

Looking at the Readings

The basilica of St John Lateran is the cathedral of Rome, the mother church of all Roman Catholic churches.

The temple was the place on earth where God dwelt amid the people. It was God's presence, not the worship performed there, that made it a sacred site. There is something incarnational about this presence of God. It is manifested in the concrete, in something with shape and character. Still, as important as the temple may be, it is only a building. Paul insists that we are the temple of God; we are the manifestation of God in the world today. The Spirit of God dwells in us, making the believing community the living temple of God.

Today's readings offer us two pictures of the temple of God, two characterisations of the community of believers. In one, the temple has become a marketplace, and the community is preoccupied with the business of the world. In Ezekiel, we see water from the temple transforming everything in its path. As water flowed from the temple in Ezekiel's vision, so grace flows from the temple that is the people of God. Which image more closely characterises the community of which we are a part? Are we able to transform the wilderness of our world into a place that is teeming with life? Is the community truly the presence of God in the world today? Or is the temple simply a place where ritual is performed but the concerns of God take second place to the affairs of the world?

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekday Masses: 10th - 14th November

Wednesday: 12.00pm Mass

Thursday: 12.30pm St Mary's Grade 2 Brigidine C.

8th & 9th November - Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6.00pm Mass

Sunday: 9:30am Mass

Reconciliation: Ring Fr Des for an appointment 0429143093

Baptism: Every Second weekend of the Month

Weddings: By Appointment with the Parish Priest

Sophia Sisters: Every Monday 1:30pm (Parish Centre)

Men's Group: Every Saturday 9am (Parish Centre)

Playgroup: Every Friday 9am (Parish Centre)

Children's Liturgy: G'day Sunday

Sunday School: G'day Sunday

Ladies Drinks: 4th Wednesday 5:30pm (Parish Centre)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We respectfully acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Yorta Yorta Nation. This land is sacred, this land is gift, this land is thousands of years old. We acknowledge the immense beauty of this land and the dreams of the Yorta-Yorta People. We pay our respects to elders past and present and acknowledge the lessons the Yorta-Yorta people teach us about care, respect and justice for mother earth.

If you wish to assist in "further supporting the Parish" we offer different ways of giving... direct debit, credit card or planned giving envelopes. Please ring the office for more details.

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

St Mary's Echuca: BSB Number: 083-543

Account Number: 45-782-9206

Child Safety: Through our policies and practices, we protect the right of children to feel safe and to be safe. We promote the well-being and inclusion of all children. For more information, contact the parish office and look for the Child Safety Officer Mel Slattery.

PARISH CALENDAR

September, October, November: Fr Novie is on Sabbatical

10th November: 2.30pm Social Committee Meeting
13th November: 12.30pm Grade 2 Mass Brigidine Centre
18th November: 5.00pm Liturgy Meeting
19th November: 6.30pm Reconciliation Celebration Liturgy
22nd & 23rd November: Multi Cultural G'Day Weekend
26th November: 5.30pm Ladies Drinks, could everyone please bring a small plate to share for Christmas Breakup

Fellow Parishioners

As a Justice of the Peace, Chris will be available to witness documents used for official or legal purposes. Please ring Chris on 0438 583 081.

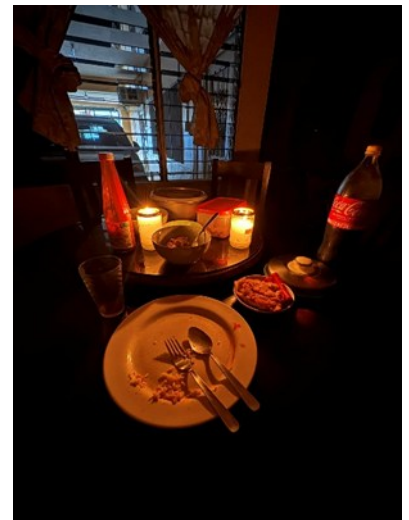
RENTAL HOME URGENTLY NEEDED.

A staff member of St. Joseph's College has urgent need of a rental home, has two teenage children. Excellent references available. If you can help please contact- 0400 374719 or 0410 570013

Hi everyone,

As many of you know, I'm currently back in the Philippines—spending a bit of time with my family in Cebu before returning to my parish work and mission. I was grateful to be able to celebrate my anniversary with them. However, on the 4th of November—my mum's birthday, coincidentally—Cebu and much of Central Philippines were hit by a strong typhoon. It caused a lot of flooding and landslides, and many areas were badly affected. Thankfully, my family and I are safe. We live on slightly higher ground and away from the rivers, so we were spared from the worst of it. We've been without power for two days and still don't have running water, but we're managing and very thankful to be okay. Please keep in your prayers all those who were badly hit and are now trying to rebuild their homes and lives. Let's also remember the victims of this natural disaster.

Attached is a photo taken during the typhoon—my lunch by candlelight, since there was no power that day! Fr Novie.



CASH FOR A CAUSE 2025

100 Tickets Available worth \$100 each

A FUNDRAISER FOR

ST. MARY'S PARISH HALL RENOVATION

There will be 100 winners of \$100, which will be drawn over 10 weeks, after Sunday Mass.

