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Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Sunday 9 November 2025



*Readings for
this week:* Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12
1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17
John 2:13-22



*Readings for
next Sunday:* 2 Samuel 5:1-3
Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgy and Imagination I

In its popular sense imagination is a power to create new worlds like Oz, Middle Earth, Narnia, etc. Beyond the popular level, liturgical imagination means more. It is a practical tool that serves both in planning and in bringing to life the liturgical actions of the church at prayer. Liturgical ritual is presented to the church in the most basic form of written text, rubrics or directives, gestures and symbols for its enactment. Our Imagination helps transform those written texts and forms into living actions by which people may "express in their lives and manifest to others the mystery of Christ and the nature of the true church" (SC, 2). As the liturgical act begins to unfold, imagination takes on yet another liturgical task. It serves the action of grace by appealing to and shaping human affections, relationships and even our whole world. *Peter Fink, The New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship, The Liturgical Press 2000*

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Looking at the Readings

The basilica of St John Lateran is the cathedral of Rome, the mother church of all Roman Catholic churches.

The temple was the place on earth where God dwelt amid the people. It was God's presence, not the worship performed there, that made it a sacred site. There is something incarnational about this presence of God. It is manifested in the concrete, in something with shape and character. Still, as important as the temple may be, it is only a building. Paul insists that we are the temple of God; we are the manifestation of God in the world today. The Spirit of God dwells in us, making the believing community the living temple of God.

Today's readings offer us two pictures of the temple of God, two characterisations of the community of believers. In one, the temple has become a marketplace, and the community is preoccupied with the business of the world. In Ezekiel, we see water from the temple transforming everything in its path. As water flowed from the temple in Ezekiel's vision, so grace flows from the temple that is the people of God. Which image more closely characterises the community of which we are a part? Are we able to transform the wilderness of our world into a place that is teeming with life? Is the community truly the presence of God in the world today? Or is the temple simply a place where ritual is performed but the concerns of God take second place to the affairs of the world?

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Red November / Red Wednesday

Remember•Pray•Support. Wednesday 20 November, or a day close by, is the day to stand alongside persecuted Christians around the world. One in seven Christians live in countries where they are persecuted for their faith. Pray for them and learn their stories visit www.rednovember.org to find a Red November prayer service.

Quote from *Dilexi Te* of Pope Leo XIV

We must recognize that, throughout centuries of Christian history, helping the poor and advocating for their rights has involved individuals, families, institutions, religious communities and various popular movements made up of lay people and led by popular leaders, who have often been viewed with suspicion and even persecuted (80).

On the Lighter Side



A Parish received this note: It has come to our attention that the priest you received came with a slight defect: **he is not psychic.** For best performance of your unit it is necessary to inform him of:

- any members who are hospitalised and need a visit.
 - any members who should be added to the "home communion" list.
 - any names to be included for prayers in the Sunday Bulletin.
- If problem persists return the unit, a replacement may not be found.

 Please email or contact the office to add names to the prayer list	For those who have died and those who are grieving	Pippa Vraca (1 mth anniversary), Claudio Russo
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Terry Sier, Leonardo Sciacca, Luke De Lai
	Our sick and their carers	Harney McKinnon, Mary Luscombe

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEK

Saturday 15th November 6:00pm

Commentator: Carol Coulston
Reader: Gem Reyes
Gospel Procession: Leo McGrath
Gifts: J Caiafa & D Hamilton
Eucharistic Minister: Not required
Screen Operator: Anne Hutchison
Music Operator: Trish Warnett

Sunday 16th November 10:30am School organised

Sunday 23rd November 10:30am

Commentator: Anne Maree Nihill
Reader: Denice Bourke
Gospel Procession: Debbie Turvey
Gifts: S & S De Lai
Eucharistic Minister: Danny Reyes
Screen Operator: Mary Gale
Music Operator: Trish Warnett
Money Counters: E Worm & L Worm

Saturday Mass times for 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month

6:00pm (Oct – Mar) 5:00pm (Apr-Sep)

We thank all of our volunteers for their assistance during Mass.

