

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.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, YEAR A 31st of May 2026

A GOD OF TENDERNESS

God did not wreak vengeance on the Israelites in the wilderness when they began to worship a golden calf. Rather, God came among them in tenderness and compassion, forgave them their sin and restored the covenant. This God became incarnate in Jesus and dwells among us in the Spirit. As we marvel at the unconditional love of God we exclaim: Glory and praise forever!'

Entrance Antiphon:

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us merciful love.

Communion Antiphon: (Gal 4:6)

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.



Next Week's Readings: 7th of June 2026

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year A
 FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD
 Deut 8:2-3,14-16; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

What a wonderful week!

Over the past week we have had 70 children celebrate their Confirmation. Congratulations to them all! Thank you to their parents, sponsors, teachers and the Parish Community for supporting these young ones on their faith journey. A huge thank you to Father Mick for all the support, guidance and love that you give the children and their families as they prepare for, and celebrate, the Sacraments.

Loving God, continue to guide these children as they grow in faith, fill them with courage and joy, and draw them into an ever deepening relationship with you. Make them Your light for the world.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting this Wednesday

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet at 6pm, this Wednesday, the 3rd of June at the Parish Office, Kaleen. If you would like to raise any questions, issues, suggestions, or give any feedback to the Council please see Fr Mick, any member of the Council, or email belconnennorth@cg.org.au.

Our Principals are both participating in the Vinnies CEO Sleepout

Breen Fox, the Principal of St Michael's and Lisa Harris, the Principal of St Monica's are both participating in the Vinnies CEO Sleepout on the 18th of June. For one evening, they will get a glimpse of the reality that 122,000 people in Australia experience every day - a long, cold night without shelter. Sadly homelessness is on the rise in Australia. The cost of living crisis is putting pressure on

people like never before. With our support, Breen and Lisa hope to raise as much as possible for Vinnies' support services. Your donation would help provide immediate relief, such as food and crisis accommodation, as well as long term solutions such as secure permanent housing.

To donate to Breen's fundraising use the QR code on the left or go to ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/breenfox. To donate to Lisa's fundraising use the code on the right or go to ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/lisaharris.

St Monica's Vinnies Winter Appeal

The St Monica's St Vincent de Paul conference will be conducting our annual Winter Appeal at masses on the weekend of the 13th and 14th of June. The increasing financial struggle is continuing for many vulnerable families. It is a relentless battle facing lots of families in our community as prices for groceries, fuel, electricity, gas and rent continue to rise. Winter is a particularly difficult time as families fight to heat their houses, and provide warm clothes for their children and put food on the table. We can help many of these families by providing emergency support, and reduce the risk of families or individuals becoming homeless. But, we need your assistance to continue this work. We ask you to again give generously to help those in need. Thank you, we appreciate your continued assistance.

Magnifica Humanitas, the first encyclical letter of Pope Leo

An encyclical is a formal letter issued by the Pope to address significant matters of faith, morals, or social issues. This week Pope Leo issued his first encyclical letter *Magnifica Humanitas*, focusing on how humanity should respond to the rise of artificial intelligence (AI) while preserving human dignity, freedom, truth, work and solidarity. It places AI within the long tradition of Catholic social teaching rather than treating it as merely a technical issue.

The encyclical argues that technological progress is not morally neutral. AI can either:

- ◇ strengthen justice, participation, education, and care for the vulnerable, or
- ◇ deepen inequality, manipulation, surveillance, exclusion, and dehumanisation.

Pope Leo insists that human beings must remain morally and spiritually superior to their tools. No machine can replace the fullness of human dignity.

The Pope repeatedly warns against reducing people to productivity, data, efficiency, or economic utility. Human worth comes from being created in the image of God, not from performance or output.

