

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 46.

RESPONSE:

The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the dwelling of the Most High.

1. God is for us a refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in time of distress;
so we shall not fear
though the earth should rock,
though the mountains quake
to the heart of the sea. 
2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place, the dwelling of the Most High.
God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day. 
3. The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come and behold the works of the Lord,
the awesome deeds he has done to the earth. 

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

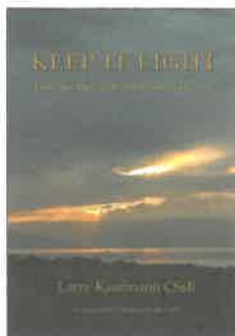
Alleluia, alleluia! I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, that my name may be there for ever. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 2:13-22.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

In this book Larry Kaufmann explores the grace of the Holy Spirit at work in very human realities such as depression, illness, suffering injustice, loneliness, and relationship breakdown. Each chapter includes practical suggestions for prayer.



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THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 10 Nov St Leo the Great, PD

Wisdom 1:1-7; Psalm 139; Luke 17:1-6

"Peace is the first thing the angels sang. Peace is the mark of the children of God. Peace is the nurse of love. Peace is the mother of unity... Peace is the dwelling place of eternity." – St Leo the Great

Tue 11 Nov St Martin of Tours, B

Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Psalm 34; Luke 17:7-10

St Martin of Tours is known for his rejection of military service in favour of serving Christ, saying "I am a soldier of Christ; combat is not permitted me" and "allow me now to become a soldier of God."

Wed 12 Nov St Josaphat, BM

Wisdom 6:1-12; Psalm 82; Luke 17:11-19

St Josaphat was committed to Church unity, and gave his life for the unity of the Church. "I am ready to die for the holy union, for the supremacy of St Peter and of his successor, the Supreme Pontiff".

Thu 13 Nov Liturgy of the Day

Wisdom 7:22-8:1; Psalm 119; Luke 17:20-25

Each day we seek the face of God in our lives, and each day we re-learn that we are not there yet. We fall and get up, fall and get up... and in this process we experience the mercy of our loving God.

Fri 14 Nov Liturgy of the Day

Wisdom 13:1-9; Psalm 19; Luke 17:26-37

God's Word teaches us that temptations in life often come to us disguised as our own needs. These can distract us, if we let them, from what really matters. Jesus teaches us to focus on the needs of others.

Sat 15 Nov (St Albert the Great, BD)

Wisdom 18:14-16; Psalm 105; Luke 18:1-8

St Albert the Great encourages us in the persistence of prayer, saying "The greater and more persistent your confidence in God, the more abundantly you will receive all that you ask."

Sun 16 Nov 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Malachi 3:19-20; Psalm 98; Luke 21:5-19

Jesus's wisdom differs from intellectual knowledge. "To understand the world knowledge is not enough, you must see it, touch it, live in its presence" – Teilhard de Chardin, *Hymn of the Universe*

KEY: SOLEMNITY; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial)
P=Pope; D=Doctor; B=Bishop; M=Martyr

Catholic Link

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

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Divine Office: Week IV • 9 November 2025

St John Lateran

Today we celebrate the feast of the dedication of the church of St John Lateran in Rome. Why is it important to do so? After all, it is just a building. Well, not exactly "just" a building. One elderly lady said she loved praying in old churches, uniting her prayers with the thousands of others who, over the centuries, had prayed in these holy places.

The basilica of Saint John Lateran carries added significance. It is the official cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, who is, of course, the Pope. The basilica was consecrated in 324 by Pope Sylvester I and dedicated to The Most Holy Saviour. In the 9th century Pope Sergius III also dedicated it to Saint John the Baptist and in the 12th century Pope Lucius II added Saint John the Evangelist to the title. Three dedications!

In 313, Emperor Constantine gave freedom of worship to Christians in the Roman Empire. And as a token of his commitment, he gave the still young Christian community a suitable place for worshipping God – the land on which the pope immediately built his cathedral. To this day, the basilica of St John Lateran is the main seat (cathedra) of the papacy, the symbol and the heart of the Church's life and teaching.

With this brushstroke sketch of the history of St John Lateran, let's ask ourselves what it has to do with us, belonging to whatever parish we do.

Many Catholics tend automatically to think St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican is the pope's cathedral. But this is accidental to a long and

complicated history. The pope is not just the bishop of the Vatican, but the bishop of Rome, and successor of St Peter who was its first bishop, and martyred as we know.

Because of this link to St Peter, first among the Apostles, Rome became place of reference for the unity of the Christian Church as a whole. Disputes between local dioceses would be solved there. Christian doctrine would be clarified there. It became a place of pilgrimage celebrating the unity of faith.

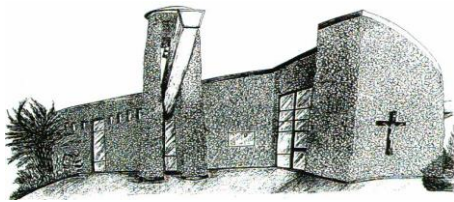
How appropriate to celebrate this feast in this Jubilee Year as "Pilgrims of Hope". St John Lateran is designated as one of the jubilee year's shrines. And how appropriate, too, in this 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed. They're about the same age - St John Lateran 324, and Council of Nicaea 325. This is not a passing comment. It pertains to the spirituality of the elderly lady mentioned above, that in celebrating this feast, we are uniting our prayer with 1699 years of prayer



The decorated ceiling of the Basilica of St John Lateran in Rome.

in this holy place.

