

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet 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.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

SECOND READING

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

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.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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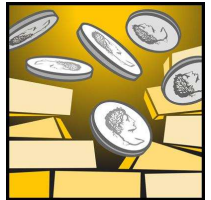
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**The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Year C
8th/9th November, 2025 -Year of Jubilee**

***God our Father,
Today, we remember that you have
created us to be Your living temple.
You have called us through Your Son
to be a community of faith, love and service.
May we be transformed by the Eucharist we
share, to be Your holy temple, everywhere we go.
We ask this, through Christ our Lord. Amen.***



FOCUS on YEAR OF JUBILEE This Year of Jubilee in the universal Church calls us to embrace, and be renewed in, the hope of Christ—a hope that does not disappoint. We are embarking on a particular time of pilgrimage, and as the Holy Father has reminded us, Jesus, 'is the destination of our pilgrimage'. He is both the way, and the path to be travelled.

FOCUS on the WORD Historical note: Today the Church celebrates the anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral Church of Rome by Pope Sylvester I (AD 314-335), in AD 324. This Church serves as the Episcopal seat of the Pope as the Bishop of Rome and, hence, is called "*the Mother and Head of all Churches of Rome and the world.*" The Basilica and Baptistry were built originally by the Emperor Constantine and called *Basilica Constantina*. Later, the Church was named the *Arch-Basilica of the Most Holy Savior*. However, it is now called *St. John's Lateran Basilica* because it was built on property donated to the Church by the Laterani family, and because the monks from the monastery of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Divine served in it. ***Today's Gospel*** gives us **the dramatic account of Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem**. He drove out its merchants and moneychangers **with moral indignation at the unjust commercialization of a House of Prayer** and the **exploitation of the poor pilgrims in the name of religion**. The merchants charged exorbitant prices for animals for sacrifices, and the moneychangers charged unjust commissions for the required exchange of pagan coins for Temple coins. The Temple Jesus cleansed was the Temple in Jerusalem. Originally built by Solomon in 966 BC and rebuilt by Zerubbabel in 515 BC after the Babylonians had destroyed it. This act is a powerful metaphor for today, calling for the removal of commercialism and distractions from worship and spiritual life. The passage serves as a reminder that **the Church and each individual believer are called to be a living temple, free from the impurities of commercialism, greed, and sin**. Just as the physical temple needed cleansing, so too do our hearts and souls require constant spiritual work and renewal. ©Fr Anthony Kadavil.

FEAST DAYS Mon 10th Nov
Wed 12th Nov

St Leo the Great Tues 11th Nov
St Josaphat Sat 15th Nov

St Martin of Tours
St Albert the Great

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN: The Parish of St John the Baptist, and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

***I have come that you may have life and have it to the full
(John 10:10)***

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MASS TIMES
Saturday Vigil Emerald and FTG 6:00 pm
Sunday Belgrave 8.30am FTG 10.30am
Gembrook 9.00am and Monbulk 11.00am

Weekday Mass Times
Tuesday Belgrave 9am FTG 7.00pm
Wed Belgrave 9am FTG 9.15am
Thurs Belgrave 9am FTG 9.15 am
Friday Belgrave 9am FTG 11.00 am
Saturday Belgrave 9am Reconciliation Belg 9.45am

RECONCILIATION: FTG Saturdays 5.15 pm

GLENGOLLAN VILLAGE MASS 1st Friday 2pm
WILLOWBROOK MASS 2nd Thursday 11am

BAPTISMS: Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.00pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on our Parish Website. **Contact the Parish Office on: 9758 1029 or via email at: office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au**

WEDDINGS: By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office: on 9758 1029.

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8th 9th November, 2025 Year of Jubilee.

PRAYING FOR...