Key themes of the letter include:

- ◇ Human dignity above technology. Every person possesses inherent dignity independent of intelligence, usefulness, wealth, or social status. AI systems may imitate reasoning or empathy, but they do not possess consciousness, moral responsibility, or wisdom.
- ◇ AI must serve the common good. The Pope calls for transparent algorithms, ethical oversight, protection for workers, equitable digital access, international cooperation on

AI regulation and safeguards against concentrated digital power.

- ◇ Truth and communication. The encyclical warns that online systems can erode critical thinking and turn communication into distraction, polarisation, or social control. Pope Leo calls for responsible journalism, media literacy, education in critical use of digital tools, and transparency in content amplification and data use.
- ◇ Work and the economy. The encyclical strongly emphasises the dignity of labour. Automation and AI driven restructuring should not be judged only by efficiency or profit, but by whether workers are treated as persons with stable livelihoods and social participation.
- ◇ War, surveillance and power. Pope Leo warns that AI is changing warfare and political power through cyberwarfare, autonomous systems, information manipulation, surveillance, and algorithmic control. He argues that technological power without ethics risks making decisions about life and death increasingly impersonal.

The Pope presents AI as the 'new thing' confronting humanity, comparable to how industrialisation challenged society in the 19th century. Rather than rejecting technology, discernment is needed: humans should shape AI responsibly rather than surrender moral judgement to it. The final message is hopeful but cautionary: technology must remain subordinate to the human person; society must resist dehumanisation, and Christian faith should inspire a renewed 'civilisation of love' in the digital age.

Use the QR code to access the full letter or go to [Vatican.va/Magisterium](https://vatican.va/Magisterium) and then Encyclicals.

PRAYER REQUESTS

In Thanksgiving and Special Intentions: Miguel Zatarin; Arne Poliquit; Mary Schubert; Martin Schubert; Jackie Lloyd; Joseph Dao Tan Duc; Ragueul Culungosod.

Recently Deceased: Ray Hukkla; Tarian Dixon; Lucette O'Dea; Blassios Ligeros; Italina Barro; George; Alexandra; Sr Patricia Mary Bell LCM; Jim Littleton MSC, Frances McArdle; Kumanjayi Little Baby.

Anniversaries and Remembrances: Amy Lobo; Joseph Barrett; Albert Kessler; Shirley Walker; Mark McInnes; Nguyen Thi Huong; Vo Phung Khai; Jose, Gertrudes & Divine Meriya Carmelle Gelaga; Members of the Zinkel Family; Koznjak & Zdravec Families; Elvira Pasquariello; Margherita Bianco; Blassios Ligeros; Talina Barro; Maria Condemi; Donald Aguilar; Aldrin Patajo; Zacarias Patajo; Avelino Patajo; Mathew Stark; Giacomo 'Jim' Raccosta; Marie Wickremeratne; 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: Mary Young; Nancy Librando; Jeff Jeremiah; Peter Hanlon; Samantha Thirkettle; John Kennedy; Anne Lewis; Sophy Jacob; 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; 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 6th and 7th of June 2026

	5.00pm	10.00am
St Monica's Acolyte	John Jeffrey	Franklin Soriano
Altar Servers	Adel Sibayan	Marissa Hartog
Readers	Dante Gallana	Rowena Vimalasiri
	Jacob Gallana	Gill Watters
Music Warden	Anthony T	Wingettes
Church Cleaning	Kelly Grzywacz	Rowena Vimalasiri
	Maryanne Gore, Jenny Moylan, Daniella Zolli, Judy Sykes	
Altar Society Counters	Suzu Grgic, Kelly Grzywacz	
	John Jeffrey, Maureen Delaney	
St Michael's Mass Coordinator	Neil Seabrook	Ivan Cretni
Acolyte	Josh Lobo	Tanya Butler
Readers	Sr Kate	Luciana Ciaccia
	Marie Seabrook	Kevin Aoun
Church Cleaning	Livia Brown, Damian Gamblath, Annette Cox, John Martin	
Sanctuary Linen Banking	Su Nguyen	
	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 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.