



Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

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Incorporating the Communities of St Mary's Sea Lake, Sacred Heart Culgoa, St Joseph's Nandaly, S's Peter & Paul Quambatook & St Mary's Swan Hill as well as the Lake Boga Families & Faith Group



SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2025:



THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

So, you might be wondering, what on earth is the Lateran Basilica and why are we celebrating its Dedication?

Don't worry, I was even wondering that as a seminarian, and needed someone to explain to me! So here it is... the Lateran Basilica is actually the seat of the Bishop of Rome, or in other words it is the Pope's Cathedral. But what about St Peter's you might ask? Well, yes, St Peter's is the biggest one and all the big events happen there, but the Pope's actual Cathedra is in the Lateran Basilica. So that is what it is, but then why do we make

a point of celebrating its dedication? Well, just like we remember the dedication of our own Cathedral in Ballarat (November 19th if you were wondering) as a special celebration for our Diocese, so too we hold the dedication of the Lateran as a special celebration for the universal Church. In a literal sense, the day itself is just the anniversary of a building made by human hands, but the celebration is about something much, much

more precious and holy. It is a celebration of the living Church of God. It is God himself who laid its foundations, and it is he himself who has built it up. Christ has come as the fulfilment of the Temple- the holy dwelling place of God's sacred presence. As living members of the Body of Christ, his Spirit lives in us, and so we then become that Temple. I haven't explained it very well- but Paul does a good job in the second reading, so read him! Anyway, the basic point is this; today we remember the anniversary of a physical building as an appropriate and fitting time to celebrate the awesome truth that God has formed us into his living Church. He is living in us, and we are firmly secured in him, and that is something worth celebrating!

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Child Safe Church

Here in the Parish of Holy Family North East Mallee we follow the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government and we also implement procedures and standards as directed by the Ballarat Diocesan Office.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS
RECENT DEATHS+**
Barbara Kiel

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Donny Demaria, Zoe Teague, James Gleeson
Pasquale Carpinteri, Rosa Nasisi, Roma Mannix
Gerard Meehan, Dennis Cox, George Power
Jean Lockhart, Josph Boulton, Daisie Byrne
William Kelly, Lindsay Gidding, Lois Hinton
Peter Craig, Myra Clohesy, Gavan O'Brien

SICK LIST

Pat Jeans, Teresa O'Brien, Pat Egan, Carmel Ryan,
Pat Croft, Yvonne Richardson, Jayden Williams,
Margaret Foott, Jarrod Crimmins, Michael Bourke,
Jack Donohue, Jude Lewis, Bridget Phyland,
Peter Amezdroz, Ken Duryea, Helen Duryea

**THIS WEEKEND 9TH NOVEMBER
THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**

Saturday 6pm Swan Hill
Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill
Sunday 5pm Nandaly

WEEKDAYS IN SWAN HILL

Tuesday: 4.30-5.30pm *Sing with the Sisters!*
Special prayer opportunity for kids & families
Wednesday: 10.30am

11:30am Interment Barbara Kiel Swan Hill Cemetery

Thurs: Confessions 5pm, Mass 5.30pm Adoration
Friday: 10.30am
Saturday: 10:30am Mass

**NEXT WEEKEND 16TH NOVEMBER
33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday 6pm Swan Hill
Sunday 8.30am Culgoa
Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill

NOTICES



WELCOME AND THANK YOU!

We are very excited to welcome Srs Kathryn and Rosie from the Missionaries of God's Love to Holy Family Parish for some special days of Mission! They have already spent Friday at MacKillop College, and led a special Retreat for parishioners on Saturday.

Sr Rosie & Sr Kathryn will lead us in music and give a special testimony at our weekend Masses. They will also be an opportunity to meet them after the Masses and spend some time in fellowship.

The Sisters will then lead the Confirmation retreat on Tuesday and then will offer one final opportunity for families and kids to join them for...

SING WITH THE SISTERS!