Two Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 12th November

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 12th November 9:15am
Thursday 13th November 11am Funeral
Friday 14th November 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 15th November 6:00pm
Sunday 16th November 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 19th November 9:15am
Friday 21st November 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sunday 23rd November 10:30am

Monthly events

Anointing Mass every 1st Wednesday Mass at 9:15am

Italian Rosary every 2nd Friday at 2pm in the Church

Reconciliation every 1st Saturday of the month (30 minutes before Mass)

Saturday evening Masses: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

4th Sunday of the month: Shared lunch in St Mary's Hall

Ladies Cuppa & Chat

1st Wednesday of each month

2pm in St

Mary's Hall. All welcome.



The next one will be Wednesday 3rd December

Plate Collection and Envelope



Thank You

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of the parish.

May God bless you always.

Last week: \$931.50

WILLS & BEQUEATHS

There is an information sheet on the table in the Narthex regarding Wills and Bequeaths.

Please consider your Parish when you are considering your Will.

The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, celebrated annually on November 9, is a significant event in the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church. On this day, the faithful gather to commemorate the dedication of the historic Lateran Basilica, which holds a special place as the mother church of all churches worldwide.

The Feast of the Dedication holds a prominent place in the liturgical calendar as it symbolizes the unity of the Catholic Church.

Reflection Questions

- How do I contribute to the unity of the Church in my own community?
- What role does my parish play in my spiritual life?
- In what ways can I become more of a "living temple" for God in my daily actions?

NOVEMBER MONTH OF HOLY SOULS.

November is the month of the Holy Souls. This year All Souls Day falls on Sunday 2nd November. Mass offering envelopes for our deceased are available in the narthex.

How do we help the "holy souls"? The Catechism of the Catholic Church recommends prayer for the dead in conjunction with the offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice and also encourages "almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead" (CCC #1032).

Let us not forget to pray for our dear departed, have Masses offered for them, visit their graves, and make daily sacrifices for them. God can foresee and apply the merits of our prayers, penances and works of charity, done even years after their death, for our departed dear ones, in favour of our deceased dear ones, at the moment of their deaths.

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

The significance of the Basilica in the history of the Church cannot be overstated.

The Lateran Basilica, also known as the Archbasilica of Saint John Lateran, is the oldest and highest-ranking of the four major basilicas in Rome. Its history dates back to the 4th century when it was dedicated by Pope Sylvester I. This dedication marked a significant milestone in the development of the Christian faith and the establishment of the Church as an institution.

The name "Lateran" comes from the Latin word "Lateranus," which refers to the family that donated the land on which the Basilica was built. The Laterani family was a prominent Roman family, and their donation of the land for the construction of the Basilica demonstrated their support and commitment to the Christian faith.

The dedication of the Lateran Basilica by Pope Sylvester I in the 4th century was a momentous event. It symbolized the triumph of Christianity over paganism and marked the beginning of a new era for the Church. The dedication ceremony was attended by Emperor Constantine, who played a crucial role in the legalization of Christianity in the Roman Empire.

Throughout its history, the Lateran Basilica has witnessed significant events and undergone numerous renovations and reconstructions. It has served as the residence of the Popes, the site of important ecumenical councils, and a place of pilgrimage for countless faithful.

THE BASILICA IN MODERN TIMES

The Lateran Basilica continues to play a significant role in contemporary Catholicism. Pilgrims from all corners of the globe flock to the Basilica, seeking spiritual solace and a deeper connection with their faith.

The Basilica's status as a pilgrimage site is a testament to its enduring appeal and the impact it has on its visitors. Many Catholics consider a visit to the Lateran Basilica to be a transformative experience, as they are able to witness firsthand the rich history and spiritual significance of the Church. The awe-inspiring architecture, intricate artwork, and sacred relics housed within its walls create a sense of reverence and awe.

