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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA YEAR C - 09 NOV, 2025

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MASS CENTRES & MASS TIMES

St Catherine of Siena Church, Melton West

108 Bulmans Road, Melton West, VIC 3337

- **Saturday** 6pm (Vigil Mass)
- **Sunday** 9am, 11am & 5 pm
- **Wednesday Mass** 9.15 am
(no Mass during school holidays at St Catherine's Church)
- **Thursday & Friday** 9.15 am
(no Mass on public holidays)

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

CONFESSION

St Catherine of Siena Church

Saturday: 5.45 pm | Sunday: 4.45 pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT & ROSARY

St Dominic's Church

- **Thursday** following the 9.15 am Mass

SCHOOLS IN OUR PARISH

ST DOMINIC'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Address: Church Street, Melton, VIC 3337

+61 3 9743 6225 | enquiries@sdmelton.catholic.edu.au

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Address: 108 Bulmans Road, Melton West, VIC 3337

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ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Melton West Campus (Year 7-12): 109-141 Bulmans Rd,
Melton West

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Reflection by FR. Alex Clemente, RCJ

The feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica is a celebration of the universal Catholic Church's unity, heritage, and the deep theological reality that the whole community of believers is the true, living Temple of God.

The primary historical focus of this feast is the dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome by Pope Sylvester I in 324 AD. This event was a landmark for the early Church, marking the end of centuries of persecution and the beginning of public, legal worship under Emperor Constantine. The basilica is the official cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope, and holds the title of "Mother and Head of all Churches of the City and the world. By celebrating its dedication, Catholics worldwide express their communion with the chair of St Peter and their shared apostolic heritage.

The readings for the feast move the focus from the physical building to its deeper spiritual meaning, that is Christ as the Foundation of the church. The vision of the Prophet Ezekiel, in the first reading, talks about life-giving water flowing from the temple of God which nourishes and heals. In the second reading, St. Paul emphasises that Jesus Christ is the one and only foundation of the Church. The physical church building, no matter how magnificent, is merely a symbol pointing to Christ as the true sanctuary.

A message that is central to the feast is that the Church is not primarily a building, but the community of believers, the "living stones" built on Christ, with the Holy Spirit dwelling within each member. The Gospel account of Jesus cleansing the Temple serves as a reminder that both physical churches and the "temple" of our souls must be kept pure and dedicated to God as a house of prayer, free from worldly distractions or corruption.

How have my actions inside the church shown proper reverence?

What does it mean to me to be a "living temple of God" in my daily life?

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

Phoebe Ellen O'Keeffe, Joe Stevens, Margaret O'Donnell, Elisabeth Lusiana, Monica Clemente, O'Reilly Family, Donnelly Family, Tracey Family, Coerey Family, Sirinimal Adikari, Mick Aitken, Edward Kordus, Charles Pisani, Jadwiga (Margi) Sakowicz, Liz O'Neill, Barbara Jefferies, Rennae Jane, Stevens Grace Spiteri, Pat Woods, Manuel Psaila Eibhlean, Grace Beatty, Anthony Buhagiar, Emidia Buhagiar, Regina Tolosa, Delia Coots, Mary Connor, Joseph Pace, Peter Demicoli, Aurora P Ramirez, Mariano Cruz, Maureen Bristow, Dodwell DeSilva, Marjorie Noelene Blake, Edith Wilson, Josephine Farrugia, Bruce Rayner Jnr, Paul Seneviratne, Charie Alea, Angelo Haber, Franco Respondino, Rita DeVellis, Peter Sinnema, Angelo Haber, Jocelyn Fantasia, David Nauer, Tovia Muagututia, Liua Muagututia, Mikaele Vitolina Victoria (Silao), Joe De Beaufort, Geraldine Nihill, Sam Sammut, Filix Perera, Alosios Fernando, Madushi Fernando, Sebastiana Perera, Punchi Perera, Mark Gerada, Patricia Peck, Gorga Buttigieg, Imelda Thomson, Polly Vassallo, Christopher Fenlon, Maria Assunta Calleja, Angelo & Josephine Calleja, Francis Xavier & Margaret Felicia Calleja, Emanuel & Peter Calleja, Toney & Gorga Calleja

**In case of urgent situations, sickness etc.
in the parish please call 0422 869 646**

Entrance Antiphon

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

First Reading *Eze 47:1-2, 8-9, 12*

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 then 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.'

Responsorial Psalm

(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 *1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17*

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.

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time.— *Alleluia!*

Gospel *John 2:13-22*

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.

