

PARISH NOTICES continued...

MISSIONARIES OF HOPE

among all peoples



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



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Freecall: 1800 257 296

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SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 6th DECEMBER

CAROLS

at Sacred Heart School

More info to follow



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for all diocese news and safeguarding resources visit - www.parracatholic.org

The FaithFeed ECHO – Emerton Parish: 14 November

An evening of music, creativity, and praise & worship at Holy Family Parish, Emerton, from 6:30pm to 9:00pm on Friday 14 November.

Details via https://tr.ee/XTJqW_InNz OR get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org. ALL WELCOME!

New 2026 Academic Scholarship Opportunity

Nagle College Blacktown is now offering a limited number of Academic Scholarships for Year 7 students commencing in 2026. These scholarships are intended to recognise exceptional academic promise and help make an excellent Catholic secondary girls' education more accessible to families. Please review the eligibility criteria and application process on the school website as soon as possible. Learn more

here: <https://www.nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au/nagle-scholarship>.



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Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Year C)

9th November 2025



From Deacon Rods Desk.....

The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

The Lateran Basilica, officially named the **Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist**, is the **oldest and highest-ranking** of the four major basilicas in Rome. It is the **cathedral of the Bishop of Rome—the Pope—and the mother church of all churches in the world.**

Its origins trace back to **Emperor Constantine**, who, after granting Christians freedom of worship in 313 AD, donated the Lateran Palace to the Church. Pope **Sylvester I** dedicated the basilica to **Christ the Savior** around 318 or 324 AD. Over time, chapels were added and dedicated to **Saint John the Baptist** and **Saint John the Evangelist**, giving the basilica its full name.

Despite being destroyed and rebuilt multiple times, the basilica has remained a symbol of the Church's resilience and unity. Its final major reconstruction was completed under **Pope Benedict XIII**, who rededicated it in **1724**, establishing this feast for the universal Church.

This feast is not just about a building—it's about what the building **represents**. Churches are consecrated spaces where the faithful gather to worship God, celebrate the sacraments, and live as a community of believers. The Lateran Basilica, as the **mother church**, reminds us of the **unity of the Church** and the **presence of God among His people**.

But the celebration goes deeper. As **St. Paul** writes in **1 Corinthians 3:16**, "*Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?*" This feast invites us to reflect on the **spiritual temple within each of us**, consecrated by baptism and inhabited by the Holy Spirit. The Gospel today connects the physical temple to the **new temple—Jesus Himself**. Through Him, we become living stones in the spiritual house of God. The feast, therefore, is a celebration of both the **visible Church** and the **invisible grace** that makes each believer a dwelling place of God.

As **St. Teresa of Avila** beautifully describes in *The Interior Castle*, our souls are like castles with many rooms, and at the centre is the **"King's room"**—the place of intimate union with God. Today's feast calls us to **enter within**, to clear away distractions, and to fix our gaze on **Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith** (Hebrews 12:1–4)

Sunday Masses Saturday 6.00 pm Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (C)
Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday 10th November: 9:10am- **Saint Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor**
 Tuesday 11th November: 9.10 am- **Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop**
 Wednesday 12th November: 7.00pm- **Saint Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr**
 Thursday 13th November: 9:10am –Thursday of week 32 in Ordinary Time
 Friday 14th November: 9:10am & 7pm- Friday of week 32 in Ordinary Time
 Saturday 15th November: 9:10am –Saturday of week 32 in ordinary Time

Confessions: Saturday: 9.45am -10.15am & 5.00pm-5.30 pm

Pastoral Director: Deacon Roderick Pirota

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Baptisms & Weddings: By arrangement only

Sacred Heart Primary School: [Sacred Heart Primary School | Mt Druitt South](http://SacredHeartPrimarySchool|MtDruittSouth)

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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.

Responsorial psalm: The water of the river gladdens the city of God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a Holy Priesthood.

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
8th/9th November Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Herminia Villarica Gloria Cardoza	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Mary Zore Agnes Polu
15th/16th November 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Pio Vergara Wendy Farquharson	Joaquim Mendes Vinod Nagarajan	Maria Fe Verceluz Nirmala Deni Savio
22nd/23rd November Christ the King	Edna Gemzon Jeric Salazar	Sangeeta Kumar Phil Tonks	Fadi Antown Jovita Bugayong
29th/30th November 1st Sunday of Advent	Luisito Villapana Herminia Villarica	Herbie Cruz Elijah Merjudio	Bethany Buhagiar Mark Buhagiar



Church Cleaners -15th November



Ingrid, Irene & Nirmala

PARISH NOTICES

1. November is the month of remembrance of *All Souls*. From Saturday the 1st of November, there will be a book of remembrance placed to the side of the altar for parishioners to write the names of their faithfully departed family and friends.

2. This Sunday 9th Nov-Young adults from 18-35 are invited to come along and learn about the early Church Father St Basil the Great. To be held in the Fr Ashton Hall at 7pm. Formation is followed by free pizza and fellowship! Call Mark with any questions on 0477 004 678.

3. 11th November- Senior's social group meeting after morning Mass.

4. 11th November- Finance committee meeting in Fr Ashton Hall- 7:30pm

5. Registrations for the Parish Pilgrimage on the 18th November are now closed. Please arrive at the Parish no later than **8:45am** as the bus is departing at 9am sharp. A \$10 donation for the bus hire on the day would be appreciated. **Also note; that on that day, there will be no 9:10am Mass.**

6. 11th November- Senior's social group meeting after morning Mass.

6. On Friday the 14th November, Montanna Farquharson and Jonathan Rodrigues are to be married in our Parish at 2pm.



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

SICK: Leonie Baybay, Aida Aniscol, Maria Llave; Fe Llave, Boyet Llave; Fara Vargas; Stella Edwards & Maria Belisario; Dalveno Bronsan; Leonie Baybay; Aida Aniscol;

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margie Trinidad; Bayani Baybay, Floris Jovida; Janet Sarkis; Joseph Tomicic, Pedro Punongbayan Sr; Manuel Jr Tibayan; Diogenes Orantia, Ivy Chua, Charlotte Nebriaga ; Delia Caruso; Adoracion Corpin; Maria Roelita Agorto; Gloria Molina; Anthony Giaquinto; Cynch Velecina; Betty Masilang; Patricia Borre; Jachino De Almeida; Norma Labrador; Nieves Arela Empleo

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for all those names who appear in the Parish memorial book for the month of November