This Tuesday we have a special opportunity for kids and families to spend some time in song and prayer with Srs Kathryn & Rosie.
Location: Swan Hill Church.

Time & Date: Tuesday 11th 4.30pm-5.30pm
Children of all ages and their families are welcome.



BAPTISM WELCOME

Our special welcome to Keenan who will be welcomed into the Church this Saturday night when we celebrate his Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist! We thank Keenan for his special witness to faith, it is a gift to us all.

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JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS have recently sent 5 boxes of wraps to the Sydney warehouse. We are still working on this most worthy cause. So if you have any knitted squares at home they would be most welcome. Squares can be left at the back of the church or dropped off to the parish office.

Our Motto is: *"Cold humanity is our concern."*

Thank you everyone for your help.

Josephite Companions

HISTORICAL CONTEXT – THE LATERAN BASILICA

Today we celebrate the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. The Lateran Basilica is the cathedral church of the Pope, who also holds the position of Bishop of Rome. It is considered the most important Catholic church because it contains the Cathedra Romana, the symbol of the teaching authority of the Bishop of Rome. The basilica was first dedicated in 324 after the property was donated to the Church by Emperor Constantine, the first Roman emperor to accept Christianity. Whilst we celebrate the dedication of this most important church, at the same time we celebrate all churches throughout the world.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT? – BASILICA?

What is a Basilica, and how does it differ from a cathedral or church? The Latin word originally simply described a public building. Once the Roman Empire adopted Christianity, the name came to mean a large, important church. So the term has both architectural and ecclesial meanings. Only the pope can declare a particular church to be a basilica. When this happens the basilica is given specific symbols and insignia that identify it as a basilica and of greater importance as a church building. There are approximately 1500 basilicas around the world, some identified as major basilicas and others as minor basilicas.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

33RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

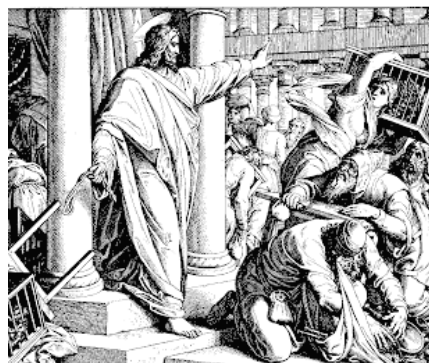
The story of the cleansing of the Temple is found in all four Gospels. In Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Jesus is upset with the deceitful practices of the vendors and expels them for that reason. But in John, Jesus' authority is contrasted with the authority of the Temple cult and is a criticism of the cult itself.

The story is composed of two parts, Jesus' action in the Temple and Jesus' predictions about the Temple's destruction. The time of year is the sacred feast of Passover. If the many pilgrims to Jerusalem during Passover were to have animals for the sacrificial rituals of the feast, it was necessary to sell cattle in the Temple and to change the unclean Roman money. By denouncing this, Jesus is cutting to the core of the Temple cult.

The story is really about Jesus' fate, not the Temple's fate, revealing that Jesus, not the Temple, is the locus of God's presence on earth. As they often do in John, the Jews misunderstand Jesus' words. This gives John the chance to explicitly state his point. Although this is the beginning of his ministry, Jesus is already speaking of his coming death and Resurrection.

John intentionally integrates a post-Resurrection perspective into the Gospel narrative. The statement that concludes this passage uses the fact of the Resurrection to prove the point of Jesus' words. Believers need to remember the words and actions of Jesus and claim them as affirmations of the truths of their faith.

Christians sometimes point to Jesus' anger in this passage as a way to point out Jesus' humanity. But this would miss the powerful point of the entire Gospel, that the Word became flesh. The point is not that Jesus' anger proves he is human. It is that a human being, in his words and actions, can claim the authority of God. © Loyola Press



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

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I see 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 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.'

The Word of the Lord. *ALL: Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 45:2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R. v.5

(R.) The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

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.

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.

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 Corinthians 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. 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. *ALL: Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 2 Chronicles 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 John 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. *ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*