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The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
9th November 2025

Readings: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17 John 2:13-22

"Zeal for your house will consume me"

The dedication of the Lateran Basilica is celebrated on November 9th, commemorating the 4th century dedication of St. John Lateran, the cathedral of Rome and the mother church of the world. Built on land donated by Emperor Constantine, it honours the historic church as a symbol of Catholic unity, religious freedom, and the continuity of the Church's heritage. It serves as a reminder that the Church is the living Body of Christ. The dedication marks the official beginning of the Church's public presence in Rome and is seen as a symbol of Christian freedom after persecution. It encourages Catholics to maintain ties with the universal Church, celebrating the unity with the Pope and each other. The celebration was introduced in the 12th century. The Lateran Basilica is considered the "mother and head of all churches of the city and of the world," signifying the central role of the See of Rome in the Catholic Church.

When the Emperor Constantine granted full liberty to Christians in 313, they did not spare to construct places for the Lord – numerous are the churches constructed at that time. Constantine himself constructed a magnificent basilica over the ancient Lateran Palace, which Pope Sylvester I dedicated to Christ the Savior. Christians consider the Basilica to be the mother church of all churches in the world. The church was destroyed several times and was always rebuilt. The final reconstruction took place under the pontificate of Benedict XIII. The church was rededicated in 1724 and extended to the universal Church.

"Take these out of here and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." These words and actions recall the prophet Zechariah who prophesied what would happen when the Lord would come into the city of Jerusalem. It allows us to remember the journey of the people and God's 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 us. This awareness leads us to praise the Lord and say, "O Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof".

In the city of Rome, there are four major basilicas. The first three are Saint Peter's, Saint Paul's, and Saint Mary Major. The fourth is the Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran, also called Saint John Lateran. Of the four major basilicas, the oldest and most important is Saint John Lateran. 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. This is the oldest sacred building intended for the rite of baptism, thus making the Lateran Basilica the "prototype of Christian churches."

The Feast has become symbolic of the conquest of "religious tolerance" by the Christian communities from the imperial power which had until then proved hostile; a conquest represents the beginning of a "Christian Europe." The Feast was celebrated only within the confines of the city of Rome. Only later, in 1724 under the pontificate of Benedict XIII, this solemnity extended to all the churches to pay homage to the "mother church of all the churches of Rome and the world."

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In our parish this week: November 2025

Monday 10	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12	Thursday 13	Friday 14	Saturday 15	Sunday 16
St Leo the Great **8.00am** Mass	**St Martin of Tours** **8.00am** Mass with children	**St Josaphat** **8.00am** Mass	*Parish Office closed* **6.00pm** Carols rehearsal **7.00pm** Youth Gathering	**9.00am** Rosary **9.30am** Mass 11.30am Gr 1 Liturgy of the Word	**10.00am** Sri Lankan community Remembrance Mass **5.00pm** Reconciliation **6.00pm** Mass	**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** **9.00am** Mass **6.00pm** Mass followed by a Cuppa

Safeguarding Training: We are all responsible for the Safeguarding of each other especially children and Adult-at-risk whenever we are at the church or parish.. Every volunteer in any role of the parish potentially dealing with children or adults-at risk must undertake Safeguarding Training every 2 years. Many of us last did a group training back in late October, early November 2023 so we are needing to redo our training. This is now ideally done via the Arch elearn portal. Please go to https://welcome.brisbanecatholic.org.au/. For those unable or unwilling to use the online portal, we will be running group training sessions during November. Please contact the Parish Office to register.

Readings for next weekend:
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)
Malachi 3:19-20 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 Luke 21:5-19

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH: Come join in the spirit of Christmas & Christian fellowship at our brunch, hosted by *Care & Concern* in support of St Vinnies in the parish centre on ***Saturday 29th November from 11am to 2pm.*** Tickets $20. ALL WELCOME! Delicious brunch, carols sing along, trivia, raffles & Christmas craft stall. (Cash preferred please). Please place your name, contact number & dietary requirement in the '*Blue folder*' at the back of the church.
Contact Lynn 0403051103 for any queries.

RSVP: Payments to the parish office 33414421 by Friday 21/11/25 please, alternatively payment to C&C ladies on the church veranda.

SVDP Piety Stall: Second hand religious books for sale – gold coin donation. Some other books and gifts half price. Items will be on sale after the 9am Mass this Sunday 9th November.

Logan Deanery Pigrimage Day of Prayer, Faith, Hope and Unity: Walking together on a sacred journey united in prayer, love and unity. Saturday **22nd November** 2025 starting at 9.30am at St Mary's Catholic church, Beaudesert. There will be prayer, adoration, reconciliation, reflection, music and concluding with Mass at 2pm. Entry is free. Some food will be available and bus transport may be arranged. Expressions of interest on the form near the main doors of the church or to the Parish Office please for bus arrangements and catering.

