

# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

9 NOVEMBER 2025

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.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 2 Chron 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 Jn 2: 13-22

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.**

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

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.

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### SACRED SPACE

Frequently while celebrating Sunday Eucharist, the Sacrament of Marriage or a funeral, I am touched by those present. While some are perhaps not regular church goers, something happens among them within the setting of the church. Besides the liturgical rite and the readings of Scripture, the church building, its DNA, can touch them. It is a sacred space, blessed by people of faith over the decades.

The *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica* is a celebration of the importance of place and the environment in which people of faith gather. Rather than St Peter's Basilica, this Basilica in Rome is the Pope's church, the 'mother' of all churches throughout the world. It symbolises holiness and communion. Today's commemoration also links to the Gospel. Jesus acts definitively against the traders and sellers to renew the Temple and its precincts in its sacredness. Rather than a marketplace, the Temple is the place of divine presence. In John, it further symbolises and anticipates what happens to the body of Jesus, the abode of God's holiness, in his passion, death and resurrection.

Our own parish churches and parishes need ongoing renewal and purification, in the spirit of Jesus' renewal of the Temple in John's Gospel story. They are places where we gather to celebrate the Eucharist each Sunday and our local sacred spaces where holiness and communion are experienced. We celebrate our communion with the Bishop of Rome and allow our local parish church to be the palpable expression of the universal Church—of outreach, openness and hospitality.

Fr Michael Trainor

### FIRST READING Ezek 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12

**A reading from the prophet Ezekiel**

*I saw water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved.*

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 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.'

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### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 45: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9. R. v. 5

**R. The waters of the river gladden the city of God.**

1. 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.**

2. 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.**

3. 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 Cor 3: 9-11, 16-17

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

*You are the temple of God.*

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.



Est. 1887 **Dedication of Lateran Basilica 9<sup>th</sup> November 2025**  
**St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street**  
**St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street**

**In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS**

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Michael Sullivan OSA Assistant Priest
- ▶ Fr Francis Park OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

**ADMINISTRATION**

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**OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS**

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

**Pastoral and Administrative Support**

- ▶ Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant) ▶ Joel Sanchez (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa ▶ Joel Sanchez (St Joseph's Outreach Services: Mon, Tues, Sat)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass  
 Fourth Sunday of the month.  
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.10pm – 5.40pm, or by appointment.

**ANOIDING / HEALING MASS**

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

**HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME**

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

**Liturgical Calendar** for the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> November 2025

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> November Dedication of Lateran Basilica	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November St Leo the Great		
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November St Martin of Tours	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November St Josaphat	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November All Saints of OSA	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 32 <sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> November St Albert the Great	9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass	



**NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS.**

We will provide opportunities for you to remember your loved ones by inscribing their names in our **Books of Remembrance** placed in our churches for your use. **November Envelopes** are placed at the church doors, or you may contact the parish office with Mass intention requests. We remember especially parishioners deceased in the past year.

**EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

- ▶ **RCIA Meeting:** Thursday Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm
- ▶ **Parish BBQ:** Sun 23 Nov 11.45am
- ▶ **Finance Meeting:** Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Nov.4pm
- ▶ **Parish Council:** Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7pm
- ▶ **Remembrance Mass:** Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 10am

**AUGUSTINE ON HIS MOTHER'S DEATH**

Forgive her, O Lord, forgive her, I beseech you; enter not into judgment with her. Let your mercy be exalted above your justice, because your words are true, and you have promised mercy unto the merciful; which you gave them to be who will have mercy on whom you will have mercy, and will have compassion on whom you have had compassion. These things she entrusted not to us, but only desired to have her name remembered at your altar, which she had served without the omission of a single day. (Confessions 9,13)



**PARISH BBQ SUNDAY NOV 23**

**Tickets are on sale from this weekend.**  
**Adult Ticket - \$15**  
**Family Ticket - \$30**  
 (2 Parents + 2 Children)

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Ellen Allery, Gaston Gori, Margaret Wallin, June Cochrane, Anne Rigg, Mitos Gloudemans, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe, Janine Forster, Christie De Silva, Anita Zaio, Maurice & Pauline Sheehan, Rosie Gucciardo, Nichole Garnaut, Enid Netto, David Mills, Andrea Dreher.

**NOVEMBER MASS OF REMEMBRANCE**

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 10am in St



Joseph's Church and prayers afterwards in the Tolentine Memorial Garden to remember those commemorated in the garden and all deceased

parishioners. All are welcome to attend.



**COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS 2026**

Are available for purchase at both churches. \$10 each. Be sure to collect a copy.

**PARISH BAPTISMS**

We welcome the family and friends of Evie Ruberto who is to be baptised in our parish this weekend.



**NEW BOOK ON POPE LEO XIV**



Fr David Austin OSA launches a book on the new Augustinian Pope from an Australian perspective at our BBQ Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> (Priced at \$20)

**RCIA CANDIDATES WELCOMED**

This weekend three candidates for the sacraments from our RCIA Program for 2025 will be introduced with their sponsors at the 10.30am Mass. We pray for them on their faith journey.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**



Members of Progetto Corelli will perform a concert - "Pastorale" in St Joseph's 3pm Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. Admission by donation for parishioners.

**IN LOVING MEMORY**



**Recently Deceased**

**Anniversaries**

- ✦ Karen Marshall
- ✦ Augustine McCormick
- ✦ Caterina Muratore
- ✦ Palepa Iaone
- ✦ Natalie Giofre
- ✦ Helen Sutton

**MASS COLLECTIONS 2/11/2025**

**Clergy (Augustinian Community)**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Collection, CDF & bank deposits... \$ 887.85  
**Church (Parish Ministries)**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection ..... \$ 444.65  
 Envelopes..... \$ 265.00  
 Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...\$ 540.00  
 Tap Point Terminals..... \$ 460.00  
*Thank you for your generosity*