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Dedication for the Lateran Basilica Sunday, 2025

Reflection on Dedication for the Lateran Basilica

“To dedicate or consecrate” a place to God is a ritual that is found in every religion. To “reserve” a place to God is an act of recognizing His glory and honor.

When the Emperor Constantine granted full liberty to Christians in 313, they did not spare in order to construct places for the Lord – numerous are the churches constructed at that time. Constantine himself also constructed churches, one of which he was a magnificent basilica on the Caelian Hill in Rome, over the ancient Lateran Palace, which Pope Sylvester I dedicated to Christ the Savior (318 or 324). A chapel dedicated to Saint John the Baptist was built inside it which served as the baptistry. This moved Pope Sergius III to dedicate it to Saint John the Baptist as well. Lastly, Pope Lucius II also dedicated it to Saint John the Evangelist in the 12th century. Thus, the name of this Papal Basilica is the Basilica of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran. Christians consider the Basilica to be the mother church of all churches in the world.

The church was destroyed several times in the course of the centuries, and always rebuilt. The final reconstruction took place under the pontificate of Benedict XIII. The church was rededicated in 1724. It was at that time that the feast celebrated today was established and extended to the universal Church

Today’s Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica allows us to remember the journey of the people and God’s constant and faithful care. At the same time, we are reminded today that



each one of us is a “house of God” in the Risen Jesus, because the Holy Spirit dwells in each one of us (cf. 1 Cor. 3:16). This awareness alone leads us to praise the Lord on the one hand, and on the other, it leads us to say, at times excessively, “O Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof” (Mt. 8:8), forgetting that He is already in us and that He welcomes us and loves us not as we would like to be, but as we are, here, now. All the present distractions are what make the Lord’s face blurry. When we learn to keep our gaze fixed on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith, of our friendship with Him (cf. Heb 12:1-4), our faces will shine with light that flows from a “unified” heart. The serenity required is momentary, but it is needs to develop over a life time of continuous entering within ourselves and heading straight for the “King’s room” (cf. The Interior Castle, Saint Teresa of Avila).

(taken from Vatican News)

Masses

Monday
9am

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm Mass

Sunday
9am, 11am, 6pm

Please note
Sunday 11am online
Mass is

<https://youtube.com/live/5RrFNiS-dU0?feature=share>

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

Parish Priest:
Fr Brendan Connell CP

Assistant Parish Priest
Fr OBrien Chanda CP
Fr. Tuan Paul Anh-Do CP

Parish Staff:
Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)
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St Paul Apostle North
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Readings for NEXT WEEK
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, 2025

First Reading

Malachi 4:1-2a

“See, the day is coming, burning like an oven,
when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble;
the day that comes shall burn them up,” says the Lord
of hosts, “so that it will leave them neither root nor
branch.

“But for you who revere my name
the sun of righteousness shall rise,
with healing in its wings.” The word of the Lord
The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.
Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the Lord.

For the Lord is coming,
coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Brothers and sisters, you yourselves know how you
ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were
with you, and we did not eat anyone’s bread without
paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night
and day, so that we might not burden any of you.

This was not because we do not have that right, but in
order to give you an example to imitate. For even
when we were with you, we gave you this command:
“Anyone unwilling to work should not eat.”

For we hear that some of you are living in idleness,
mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such per-
sons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ
to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.
The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Stand up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it
was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated
to God, Jesus said, “As for these things that you see,
the days will come when not one stone will be left
upon another; all will be thrown down.”

They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and
what will be the sign that this is about to take place?”
And Jesus said, “Beware that you are not led astray;
for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’
and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be
terrified; for these things must take place first, but the
end will not follow immediately.”

Then Jesus said to them, “Nation will rise against na-
tion, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be
great earthquakes, and in various places famines and
plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great
signs from heaven.

“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and
persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues
and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and
governors because of my name.

“This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make
up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance;
for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of
your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.