Carols Under the Stars Sunday **30th November** from 7pm on the lawn beside the church (weather permitting!). Singers needed for recording. Rehearsal this Thursday 13th 6pm. Contact Carmel on 0417213702 for more information or to volunteer.

Breast Cancer Awareness Brunch: Thank You to all who supported this fundraiser. It was a very successful event raising $.7696.62. Congratulations to Carmel and her team of helpers.

WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays): Our next WOW gathering will be attending the 'Back to the Tivoli Christmas Spectacular' Concert at Sunpac, Sunnybank at **11am on Wed 10th December.** Tickets are $20 each and we have purchased 20 tickets. Please see Julie, to pay for your ticket asap.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Fr Van Huong Nguyen, Peter Hennigan, Neil Tuohy, Jaiden Booth, Fr Frank Lourigan

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Lesley Power, David Daish, Alicia Anderson, Pat Feeney, Doris Jenkins, Hugh Perkins, Rita McIvor, Brian Culbert, Patricia Kennedy, Peter Phillips, Rose McKenna, Christopher Langford, Richard Kemp, Reginald Smith, Bill Steele, Terry Breen, Bunny Hall, Ryan Dawson, Ethel Cussans, Gertrude Young, Lloyd Hagstrom, Eileen Van Rooyen, Ruth Culbert, Clement Fernandes, Glen Sullivan, Allen Thrower, Len McGovern, John Pritchard, Roy Bowser, Darryl Fisher.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially: John & Simon Weatherley, Angela Russo, Betty Partridge, Katy Warwas, Ursula Williamson, Carol Timkoe, Victor Timkoe, Kate Kim, Veronica Scholes, Tany Lemon, Liz Kelleher, Lynda Sweeney, Margaret Wagner, Shelly Furman, Ray Dupreez, June McCrenor, Ian Forno, Pat & Rex Bransdon, Brent Austin, Don Tallon, Robert Cussans, Rikki-Lee Curran, Janet Hicks, Valerie Isaac, Kerrianne Meulman, Mel Singh, Kent McMahon, Maxine Macdonald, Kevin Collier, Ray Parker, Sr Lila Galvin, Phillip Van Rooyen, Olga Mariani, Patricia Green, Joy de Souza, Teresa Leong, Reg Van Rooyen, Rhonda Lawson, Kathy & Danae Jensen, Steph & Les O'Gorman, Laurie Newnham.

Please contact the Parish Office via phone or email to add names to the list for Prayers for those who have died or who are sick. Please ensure you have the permission of the person who is sick to make their name public prior to contacting the Office.

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Faith Matters: We Are God's building and Temple

This weekend in our Epistle reading **1 Corinthians 3:9–11 and 16–17**, Paul reminds the believers that they are both *God's building and God's temple*. He describes the Christian community as co-workers with God, built upon the only true foundation—**Jesus Christ.** Paul's imagery emphasizes that all Christian life and ministry must be rooted in Christ; any foundation laid apart from Him will not endure. Just as a structure's stability depends on its base, so too does the Church's strength rely on its faithfulness to Christ's teaching and example.

Paul also warns that the temple of God—His people—is sacred, and those who seek to corrupt or divide it bring judgment upon themselves. This underscores the seriousness of unity and holiness within the community of believers. Each person, as part of God's dwelling, carries the divine presence of the Holy Spirit.

We should be wary of those who seek to use their apparent devotion to further their own personal reputation or political ends. Pope Leo XIV has criticised recent moves toward Christian Nationalism for its exclusionary mindset and encourages us to be building bridges and promoting reconciliation.

This passage challenges us to reflect on the quality of what we build in our lives—our actions, relationships, and ministries. Are they aligned with the foundation of Christ? It calls us to live with reverence, humility, and love, remembering that our lives together form the very temple where God's Spirit resides, and therefore, must reflect His holiness and grace.

We pray that we might build bridges of reconciliation and peace in our communities as we live our lives as temples of God through a foundation on Christ.

Faith Enrichment Ministry

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

Have you ever thought about the **Parish's Emergency Evacuation Plan**? In the event of an emergency, Fr Johny (or the leader of a meeting) would ask us to evacuate the church (or Parish Centre or Office) to the Emergency Assembly Area which is on the lawned area between the church and the school. When you are next in the church, check out the evacuation diagrams beside the doors (on the verandah side) to find the best route to the Emergency Assembly Area. In the Parish Office, check out the diagrams, which are beside each of the exit doors.