For modern-day Catholics, the Basilica serves as a reminder of the unity and universality of the Church. It stands as a symbol of the unbroken chain of faith that has been passed down through the generations. The dedication of the Basilica serves as a source of inspiration, encouraging believers to remain steadfast in their devotion and to continue building upon the foundations laid by their predecessors.

SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica inspires Catholics to embrace the call to be a living temple of God. Just as the Basilica is a physical representation of the Church, believers are called to be living stones, united in their faith and working together to build up the Kingdom of God. The dedication ceremony serves as a reminder that each individual has a unique role to play in the life of the Church and that their contributions, no matter how small, are essential to the overall mission of spreading the Gospel.

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The Lateran Basilica is a place of great meaning for Catholics. It connects the past, present, and future of the Church and reminds believers of the unity and history of their faith. Reflecting on its dedication encourages Catholics to keep living out the teachings of the Church in their own lives.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice and reconciliation.

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DIOCESE NEWS – 9/11/25



Discover Catholic Podcasts and events happening across Australia – retreats, pilgrimages, workshops and more.

Visit www.CathEvents.org.au to find opportunities to grow in faith and community. Event organisers can also list their events for free, helping more people connect and participate.

SANDHURST THEOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS

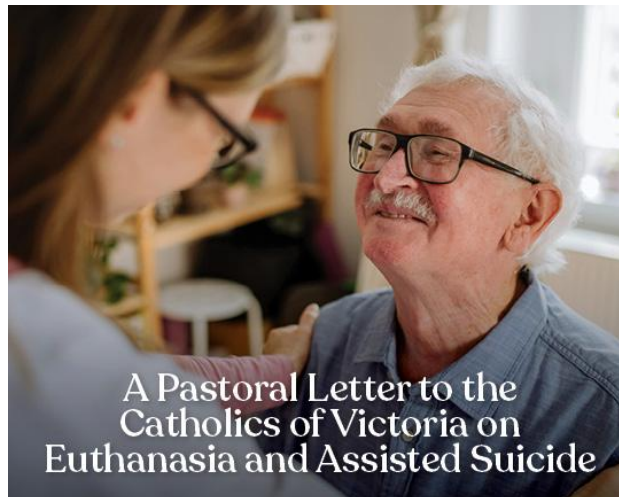
Over the last three years the Sandhurst Theology Scholarships have offered financial support for parishioners seeking to study theology at Catholic Theological College (Melbourne) as well as other approved courses in leadership and pastoral ministry. Several parishioners and those engaged in ministry have received funding to support their studies.

The Mission and Pastoral Life Team is reviewing and evaluating the Scholarship offerings in the light of the Strategic Mission and Pastoral Goals and the Diocesan Formation Support Plan. The review and recommendations arising from it will be presented to the Diocesan Administrator, Fr Brian Boyle. The awarding of theology scholarships will be paused during the review with the intention of commencing a new round in time for Semester 2 2026.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Leslie Cooper via email at leslie.cooper@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

The Victorian Bishops have written a pastoral letter about the proposed changes to the Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) Laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. The Bishops of Victoria ask that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

You can read the letter and find out more at www.bit.ly/EuthenasiaBill.



The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

You can read the letter online and find out more by scanning the QR code or via: www.bit.ly/EuthenasiaBill.