“You will be betrayed even by parents, by brothers
and sisters, and by relatives and friends; and they will
put some of you to death. You will be hated by all
because of my name. But not a hair of your head will
perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.”
This is the Gospel, the Good News of the Lord

Reflection

Reflect on a time of turmoil. What sustained you, and how can you be a source of strength for others?

When faced with uncertainty or fear, how can you remember and trust that God is always watching over you?

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, how can you live more patiently and work for the kingdom
with a hopeful heart? .

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

St Paul Apostle safeguarding policies can be found on our website at

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/endeavourhills> or in hardcopy in the Sacristy



PAUL SANDERS

On Wednesday the 5th of November, we farewelled a longtime parishioner, Paul Sanders. He passed away peacefully on Tuesday the 28th of October with his family by his side. Paul attended Mass with his family for quite some time before deciding to join our RCIA programme and became a catholic during Easter 1994. He was involved with the Fair, family group, bread run, was on the counting roster, and served as a collector during Saturday evening Mass. He was also a much loved member of our Men's group. We acknowledge his commitment to our parish and extend our deepest sympathy to Helen and the family.
Rest in peace Paul



VOLUNTEERS

This is a reminder for **ALL WHO REGULARLY HELPS GARDENING**. Please ensure that you have fulfilled all the safeguarding requirements (including a Working with Children's Check and safeguarding training) If you are in doubt, please don't hesitate to approach Didi at Mass or to call the parish office. We will assist you with completing the necessary requirements.

FAREWELL FOR FR OBRIEN

As announced earlier by Fr Brendan, during his last visit to Africa, Fr O'Brien was elected Vice Provincial of the Passionists in Africa. Upon Fr Brendan's return from his leave, Fr Obrien will be returning to Gaborone, Botswana to begin his new role as the leader of the Mary Mother of Africa Province (MATAF) Though his stay in Endeavour Hills was short, Fr O'Brien was a great help to the parish in so many ways. A farewell Mass and gathering will be held in gratitude for his contributions to this parish on **SUNDAY 16th NOVEMBER** at 11am MASS follow by a gathering in the Annexe. We invite people to bring a plate to share.

GARDENING DAY

Since this is Spring, our Church garden grows faster. Therefore, we are planning to have another gardening day on **SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER** from 8.30am to 11am. If you have a little time to spare to help us, please come along with your gar-

den tool. The more help we get, the more areas we can cover.

BINGO—correction on the time

This is an early notice from the Bingo team. Their last session of Bingo for the year will be on **FRIDAY, 28th NOVEMBER 2025. Starting time is 7.30pm**. As usual, the theme of the final session is 'Christmas'. All whom have joined this event in the past have expressed how much fun they had. If you wish to join or have an inquiry please contact us.

SENIORS BRUNCH

As we entered month of November, we are only a step away from December. Please note that we are organising **SENIORS BRUNCH on FRIDAY, 5 DECEMBER**. It begins with Mass in the Church at 10am (no 9am Mass on this day) follow by brunch in the annexe. Sign up sheets will be out next weekend. Please remember to put your name down if you wish to join in. Any finger food donation is most welcome.

SAFEGUARDING CORNER

Safeguarding is protecting the welfare and human rights of people that are connected with your charity or its work – particularly people that may be at risk of abuse, neglect or exploitation. Safeguarding is part of a charity's primary duty of care.

COME AWAY DAY

The last Come Away Day for 2025 will be held at Holy Cross on **WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19th**. The theme of the day is 'ONE CANDLE LIGHTS THE WAY ...'. This is an opportunity to rest and reflect and to focus on the deeper meaning of our life journey as we approach the time of Advent. The day's program provides opportunities for prayer, silent reflection and group interaction in the beautiful grounds and facilities of Holy Cross. All are welcome. Just come as you are. BYO lunch. Registration is from 9.30am. The program concludes with a celebration of the Eucharist with a departure time of around 3pm. The suggested cost is \$30.00 or a donation according to your means. Registration is helpful for planning purposes. For any further details contact Sr Brigid cp on bridget.m64@gmail.com . Please put this Date in your Diary and consider inviting a friend along to share the Come Away Day experience.

