

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.



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ST JOSEPH'S, ELSTERNWICK

71 Orrong Road, Elsternwick 3185

Mass

Friday 10:00am, Saturday 6:30pm and Sunday 10:30am

Reconciliation

Friday after Mass, Saturday 6:00pm

HOLY CROSS, CAULFIELD SOUTH

707 Glen Huntly Road, Caulfield South 3162

Mass

Thursday 10:00am and Sunday 9:00am

Reconciliation

Thursday after Mass

ST ANTHONY'S, GLEN HUNTLY

74, Grange Road, Glen Huntly 3163

In Residence: Fr Pat Jackson SAC, Br Lindsay Rust SAC

Mass

Monday - Saturday 9:15am

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

Reconciliation

30-mins before all Masses & Saturday 9:45-10:10am

Thanksgiving & Special Collections

Church: \$TBA Presbytery: \$TBA

Special Collection: -

Next Week's Roster

Lectors:

Saturday 6:30pm M Ellis

Sunday 9:00am D Duffy 10:30am M Nelson

Counters: No Counting

Upcoming Week's Liturgical Calendar

Mon 10 Nov: St Leo the Great

Tue 11 Nov: St Martin of Tours

Wed 12 Nov: St Josaphat

Sun 16 Nov: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Thanksgiving

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (cf. Apoc 21:3)

Behold God's dwelling with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people, and God himself with them will be their God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (1 Pet 2:5)

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill*: Tony Messina, Paulette Dobbin, Carol Burgess, Pam O'Reilly, Bernie Smith

* Names will be published for a month, unless otherwise requested.

Recently Deceased: -

Death Anniversary: Rose Woon, Joseph Liew, Greg McConnell, Jim McConnell, Evelyn McConnell, Vincenzo Scandurra, Graziella Scandurra



Volunteers' Thank You Mass & Fellowship

Friday, 21 November at St Joseph's. 6:30pm
Mass at St Joseph's followed by Fellowship at St Joseph's School Atrium.

All Volunteers and everyone from St Joseph's & Holy Cross and St Anthony's & St Aloysius are invited.

Please RSVP using the clipboard at the church foyer by next Sunday, 16 November for catering purposes.

St Anthony's Spring Plant Sale

Beautiful Plants, Books & Cakes, Pre-Loved Treasure and Refreshments. Proceeds go to Tony's Café Soup Kitchen at St Anthony's Parish.

This Sunday 9 November from 9:30am to 1:30pm at St Anthony's Church. On Saturday 15 November visit us at 74 Grange Road to pick up a bargain.

Carols by Candlelight at St Anthony's

Sunday, 14th December at St Anthony's Parish Hall, immediately after the 5pm Mass.



This is a joint event by the Sister Parishes of St Joseph's & Holy Cross and St Anthony's & St Aloysius'.

We are looking for solo/group performances with Christmas themed songs and approximately up to 5 minutes per performance.

If you would like to be part of the Organising Team, please contact our Parish Offices by Sunday, 16 November.

Prayer Service of Lament National Survivors' Day

Archbishop Peter Comensoli has invited all those who have been affected and impacted by abuse and violence across the Archdiocese to join in a Prayer Service of Lament on Wednesday, 12 November 2025, at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Daily Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 1pm for those who wish to remain in prayer before the Lord.



THE
DEDICATION
OF THE
LATERAN
BASILICA

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica is to celebrate the dedication of the oldest and highest-ranking Catholic church in Rome, the cathedral of the Pope.

The feast day symbolizes Christian unity, the freedom to worship, and the transition from persecution to religious recognition.

It also serves as a reminder that the Church is not just a building but the spiritual temple of God, with Jesus Christ dwelling within believers.



St Vincent de Paul Society
CAULFIELD SOUTH & ELSTERNWICK *good works*

Columban Calendars and Vinnies Christmas Cards will be on sale starting November after weekend Masses.

Calendars \$10.00 each

Christmas Cards \$5.00 per pack of 5 cards



Christ is Our King

St Patrick's Cathedral Mass at on Sunday 23 November 2025 with **Cardinal Mykola Bychok** and **Archbishop Peter Comensoli**, starting 2:00pm followed by a special Eucharistic Procession, Benediction, and Consecration to Our King.

Our Lord promised:

He who declares Himself for me, I will declare myself for Him!