Communion Antiphon

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



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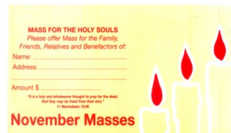
NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS MASS INTENTIONS

As we approach November, we have the opportunity to honour our departed loved ones in a special way. We are encouraged to use dedicated envelopes to inscribe the names of our cherished departed family and friends. These envelopes will be placed before the altar, where Masses will be offered for their souls throughout the entire month of November. The envelopes will be blessed with holy water, symbolizing our baptism and our connection to the Church. We believe that the use of holy water is a powerful representation of our love for the Trinity and our commitment to living according to Christ's teachings. This tradition provides a beautiful way to honour our departed loved ones and deepen our connection to the Sacraments and to God. It's important to note that public announcement of the names in the envelopes is not necessary for the effectiveness of the prayers. The intention is a spiritual act, and its effectiveness is not influenced by public announcement. Additionally, we kindly ask for your support in offering mass intentions with a donation, which will concretely show our participation in the celebration. This year, the proceeds of the donation through the November envelopes will go to the Rogationist Mission Project 2025 - Housing for the Poor, Pasay City Philippines.

ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING AREA.

We understand that there may be special occasions during November, such as death anniversaries or birthdays of loved ones, and we will still accept separate mass intentions for them. These special occasions will be mentioned in the bulletin and prayers of the faithful. However, for all other intentions for our departed loved ones, we kindly request that they be channelled through the November envelopes. Your participation and support in this meaningful initiative are greatly appreciated. Let us come together as a community to remember and honour our departed loved ones and to support a noble cause.

With gratitude, Fr Alex Clemente RCJ



Christmas Tree Hampers

This weekend marks the beginning of our Christmas hamper collection! Our goal is to gather enough items to fill 20 hampers, each of which will be given to a family in our community to help them celebrate Christmas.



In the gathering area, you'll find a tree with tags listing different needed items. Please take one or more tags, purchase the listed items, and place them in the hamper under the tree, along with the tag.



All items are requested by Sunday, December 7, 2025.

Thank you for your generosity!



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PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

Almighty God and Father, by the mystery of the cross, you have made us strong; by the sacrament of the resurrection, you have sealed us as your own. Look kindly upon your servants, now freed from the bonds of mortality and count them among your saints in Heaven.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eternal rest grant unto them, o Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. **Amen**

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen**

PLEASE RING THE MASS MANAGER IF UNABLE TO ATTEND AND PERFORM YOUR ROSTERED DUTY



6 pm Tania Walters 0492 952 478
9 am Theo Franken 0411 040 897

11am Lea Jacuta 0414 390 151
5 pm Josephine Krajina 0407 042 133

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Saturday & Sunday November 8 & 9, 2025

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Kate Mulholland	Karl Metha	Amy Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Responder	Tania Walters	Faith Tuputala	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Faith Tuputala	Amy Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Chelsea Amato	Danielle Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			

33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday November 15 & 16, 2025

Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
WELCOME	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
THE WORD	Maria Prasetyono	Regina Traczynski	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
RESPONDER	Tetchie Hadfield	FAITH TUPUTALA	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	ELAINE DE LOS SANTOS
HOLY COMMUNION	Leny Obtinalla	VICKIE CASSAR	LIZ COUSTLEY	Josephine Krajina
POWERPOINT OPERATOR	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	CHOIR	Nina Ahmet
GIFT SHOP	KATE MULHOLLAND	GRAHAM DEMPSEY	LEA JACUTA	Josephine Krajina
CHOIR	DIVINE MERCY	SAMOAN CHOIR	ST ANUARITE CHOIR	TONGAN CHOIR
COUNTERS	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			



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The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the
seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

Franciscus

The Smart Terminal is operating and available again. It is now situated on the table by the wall in the Gathering Area of the church. You can tap & give with your card or smart device to support the Parish.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AT A WEEKEND MASS?

Pick up a 'Volunteer Information Pack' in the Gathering Area of the church for detailed information on each ministry, necessary requirements and the application form.

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TINYURL.COM/HBLESSING

**Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 6pm
Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm**

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, 12th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am Year 2 students to attend
Thursday, 13th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 14th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 1 students to attend
Wednesday, 19th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am Year 1 students to attend Final Baptism Information Night for 2025 7.30 pm St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 20th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 21st	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year Prep students to attend
Saturday, 22nd	Baptisms: 11am & 12.15pm
Wednesday, 26th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am Year 5 & Prep students to attend
Thursday, 27th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 28th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am



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October Update

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Actual: \$4,276.83



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