Rochedale Youth: Next Youth & young adults gathering Thursday evening **13th November** in the Parish Centre starting at 7pm. For information on our Youth Ministry or Young Adults Group, please speak to Clive D'Silva when you are at Mass or contact the Parish Office on 3341 4421.

Morning Tea Gathering: Our next monthly get together at the local coffee shop, will be at More Café in Springwood Mall (near Woolworths) at 10am on **Monday 1st December**. All are welcome to join us.

Roster: 15th & 16th Nov	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Joyce Lyster	Deseree Quan	Liberty de Jesus
AV Operator	David Crowley	Alina George	Trevor Waturuocha
Readers	C. Shelagh Ballment 1. Cecilia Lai 2. Edmund Lai	C. Megan Philpott 1. Maria Chamberlain 2. Lisa Hammett	C. Lynn White 1. Aleena D'Silva 2. Cesarina Gigante
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Michael Jarvis Trish Meulman Joseph Varkey	Stephanie Lenihan Conrad D'Netto Anne Scanlon Alan Vigor Julie H	John Blake Malcolm Carroll Megan Carroll
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Rita Bishop	Elizabeth Fort
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Rose and Diane	Lesley and Kyle
Cleaning Group	2. Brian & Janice Mason, Tina Nguyen		
Cuppa & Chat: after 6pm Sunday Mass on 16th November: Kate Guy, Malcolm Carroll			
This week: 9th – 22nd Nov:	**Sacristan:** Tina Nguyen	**Counting:** Bob's Group	

Are you new to our Parish? WELCOME!! We'd like to formally greet you, so please contact the Parish Office on 3341 4421 or stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

Other Parish Contacts:

Care & Concern: Transport: 0413 268 860
Co-ordinator: Lynn White 0403 051 103
Memorial Wall & Gardens:
Mark Connolly 0434 147 835
St Vincent de Paul:
New members: Kevin Fry 0417 002 782

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative: Malcolm Carroll 0451 804 058 or sgrep.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au
Social Justice Group Facebook:
St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

Welcome to Flocknote: November Signup! Parishioners and visitors are invited to sign-up to Flocknote, our communication and engagement tool. Our Parish (and the Archdiocese of Brisbane) has officially adopted Flocknote for all parishes, as a safe, new, and improved database and means of communicating in parishes. Flocknote is free for parishioners to use, and there is no need to download anything.

If all parishioners register with our parish Flocknote, this will replace the need for a census done on paper which then needs to be entered by staff. Your info is kept secure and private.

It only takes a couple minutes to sign up to receive emails from the parish. You are even able to reply directly back to those emails so we can get feedback and hear from you. Parishioners and visitors are invited to use the link or QR code and signup and register with the parish.

If you have any questions, please see Fr Johny, or speak with Julie in the Parish Office.

Please go to https://rochedale.flocknote.com/register or scan the QR code

Books for sale from the Parish Office & church.

God's Word 2026: With all the readings for every day of the year they are a great resource and always very popular as Christmas gifts. Cost $15 each.

Advent Daily Reflection books *'In Holy Stillness'.* Cost $6 each.

Break Open the Word 2026 resource for readers at weekend Mass. Cost $33 each.

Around the Archdiocese:

Gingerbread House Night

Wednesday 19 November, 7:00pm at Hanly Room in the St Stephen's Cathedral Precinct, Brisbane.

Come and join us for a festive evening, build your own gingerbread house and support a great cause!

Cost $55 each, or $250 for 5 tickets. All materials provided.

Parking available in the Cathedral carpark – enter from 196 Charlotte St. Info and tickets at www.ec.org.au.

Enquiries to events@ec.org.au. All profits support the mission of Emmanuel Community.

Entertainment Memberships Your 12 months Membership gives you savings on dining, retail, entertainment and travel. You can chose between a Single City membership or Multi-City which covers over 20 cities – great for travel!

* 20% of your purchase goes directly to our parish.

Your key to exclusive savings and meaningful impact awaits! St Peter's Online Order Page is https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97

St Peter's Planned Giving:

We would be very grateful, if you are able, to support the Parish financially. There are several options.

Via Direct Bank Transfer: To direct transfer your Planned Giving to our bank account, our BSB is 064-786 and Account number is 100000067. Please use your surname and Planned Giving (or PG) as reference.

Envelopes, Credit Card or Direct Debit: Please contact the Office to set these up.

Tap & Go Donations: No cash at Mass? Try our donation terminal near the main doors: you can choose from 4 options for your donation amount to support St Peter's Parish.

Thank you for your support.

These businesses support our parish, please support them: