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THIRTY— SECOND IN ORDINARY TIME **9TH NOVEMBER 2025**

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica: The Living Temple of God

Each year, on **November 9**, the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome**, the cathedral church of the Pope as Bishop of Rome.

Though it may seem at first to be a local Roman feast, the celebration holds great significance for the entire universal Church. The Lateran Basilica, dedicated to Christ the Savior, is the *mother and head of all churches in the world*, reminding us of our unity in faith and communion with the See of Peter.

The Gospel for this feast, **John 2:13–22**, recounts the dramatic moment when Jesus cleanses the Temple in Jerusalem. Entering the holy place, He finds merchants selling animals and money changers conducting business. With prophetic zeal, He drives them out, overturns their tables, and declares, *“Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!”* His words cut through complacency and corruption, calling for a return to the purity of worship and the reverence due to God’s dwelling place.

This action of Jesus is not simply about external order or temple regulations; it is a sign that reveals a profound truth. When the religious leaders challenge Him, asking for a sign of His authority, Jesus answers, *“Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”* They misunderstand, thinking He refers to the physical temple building, but John clarifies: *“He was speaking of the temple of His body.”* With these words, Jesus declares Himself the new and living Temple—the place where God and humanity meet perfectly. Through His death and resurrection, He replaces the old temple with His risen body, making a new way for us to encounter the divine presence.

The feast of the Lateran Basilica, therefore, points us beyond bricks and stone. It celebrates not only a historic building but the **spiritual reality of the Church as the Body of Christ**. Each time we gather in our parish church for the Eucharist, we enter the living temple of God’s people. The physical church building is a visible sign of this sacred communion—a space where heaven touches earth, where sinners are reconciled, where faith is strengthened, and where God’s Word is proclaimed and made flesh among us.

St. Paul reminds us that we, too, are temples of the Holy Spirit. By baptism, God’s presence dwells within us. This means that every act of love, mercy, and forgiveness we offer becomes a form of worship that sanctifies the world. The cleansing of the temple challenges us personally: are there things within us that clutter our hearts and distract us from God? Just as Jesus purified the temple of Jerusalem, He desires to purify the inner temple of our souls so that we may become fitting dwelling places for His Spirit.



MASS TIMES

St Mary’s Cathedral, Hobart

No weekday Masses

5.00pm: Saturday (Vigil Mass)
10.30am: Sunday
6.00pm: Sunday

Sacred Heart Church New Town

No weekday Masses

8.00am: Saturday
8.30am: Sunday

Lawrenny Court

(131 Hill St West Hobart)

No Friday Mass

NOVENA TO OUR LADY AND ROSARY

Sacred Heart Church, New Town

No Novena This week

7.30am: Saturday (Rosary & Mass)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St Mary’s Cathedral Crypt, Hobart

6.00pm - Midnight: Friday

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGE

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? **RCIA** is held every second Monday. Please contact the Parish office for more information.

PIETY SHOP Thursday, 10 am –3pm. Sunday the shop is open after 10.30 Mass.



Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year for our Church, themed **“Pilgrims of Hope”**, a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the climate crisis. As Pope Francis states “the forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope.”

Pray for the souls

The month of November is dedicated to remembering and praying for all the faithful departed. It is a sacred time when we as a community of believers, unite our hearts in love and prayer for those who have gone before us. Marked with the sign of faith.

Let us offer masses, prayers and sacrifices for our departed family members, friends and all souls in purgatory, trusting in God's infinite mercy.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace. Amen"



The Angelus Prayer



V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with Thee; Blessed art thou among women, And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done to me according to your word. **Hail Mary. . .**

V. And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us. **Hail Mary. . .**

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord **Amen.**

PIETY STORE (Advent & Christmas)

Our piety shop is running hot with Columbian & Advent Calendars, Christmas gifts, Books, etc as well as the normal range of Catholic merchandise. The Shop will **"not be open"** after Sat & Sun evening Masses on the weekends of the 8/9th and 15/16th of November but will still be open after 10:30am Sunday Masses.

COMING UP

November 19th—**Red Wednesday Mass**

November 30th-December 2nd—**Australian Catholic Youth Festival**, Melbourne.

Please Note — There will be No Saturday Vigil Mass on 13 December as we come together for the **Diocesan Christmas Service: Carols on the Hills.**

You are warmly invited to join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, uniting in joy and thanksgiving during this holy season.

VOLUNTEERS

A Special Thank You to all those who have volunteered their time and skills thereby enhancing the capability of our Parish. There are always many ways to be involved if you are willing. A special call out for Readers at all our Masses. (Especially - Saturday night Vigil Mass).

St Mary's Cathedral Concert Series

St Mary's Cathedral is delighted to host two upcoming concerts:

◆ **Hobart Orpheus Choir – Fauré's *Requiem***

2pm | 15 & 16 November

Enjoy an inspiring performance of Fauré's much-loved *Requiem*, along with a selection of other choral works.

◆ **Ensemble Antiqua – Baroque Works Inspired by Spain**

7pm | 21 November

Ensemble Antiqua returns with a beautiful program of Baroque music by Spanish composers and musicians influenced by Spanish tradition.

Tickets are available via the Cathedral website: www.stmaryscathedralhobart.org.au/events



Priests' Annual Retreat – Weekday Mass Changes

Dear Parishioners, Please note that the priests **will be away** for their Annual Retreat from **10th November to 14th November**. During this time there will be **no weekday Masses** in the Parish. Weekend masses will resume as usual. We invite you to keep our priests in your prayers. Thank you for your understanding and continued support !