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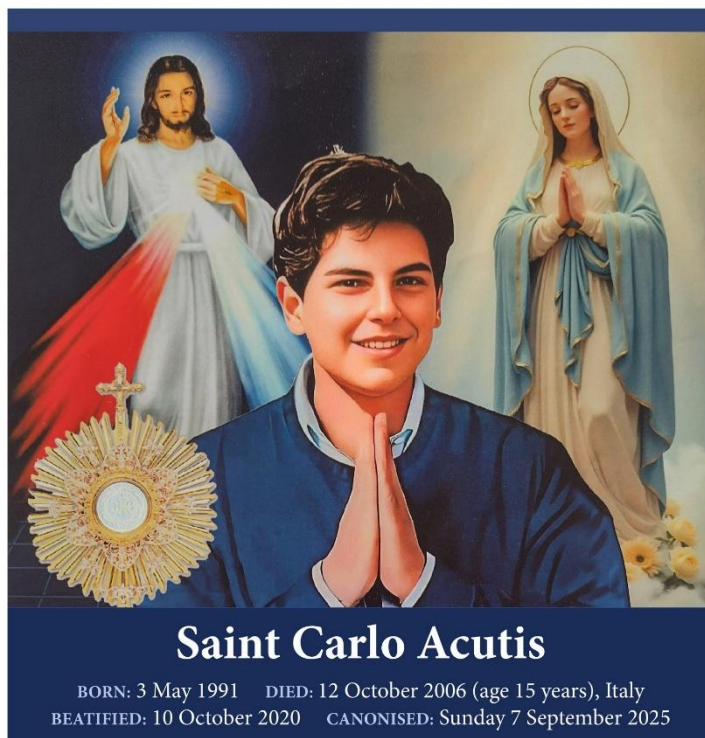


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Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope by visiting this special Exhibition at Sacred Heart Cathedral from 22–28 November, 10 am–4 pm. Carlo, canonised in April 2025 and known as the “Digital Disciple,” used technology to share his faith and inspire young people to embrace their unique God-given gifts rather than follow the crowd. Discover his reflections on faith, the Eucharist, and the courage to live as an original.



Saint Carlo Acutis

BORN: 3 May 1991 DIED: 12 October 2006 (age 15 years), Italy
BEATIFIED: 10 October 2020 CANONISED: Sunday 7 September 2025

Exhibition

151 APPROVED EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES of the WORLD

Saturday 22 to Friday 28 November 2025 (10am to 4pm)
Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo

"To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan."

"The Virgin Mary is the only woman in my life."

*"The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus,
so that on earth we will have a foretaste of heaven."*

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 2 Chron 7: 16
Alleluia, alleluia! I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 2: 13-22
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

He spoke about the temple of his own body.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

SACRED SPACE

Frequently while celebrating Sunday Eucharist, the Sacrament of Marriage or a funeral, I am touched by those present. While some are perhaps not regular church goers, something happens among them within the setting of the church. Besides the liturgical rite and the readings of Scripture, the church building, its DNA, can touch them. It is a sacred space, blessed by people of faith over the decades.

The *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica* is a celebration of the importance of place and the environment in which people of faith gather. Rather than St Peter's Basilica, this Basilica in Rome is the Pope's church, the 'mother' of all churches throughout the world. It symbolises holiness and communion. Today's commemoration also links to the Gospel. Jesus acts definitively against the traders and sellers to renew the Temple and its precincts in its sacredness. Rather than a marketplace, the Temple is the place of divine presence. In John, it further symbolises and anticipates what happens to the body of Jesus, the abode of God's holiness, in his passion, death and resurrection.

Our own parish churches and parishes need ongoing renewal and purification, in the spirit of Jesus' renewal of the Temple in John's Gospel story. They are places where we gather to celebrate the Eucharist each Sunday and our local sacred spaces where holiness and communion are experienced. We celebrate our communion with the Bishop of Rome and allow our local parish church to be the palpable expression of the universal Church—of outreach, openness and hospitality.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

9 NOVEMBER 2025

FIRST READING

Ezek 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I saw water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved.

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails, they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.

■ The word of the Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 45: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9. R. v. 5

R. The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

1. God is for us a refuge and strength, / a helper close at hand, in time of distress: / so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, / though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. **R.**
2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city, / the holy place where the Most High dwells. / God is within, it cannot be shaken; / God will help it at the dawning of the day. **R.**
3. The Lord of hosts is with us: / the God of Jacob is our stronghold. / Come, consider the works of the Lord / the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. **R.**

SECOND READING

Cor 3: 9-11, 16-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

You are the temple of God.

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is, Jesus Christ.