



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

9 November 2025

First reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12 I see water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved.

Responsorial Psalm: The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17 You are the temple of God.

**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 He spoke about the temple of his own body.

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Today, the Church throughout the world celebrates the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. Many may not realize that there are four major basilicas in Rome: 1) *St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City*, 2) *St. Paul Outside the Walls*, 3) *St. Mary Major*, and 4) *St. John Lateran Basilica*.

Among these, **St. John Lateran is the oldest and most important**. Built after Emperor Constantine legalized Christianity in the fourth century, it is the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome - Pope, and therefore called the Mother Church of Rome and of the whole world. **We honor this Mother Church, from which the whole Church is governed — a sign of unity and the center of worship for all Christians.**

Every church, great or small, is sacred because it is dedicated to prayer and the worship of God. **It is a visible sign of His presence, where we gather to hear His Word, receive His grace, and be strengthened in love and service.** Throughout the world, there are many sacred places : basilicas, cathedrals, churches, shrines, and chapels — grand or humble, in cities or villages. All are holy places of prayer where people encounter the living presence of God. These remind us that wherever faith and love gather, God dwells among His people.

This week we must not forget what St. Paul reminds us in his First Letter to the Corinthians:

“Do you not realize that you are God's temple and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?” (1 Cor 3:16).

Indeed, **we are God's building** : living temples where His Spirit dwells. Each time we pray, love, and serve one another, we make God's presence visible in the world.

As we celebrate this feast, let us not only honor churches built of stone but also renew our hearts as living temples of God's Spirit, reflecting His presence each day through faith and love.

This week, let us pray in a special way for the Church :
for the universal and local Church — that every sacred place may be a true home of encounter with God, peace, and faith. May our own lives be living temples of His presence, shining with the light and love of Christ wherever we go.

May God bless you and your family always.

Fr. Francis Kritsada Sukkaphat



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** James McLoughlin, Ann Mackinlay, Russell Houston.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:** Devasia Karakkadayil, Fred & Selina Betros,

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Sue O'Brien, Fr. Hal Ranger, Kathy Bermingham, Carole Symons, Elizabeth Soutar (age 2), Patrick Eldridge, Donna Vallely, Patrick Ryan, Rajender Vellore, Evandro Andrade, Antonietta Del Riccio, Gerard George, Amelene Creggy, Mary Boland, Claire Seymour, Sharon Keats, Bernard Bartetzko, Vicky Coccozza, Jibrán Mardini, Richard Stritzel, Rita Irwin, Kate Gibbs, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Bev Smith, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Blake Cusato, Braxton, Greg Coddington, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Dorothy Marsh, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray.

Advent Anointing Mass will be held in the *Cathedral Centre* on *Thursday 27 November at 11am, followed by lunch*. For catering purposes please RSVP by 25/11/25 stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au or 46371500.

St Pat's Parish Pastoral Council would like to thank all volunteers of the parish with a BBQ Tuesday 2 December from 6pm in the Cathedral grounds. RSVP by 28/11/25 stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au or 4637 1500.

Ministry Volunteer Sheets are available on the Neil St table. Please give some thought to how you may contribute to the life of your parish.

SEEKING PASTORAL ASSOCIATE – MUSIC to oversee the music program and choir for St Patrick's Cathedral. This position requires a person with excellent communication skills, proven musical abilities, willing to organise and coordinate the musical and choral requirements for the Cathedral Parish, in a part time capacity requiring 25 hours per week, including some weekend work. If you are interested, or have any questions please contact St Patrick's office via stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au or to obtain a full role description. Please forward written application to the same email. Closing date for applications is 1st December, 2025.



Christmas Appeal – St Patrick's St. Vincent De Paul conference Christmas appeal has commenced and will continue to run until **December 14**.

Once again, we are relying on your generosity to assist us with the needs of our companions during this Holy time. Due to the varying dietary needs of each family, we are requesting supermarket gift cards if possible, we ask that you place them in an envelope clearly marked SVDP Christmas placing them on the collection plate. We thank you once again for your generosity.

Cent Sale The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver, St Patrick's Cathedral Centre, 123 Neil St, Saturday November 22nd 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start. Afternoon tea will be served, cost is \$10 this includes 2 free sheets of tickets. Children 12 and under are free. Many excellent prizes, multidraws includes a ham, a homemade Christmas cake, a hamper, fruit and vegetable trays. All proceeds go to the Missions. For more details please call the Sisters on 07 46321818.



SPRED End of year Thanksgiving Mass at St Theresa's Parish on Sunday 16th November at 11.00am. All are Welcome.

UPGRADE OF CATHEDRAL TOILETS

Please note that a long awaited upgrade of the public toilets used in the Cathedral office is taking place over the next couple of weeks (3-4). **PLEASE MAKE USE OF THE TOILETS IN THE CATHEDRAL CENTRE FOYER. SHOULD THESE NOT BE ACCESSIBLE PLEASE USE THE TOILETS LOCATED ACROSS THE ROAD IN GROOM PARK. Thank you for your patience while these upgrades are taking place. Fr. Michael**

Sunday 9 November The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica [SPC - St Patrick's STM - St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am [Priest ann. in green]	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 10 November St Leo the Great	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Mass at Brodrigg Nursing Home 9.30am Rosary Group in Parish Centre
Tuesday 11 November St Martin of Tours	9am Mass SPC	5.30pm SPC Finance Committee meeting in staff room
Wednesday 12 November St Josaphat	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM Fr Cornelius Cahalane	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre Council of Priests Meeting at St Theresa's
Thursday 13 November	7am Mass SPC Fr Charles Daly	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration
Friday 14 November	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	9am Friendship Group in the Conference Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 15 November	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St Patrick's 8-9am Reconciliation SPC 10am McAuley House Boarding Conclusion Mass
Sunday 16 November 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	11am Baptism Ella Ruby Gersekowski 12pm Baptism Ella-Mae Faith & Oliver Lucas McCleverty 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving: Thank you for your donations. Loose \$3579 Planned Giving \$1346 Donation Point \$1880 Money Counters this weekend; Sandra & Peter Daly, Jane-Nell & Errol Chase

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Planned Giving Options: Envelopes available from parish office. For direct debit/credit card please contact Celia at the Parish Office on 4637 1500. You may simply like to do a bank transfer: St Patrick's Cathedral, BSB 064-786, Account Number 100014072, reference envelope number or name in donating. Thank you.