

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.

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CONFESSIONS

* Sat: 4.30-5.00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES Mon: 9am St Leo the Great Tues: 9am St Martin of Tours * Before weekly Mass
Wed: 12noon St Josaphat Thurs: 9am Fri: 12noon * By appointment

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.

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



May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Justin Blanch, Margaret Hudson, Norma Simmonds,

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary McInnes (6/11), Antony John Croft (13/11), Perce McInnes (2/12).

DECEASED: We pray for our loved ones now in God's care, Barry Lane, Vincent Pendergast, Phil Eather, John Galloway, Patrick McBrearty, Pamela Davy, Barry Davy, Irene (Rene) Barry, Thomas Barry, Amelia (Gwen) Davy and all the faithful departed in our Remembrance Book.

SICK: Sienna Baker, May Press, John Betts, Norma O'Brien, Elaine Murray, Shane Davidson, Sr Cecilia Pistacchio, Judy Murphy, Monica Austin, Daphne Sweeney, Brian Rodway, Lisa Bond, John Ryan, Yvonne Tarrant, Bill Dennis, Barry McNamara, Jeanette Whale, Carmel Koppman.

You are God's Temple

Do we appreciate that the Christian community is God's temple,
built on the foundation of Jesus Christ?
Let us pray that our respect for the sacred building
in which we gather for worship
is reflected in the respect and reverence we have
for all who make up the Body of Christ.



COMING EVENTS:

17 - 21 Nov: Clergy Retreat - Available Masses printed next weekend

18 - 24 Nov: Miniature Cathedral Pilgrimage - St Patrick's Parish

23 Nov: Sr Kathryn Farewell Morning Tea - after 9am Mass

30 Nov: First Sunday of Advent

16 Dec: Parish Christmas Lunch - Calala Inn, starting at 12noon

COLLECTIONS: BSB: 082 105

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1st. Collection: For Armidale Diocese Clergy: 001023642 (Presbytery Account)

2nd Collection: For St. Patrick's Church: 001041198 (Church Account)

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA - YEAR C WELCOME TO ALL THOSE JOINING US AT ST PATRICKS.

NOVEMBER MASSES: There are envelopes available at the back of the church for requests for November Masses to be said for deceased members of your family and/or friends. Please write **very clearly** as the names will be displayed at the front of the church, next to Our Lady's Altar.

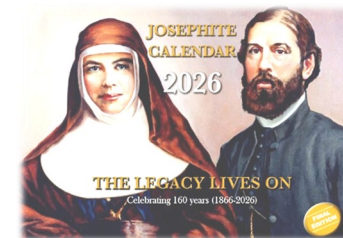
FAREWELL MORNING TEA FOR SR KATHRYN: It is with great regret that we announce that Sr Kathryn will be leaving our Parish at the end of November. She has been called to share her gifts and talents with the parishioners of Dubbo and her last day in Tamworth will be Thursday 27th November. Please join us for a farewell morning tea on Sunday 23rd November, after 9am Mass. A small plate of food to share would be greatly appreciated.

As well as some more Saturday night readers please....

MINIATURE CATHEDRAL PILGRIMAGE: St Patrick's Church will host the The Miniature Cathedral Pilgrimage from 18 - 24 November. Although there will be no masses during this week, the church will be opened on Mon, Wed & Fri mornings, should you wish to visit. St Joseph's School will also pilgrimage to the church, to see and hear about St Joseph's and Mary's Cathedral.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Stories in this week's edition;

- VIC cult inquiry raises religious freedom fears
- Two heed the call to serve as permanent deacons
- Malabar-Matruville Catholics celebrate a year of unity
- Sr Mary Grace SV invites women to an Advent retreat
- Saints alive as parishes reclaim Halloween
- Slavery survivor applauds the church's response



JOSEPHITE CALENDARS 2026: Orders are still being taken for next year's Josephite calendars. This is the final year that these beautiful calendars will be available. They are marked "Final Edition" and numbers are strictly limited. There will be a form at the back of the church for names and numbers required. Calendars are \$10 each, with payment due on delivery. If you have any queries, please speak with Cheryl Lavell.

ROSTER FOR: 09/11/25

Vigil:	R: S Brown D Bolitho	Gifts:	B & M Watson
9am Sun:	R: M Holley R Paull	Gifts:	B. Schipp, C. Grima
5pm Sun:	R: J Parrenas J Parrenas	Gifts:	Volunteer
Counting:	P. Sheils, S. Brown	Altar Linen:	H. Reid
Fri Cleaning	M. Brown, K. O'Brien		

ROSTER FOR: 16/11/25

Vigil:	R: P Bamford Sr Kathryn	Gifts:	S. Shulze, V. Griffiths
9am Sun:	R: S Brown, M Donaldson	Gifts:	G & U McKay
5.00pm Sun:	R: G O'Toole, C Lavell	Gifts:	Volunteer
Counting Team :	S Brown, A. Bowden	Altar Linen:	J. Hutt
Fri Cleaning	J. Hutt, J. Moran		

We acknowledge the First Nations people who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of First Nations people to this land and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