Readings:

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Yr C

Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11.16-17
John 2:13-22

33 Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr C

Malachi 4:1-2a
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Luke 21:5-19

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Neville Akom, Terry Gough, Tyronne Walles, Stephanie Kinson, Cecile Potier, Fr. Michael Willemssen, Sebastian Nowakowski, Keith Gilmore, Maria Terezia Szabo, Mavis David, James Mendis, Oliver Mendis, Hector de Santos, Teariki Sword, Rui Manuel Campos, Ruby Reid, Danny Sugunasekera, Dorothy Locke, Piper Anne Spriggs, Grace Sprigg, Ronella Tyrell **and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues**

Those who have died

Annabelle Ghatt, Paul Sanders, John Santospirito, Elizabeth Parer, Shaun Gallagher, Merlinda B Szuba, Melville Stone, Geraldine Rafferty, Tauasu Vaeafe, Anton Nadarajah, Raymond Anthony Parsons, Maria Antolini, Cheryl Anthony, Lomaga Pa'u, Neomi Jackson, Anthony Dinh Pham, Martha Mung Pham, Antonio Laratta, Nicolina Laratta **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

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MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST 2025

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Riona Alveyn Lionel Alveyn Lien Phan	Mary Moore Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell Rohan Wickramasinghe Jennifer Cunningham	Vianney Clark Antioniette Gargano Stephen Herbert Binitha Mathew Patricia D'Souza	Anne Kankanige Peng Chee Vonny Lai
2nd Sunday	Gertrude Akom Mima Arena Carmeline Don Paul	Sig Romano Anabela Costa Aloma Pereira David Goh Rinku Arora	Sharon Normington Sai Dilingir Naomi Falo Stephen Nasalio Santhanamary	Jenny Catania Brendan Keating Lakni Weerasekera
3rd Sunday	Celine Quinless Riona Alveyn Lionel Alveyn	Mary Moore Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell Jennifer Cunningham Sig Romano	Vianney Clark Antioniette Gargano Binitha Mathew Patricia De Souza Marie Claire Maillard	Vonny Lai Charlene Nheu Marg Keating
4th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Lien Phan Celine Quinless	Aloma Pereira Michelle Boissezon Rohan Wickramasinghe David Goh Daphne Goh	Naomi Falo Sharon Normington Lauren Rafferty Stephen Herbert Santhanamary	Swineetha Disanayake Dominique Maclou Jenny Catania
5th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Carmeline Don Paul Mima Arena	Sig Romano Anabela Costa Nila Fernando Rinku Arora Daphne Goh	Binitha Mathew Stephen Herbert Sharon Normington	Peng Chee Jenny Catania Marg Keating

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MINISTERS OF WORD/ COMMENTATORS 2025

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Mary Pegram Liz Spear	Virendra Jayetileke Janina Gorski	Anne Astin Rinku Arora	Stephen Nasalio William Roncon
2nd Sunday	Marg Daly Liseby Lapierre	Grace Sudjono Rosa Mitchell	Mars Sota Beth Sota	Charlene Nheu Mignonne Meerwald
3rd Sunday	Liz Flood Trevor Saldanha	Agnes Giam William Round	Alvita Dias Rinku Arora	Jeremy Ferrao Reg Young
4th Sunday	Mark Rolfe Karen Rolfe	Mary Moore Jodicee Tenisio	Mary Heaton Yvonne Sherwin	Marg Keating Luiza Monteiro
5th Sunday	Marg Daly Trevor Saldanha	Grace Sudjono Janina Gorski	Mary Heaton Jennifer Tanti	Lakni Weerasekera Charlene Nheu

Please note that the above rosters are subject to the completion
of the required SAFEGUARDING documents and training