That St John Lateran has three dedications can also inspire us. It's first consecration is to The Most Holy Saviour. Christ is always first in our faith, and in a special way we give thanks for the gift of salvation we have in Him. The second dedication to St John the Baptist inspires us too. John was the first to point to Jesus and say, behold, there is the Lamb of God. And then there is John the Evangelist, also known as John the Beloved, whose gospel and letters are best summed up in his words, God is Love.



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Guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive, as a Parish, to grow into disciples of Jesus Christ, Reaching out in Faith into a wider Community.

Prayer of the Church (Divine Office):

15 minutes before weekday Masses.

Prayer Circle:

Contact Cay Loader 0314664474 / 0789216797

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Our long-term Seriously Sick whose names are on the outside noticeboard, and our currently –

Seriously Sick:

Tashnim Dos Santos, Michael Tunley, Fr Chris Neville, Merlyn Oakes, Andy Rossell and Cathy Barr.

CONFESSIONS: Please note that Fr Mike is available for Personal Confessions on Saturday afternoons from **16.00 - 17.00.**

ONLINE MASS: Live-streamed on Facebook at the **Sunday 9:00am Mass**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:

Sat 08 Nov 5.30pm

All those on the Pious Lists

Holy Souls & Deceased Members of FOSS

Marshall Joseph R.I.P. [Family]

Leslie & Sacha Emmanuel's Wedding Anniversary

Sun 09 Nov 7.00am

[Family]

All those on the Pious Lists

Vis & Marlene Govender's Wedding Anniversary

Sun 09 Nov 9.00am

All those on the Pious Lists

All Parishioners

Mon 10 Nov 8.00am St Leo the Great

All those on the Pious Lists

Deceased Oblates of Mary Immaculate [Fr Mike]

Tue 11 Nov 5.30pm St Martin of Tours

All those on the Pious Lists

Fr Mike

Wed 12 Nov 8.00am St Josaphat

All those on the Pious Lists

Martha Matthews R.I.P. [Family]

Thu 13 Nov 5.30pm

All those on the Pious Lists

Dominican Sr Francesca R.I.P. [Frankson Family]

Joao Silva Santos R.I.P.. [Irene & Family]

Fri 14 Nov 8.00am

All those on the Pious Lists

Gabriela Hlangu's Special Intention [Family]

Holy Souls & Deceased Members of FOSS

[Margo]

Sat 15 Nov 5.30pm

All those on the Pious Lists

Mrs Jenny Surry's Special Intention [Sr Pru]

Sun 16 Nov 7.00am

All those on the Pious Lists

Eva Kalidin's Birthday [Family]

Ramon Fynn R.I.P. [Fynn Family]

Sun 16 Nov 9.00am

All those on the Pious Lists

All Parishioners

THIS WEEK'S DIARY:

Sun 09 Nov DEDICATION OF LATERAN BASILICA

10.30am Junior Catechism – Hall Complex

10.30am Umhlango weNhliziyo kaJesu
(Sacred Heart Sodality) – Room 9

5.00pm Senior Catechism – Hall Complex

Mon 10 Nov

7.00pm Men's League Meeting – Hall

Wed 12 Nov

8.30am St Monica's Prayer Group – Church

6.30pm Women of Faith Group – Hall

Thu 13 Nov

6.30pm General Choir Practice – Church

7.00pm RCIA 2026 Topic: The Sacrament:
Of The Eucharist – Hall

Fri 14 Nov

7.00pm Senior Youth – Hall

Sat 15 Nov

1.30pm CWL AGM Meeting – Hall

NOTICES:

NOVEMBER PIOUS LISTS: It is customary to remember our deceased relatives and friends in the Masses during the month of November. **Pious List envelopes are still available at the church entrance.** Bring with you to any Mass you attend or deliver to the parish office, or place in the weekend Collection baskets, together with your donation, in the envelope provided. Your contributions will be given to the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

SOUTHERN CROSS: Copies of the November issue are available at the church entrance @ R40 each. See the noticeboards for the November Headlines.

ST ANNE'S PARISH CHESTERVILLE WINDOW

SALES DRIVE: Please see the sheet with options on the noticeboards, to donate towards the purchase of the windows, and contact SFX parish office with your details if you would like to participate.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK AND ANOINTING:

The Sacrament of the Sick (formerly known as Extreme Unction) is available to all Catholics prior to hospitalisation for an operation. An appointment may be made with Father Mike, via the parish office, to come through to the parish and receive such Sacrament. This also applies to parishioners who are bedridden at home or going into hospice.

MUSICIAN/S URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR SUNDAY 9AM MASS CHOIR:

Please contact

Desiree Manuel 0730660055 if you can assist.

SPRING OF CARMEL 2026 BIBLE DIARIES:

Pre-ordered copies have arrived and will be available from the parish office during normal working hours. Proof of EFT pre-payment (emailed to the parish office) is required before collection. A list of those who have already paid by EFT or in cash, to date, is noted at the office.

Responsorial Psalm Response: (Sat 5:30pm & Sun 9.00am)

*The waters of the river
gladden the city of
God, the holy dwelling
of the Most High!*

