shaddai Prayer Group
Sanctuary Linen: Maree Corkran
Banking: Doug Widdup, Rod Dudfield

Parish Safeguarding Commitment: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all, including children and those who are vulnerable. We seek to empower all, including children, youth, vulnerable adults, their families and carers, to have a say, to be listened to, and to be protected. **Communicating Concerns**: Parishioners and visitors are encouraged to raise concerns regarding safeguarding by contacting Fr Mick, our Safeguarding Volunteers, the Parish Office or by lodging their concern with the Archdiocese using the QR code.