Please be an apostle of Our King, and invite your family members, the youth, parishioners, and every community to be part of this wonderful celebration.

A unique event organized by The Combined Societies of Mary



Join ACU's Youth Advisory Group

Have your say on gender, masculinity, and faith. We're looking for young people aged 18–25 to help guide a research project exploring how young people understand gender and masculinity in religious settings and content.

What's involved: Join a small group of peers in workshops. Help design research questions and activities. Share your ideas about gender, identity, and faith. Decide how findings are shared and used

Why get involved: Make your voice heard and influence research and practice. Develop skills in research, teamwork, and leadership. Connect with other young people with similar interests in a safe and respectful environment.

Time commitment: Approximately 6 hours across multiple sessions, scheduled to suit participants. As a thank you for your time and participation, you will be reimbursed.

How to apply: Email gabrielle.hunt@acu.edu.au. You will receive a full info sheet and can ask any questions before joining. Your participation is voluntary, confidential, and fully supported. You can withdraw at anytime.

The Christmas Travelling Crib

There are 7 travelling Cribs seeking a stop over for 2 days at family homes in the Parishes and Schools of St Joseph's & Holy Cross and St Anthony's, commencing 1 December until Christmas Eve. For the Schools, this will start a week earlier.



Those who want to represent each Parish and School in this program need to meet a.s.a.p. Please contact Fr. Pat or the Parish Office.





ST ANTHONY'S PARISH
FUNDRAISING
DINNER DANCE

SAT 15 NOVEMBER
6.00 PM ONWARDS

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH HALL,
164-168 NEERIM ROAD, GLEN HUNTLY

Below 6 yrs: free (no seat) • 6-12 yrs: \$30 • Above 12yrs: \$50
Indian/Italian dinner included • BYO drinks
Dress to impress and enjoy music for a cause by Floyd

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DOOR / SPOT PRIZES

RAFFLES

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

The most important temple is the temple of a person's soul because God dwells within each one of us. In the most secret centre of our being is that sacred sanctuary where we meet God. Saint Teresa of Ávila called it the Presence Chamber, the most central and interior dwelling place within us.

In addition to the temple of the soul, there are many sacred places throughout the world. There are shrines, churches, basilicas, grottos, cathedrals, and other holy places that are set aside for the sole purpose of worship of God

In the city of Rome, there are four major basilicas. The first three are Saint Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, and the Basilica of Saint Mary Major. The fourth is the Archbasilica Cathedral of the Most Holy Saviour and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran, also called Saint John Lateran, or the Lateran Basilica for short. Of the four major basilicas, the oldest and most important is Saint John Lateran, the dedication of which is remembered today. Though the pope now lives next to Saint Peter's Basilica, Saint John Lateran is the official cathedral of Rome. That means Saint John Lateran is not only the mother church of the Archdiocese of Rome but also the mother church of the entire world.

The church building has a long and storied history. In the year 64, the erratic and cruel Roman Emperor Nero blamed a devastating fire in Rome on the Christians. In retaliation, he ordered the execution of many Christians, including Saints Peter and Paul. Subsequent Roman emperors used the palace in various ways over the next 250 years. In 312, when Constantine the Great became the sole ruler of the Western Roman Empire, he took possession of the Lateran Palace.

Constantine the Great did much to help the Catholic Church flourish after legalizing its practice. He saw to it that the Lateran Basilica was beautifully decorated with gold and silver. He also built many other churches in Rome, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Constantinople. Up until that time, the church had suffered greatly, always fearing persecution and death. Now, it had its first cathedral in the heart of Rome, beautifully decorated, with the Roman Emperor's full support.

Though the Lateran Basilica has remained the pope's cathedral from the time of its dedication, the Lateran Palace, next to the Basilica, was the papal residence from 324–1305. Pope eventually built a new palace next to Saint Peter's on Vatican Hill, where every subsequent pope has resided until today.

God Bless!

Join us as we celebrate

GAVAN O'DONNELL

After 44 years in Catholic Education, including 35+ years as a principal and 19 years with the St Joseph's community, Gavan O'Donnell is retiring. Join us to honour his extraordinary legacy.

SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER

11:00AM Mass
12:15pm Carols in The Hall
12:45pm Farewell Address
1:00 -2:30pm Family Picnic and BBQ*

*Sausage and Bread

Let's celebrate Gavan together!





Q: Where is the best place to get an ice cream cone?

A: Sundae School.

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