From Our Anniversary Book: John & Mary Hanniffy, William Nolan, Brian Bresnehan, Max Coghlan, Salvatore Pignalosa, George Banks, Fr. Denis Murphy, John Warren, Harriet Brown, Leslie Whelan, Leslie Foley, Simon Ralph, Benjamin Morgan, Fr. Donald Shaw, Patricia Young, Eva Scoles, Myrtle Pearton, Lugiano Buracchi, Sr. Mary Healy, SSJ, Mary Warren, Margaret Burke, Titus Steenhuis, Roberto Frediani, Lily Headlam, Pauline McCann, Margaret Carpenter, Sr. Mary Mechtilde Dillon. **May they rest in peace!**



Share the Joy: Donate to the Vinnies

Christmas Hampers

The St Vincent de Paul Society is preparing Christmas hampers for individuals and families in need within our parish. This year, Vinnies is especially seeking donations of toys and gifts for children.



Suggested items include:

- **Ages 0–2:** soft toys, picture books, stacking blocks
- **Ages 3–5:** puzzles, Lego/Duplo, craft sets, dolls/action figures, dress-up kits
- **Ages 6–9:** board games, sports balls, science kits, art packs
- **Ages 10–12:** headphones, journals, books, craft kits
- **Ages 13–16:** \$25 gift cards, skincare packs, headphones, books, accessories, experiences

Donations may be placed in the baskets at the back of the Cathedral.

Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre

Beni Abbes Reflective prayer – second Tuesday of each month – 5-5.40 pm – Gold coin donation (November 11th and December 9th)

Contact: admin.JMHC@sosjspirit.org.au to book or ring (03) 62281628

Join St Mary's Cathedral Choir

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.....come into his presence with singing."

The Cathedral Choir would like to extend an invitation to any parishioners interested in joining for 10:30am mass. We are a mixed voice choir with a small time commitment, rehearsing from 9:30am prior to Mass as well as one evening per week. While good music sight-reading skills are a bonus, they are not essential for most of the music. Music ministry is a great way to get involved with parish life. Singing in a choir is also fun, rewarding and a great way to experience singing some of the most beautiful music ever written.



Save the Date

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School
is celebrating

130 Years of Catholic Education!

Join us for an afternoon and evening filled with memories of the past and a look into the future. Reconnect with old friends, enjoy drinks and dinner. Take a stroll through the school and our Holy Redeemer Catholic Church.

Date: 28th November

⌚ Time: 3:30 pm – 7:30pm, cutting of cake: 5:00pm

📍 Location: 22 West Goderich St, Deloraine

Let's celebrate the legacy and future of Catholic education together!



St Mary's Cathedral Parish embraces and wholeheartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework, which can be found at the Parish office. Any enquiries regarding Safe Communities contact the Parish

Community Event: Conversation on Justice and Peace in Gaza

All are invited to a public conversation, **"Why Australia Must Act to Prevent Genocide in Gaza,"** to be held at **Hobart Town Hall** on **Thursday, 20 November, from 5:30–7:00 pm.**

The event will feature **Chris Sidoti**, member of the **UN Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory**, in conversation with **Andrew Wilkie MP.**

Tickets are available via Humanitix:

events.humanitix.com/why-australia-must-act-to-prevent-the-genocide-in-palestine

Entry is by donation (**\$10, \$20, or \$40**), with all proceeds supporting **child survivors of the conflict.**

Supported by **Amnesty International, Friends of Palestine Tasmania Inc., International Commission of Jurists, and Quakers Australia.**



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The Way to St James Pilgrimage

The Way to St James Pilgrimage is on again, 10-11 January 2026.

Join us on our Camino down through the Huon Valley to let natural beauty contour your soul to better fit the embrace of Divine Beauty.

For further information please visit:
<https://www.waytostjames.com.au>

to register:
<https://wtsj2026.eventbrite.com.au>

And Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/waytostjamescygnet>

Beloved

THE MYSTERY AND MEANING OF MARRIAGE



Mark Griffin, Director of the Office of Life, Marriage & Family AOH, will lead an upcoming session of *Beloved*:

Finding Happiness in Marriage

This course explores the deeper meaning of the sacrament of marriage.

Understanding God's plan for marriage is one thing...living it out is another. *Beloved: Living Marriage* examines the day-to-day challenges of being united as husband and wife while maintaining individuality.

22 November 12:30 pm.
St John's Parish Centre, Glenorchy.

You're welcome to bring a plate to share for the gathering.

An offering from the ARCHDIOCESE OF HOBART

READINGS OF THE DAY THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR C

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica: The Living Temple of God

First Reading

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

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.'

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. (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.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17

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.

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful

men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

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!

Gospel

John 2:13-22

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.



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 10th November	-	Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday 11th November	-	Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday 12th November	-	Luke 17:11-19
Thursday 13th November	-	Luke 17:20-25
Friday 14th November	-	Luke 17:26-37
Saturday 15th November	-	Luke 18:1-8

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

First Reading	-	Malachi 3:19-20
Responsorial Psalm	-	Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9
Second Reading	-	2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Gospel	-	Luke 21:5-19

Pray and Reflect on the Word of God

Please take your copy of the AVE home to reflect and to share with family and friends.