TWO winners on the 16th of November
 TWO winners on the 23rd of November
 TWO winners on the 30th of November
 TWO winners on the 7th of December
 All winning numbers will be returned for subsequent draws each week.

And GRAND PRIZE, ONE winner of \$1000 will be drawn at the Christmas Party on the 14th of December.

You may choose your number from 1-100 (first in first served). All tickets must be paid in cash or direct credit to a bank account (to be provided). Parishioners may also purchase ONE TICKET between 2,3,4 or 5 people, etc.

For ticket sales, please Contact Margaret Hart (0419 506 254) or Julie Moyle (0409 826 336), tickets are available for purchase before or after Weekend Masses from the 4th of October until the 2nd of November 2025.



May the warm embrace of our Christian community extend a joyful welcome to

Louie & Nash Van Doren

(Saturday night)

Lottie Chapman

(Sunday morning)

as they receive the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.



CELEBRATE CHRIST THE KING & OUR MULTICULTURAL MASS

November 22 (6pm Vigil) & November 23 (9:30am Sunday)
St Mary's Parish Church



Celebrate our unity in faith through diverse liturgy, music, and food. We encourage everyone to wear something that represents your culture and to bring a plate to share in this joyful celebration of faith and community.

All are welcome!

Let us come together as one family under Christ the King.



VISITATION MINISTRY TEAM

Our Visitation Ministry Team is dedicated to reaching out to the elderly members of our community, offering companionship, pastoral care, and Holy Communion in aged care facilities, private homes, and hospitals. We warmly invite you to consider becoming part of this meaningful ministry. If you feel called to give your time by visiting, listening, praying, or simply being present with others, we would love to hear from you.



For any queries or questions, please contact our Coordinator:

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Do You Know Someone Who Would Like a Visit?

If you know someone who would appreciate a home visit or has recently moved into residential care—either permanently or for respite—please complete this form and return it to the parish office or place it in the collection bag for the Visitation Ministry Team.

Your Name: _____

Your Contact Number: _____

Name of Person to be Visited: _____

All information will be treated with strict confidentiality.

November Mass envelopes are now available at the ends of the pews and at the Church entrances. You may place them in the collection bags. Marianne will collate these throughout the month of November and include all the names and intentions in the newsletters at the end of the month. Fr Novie

ROSTERS THIS WEEK

8th & 9th November 2025

Commentators/Lectors:

6.00pm: Rose Quinn, Kristy Serpell, Natasha Tauro

9.30am: Cecilia Merrigan, Rachel McAsey, Noela Boyer

Ministers of the Eucharist:

6.00pm: Nick Lee, Nerina Meth

9.30am: Rob Morris, Kay Westblade

Prayers of the Faithful: Rose Quinn

St Anne's Church Cleaners: 8th

Kay Westblade, Yvonne Costello, Bev Stapleton

Setting up the Church: 8th Carol Purdon

Setting up the Church: 9th Bernie Oliver

Baptism Preparation: Mary Byrne

Counters: 11th Brendan, Andrew, Peter

Hospital Visiting: 10th Carmel Mackenzie

Gardening: Doug Black & Ray Lewis

ROSTERS NEXT WEEK

15th & 16th November 2025

Commentators/Lectors:

6.00pm: Terry McKiterick, Tania Dixon, Chris Lee

9.30am: Margaret Hart, Judi O'Farrell, Barb Green

Ministers of the Eucharist:

6.00pm: Allan Chettiar, Tertius Meth

9.30am: Erick Melad, Adrian Costello

Prayers of the Faithful: Mary Atkins

St Anne's Church Cleaners: 15th

Lee Pethybridge, Cindy & Jonas Narvasa

Setting up the Church: 15th Tania Dixon

Setting up the Church: 16th Rachel McAsey

Baptism Preparation: Mary Byrne

Counters: 18th Roma Bowman & Margaret Hart

Hospital Visiting: 17th Barb Green

Gardening: Doug Black & Ray Lewis

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

Sick: David Baker, Bruno Barbera, Monica Beckwith, Dan Carey, Howard Clark Jnr, Pat Davey, Chloris Dignan, Caroline Farley, Fred Molluso, Murray Perrett, Meredith Ryan (Maddick), Bruce Haines, Maureen McKenner, Lenny Reid, Alistair Corman, Frank Slattery, Elizabeth Kyne (Weekly), Patricia Voge, Meaghan Broom (Byrne), Maurice O'Connor, Ian Phillips, Antonia Molluso, June Williams, Carmel Murphy, Judy Clark, Kevin (Jack) Oliver

Anniversaries: Aileen Ostwald, Charlie Pavone, Murray Williams, Rita Slattery, Nancy Urbano and Lyle Fraser.

Recently Deceased: Teresa Brandrick

***If you have an addition to our overall prayer list or require someone to be removed from our sick list please email admin.*

First Reading*Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12***A reading from the prophet Ezekiel**

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. 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.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 45:2-3, 5-6, 8-9***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. **R.**

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.**

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.**

**Next week: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
15th & 16th November 2025**

1st Reading: Malachi 3:19-20
Responsorial Psalm: 97:5-9
2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Second Reading*1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17***A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

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.

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**

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.