All who have died recently:

Archbishop Parague Dominik Cardinal Duka OP,
Fr Barry Moran, Fr Peter O'Rourke

Those who we remember at this time:

Juan Sanhueza, Michael Palandri, Niall Hargreaves,
Margaret Cecchin, Patricia McCann, Patricia Danaher,
Corinda Peluso, Ivka Kruljac, Natala Franchi, Delia Scapin Elvira Macario.


The Sick: Bonnie Hoefler, Ann Jayawardena.

 **ROSARY** is recited prior to Morning Weekday Mass on Wed, Thurs, Friday, in the Church. All welcome to join in the recitation.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER Meet in the Parish Community Centre on Tuesdays at 10.30am, some worship, teaching and a shared lunch from 12pm. All welcome.

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING meet in the Parish Thursday Community Centre between 9.30am and 12.30pm. Drop in for a chat over a cuppa, join a card game, knit or just sit for a while Come and join us!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY operates at the 6pm Saturday and 10.30am Sunday Masses We welcome you all to share prayers, songs and readings. **6PM MASS MUSIC MINISTRY children are invited in our Saturday night Mass** come sing with the choir.

 **PARENTS AND KIDS GROUP** will meet after the 10.30am Mass Sunday 16th November, 2025 in the Parish Community Centre. email jacquandcarlos@gmail.com Come and join us!

YOUTH GROUP Retreat Day in preparation of AYFE will be on Saturday Nov 22nd the Parish Community Centre. 12pm -6pm. Contact : Vicente @sjtb.youth or Email: sitbyouth@gmail.com

BIBLE COURSES Running until 17th November, 7pm -8.30pm in the Parish Community Centre. All welcome.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who has collected their envelopes. If you did not receive any, and would like to, please contact the Parish Office.

THANK YOU: COMBINED PARISH RAFFLE Father Thomas would like to thank all the sales volunteers and all parishioners for your kind support in selling and purchasing raffle tickets in 2025. It is our hope that this parish will win a few prizes. There are still a small numbers books to be returned. These must be back to the parish this weekend. If you are unable to do it this weekend, **you MUST drop the book off Monday 10th November after 10am and before 3pm at the Parish Office. Drawn 6th December 2025- Thank you.**

THE MEMORIAL MASS FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL



departed from the parish during the past year will be celebrated on **Tuesday, 18th November, at 7.00 pm at St. John the Baptist. All are most welcome.**

REMEMBRANCE DAY Remembrance Day in Australia commemorates the noble sacrifices of armed forces and civilians during times of war. At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, **one minute of silence is observed** across the country to mark the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front during WWI after over four years of gruesome warfare.



REMEMBRANCE DAY MARCH & SERVICE 2025 – Sunday 9th November 2025 10.45am

Where – Tim Neville Arboretum, Ferntree Gully
Located at the **Tim Neville Arboretum, Dorset Road, Ferntree Gully** corner Dorset Road and Francis Crescent Ferntree Gully to commemorate Remembrance Day. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the commemorative service on this very important day. **Sausage sizzle afterwards at Boronia RSL**

COMBINED PARISH LUNCHEON 2025 You are warmly invited to join our **End of Year Parish Luncheon** – a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our parish community and share a meal together.

Where: FEAST – at the Ferntree Gully Hotel **1130 Burwood Highway, Ferntree Gully (Parking at rear)** All are Welcome!! Let's celebrate our community!

When: Sunday **23rd November 2025**
Time: Lunch served from **11.30am – 2.30pm** (You're welcome to stay and chat until 3pm) **RSVP by 16th November. Please sign up to let us know numbers:**

● All You Can Eat Buffet
\$ Cost: Adults \$45 | Seniors \$27 | Kids \$19.50 | Children 3 yrs & under – Free. Sign up sheet in Foyer.

PIETY STALL NEWS We are pleased to have St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards now available at \$6 per pack of 5 – just in time to post overseas to relatives. There is also some 2026 Columban Art calendars left at \$11 which would make a beautiful Christmas gift.

FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CARE CHRISTMAS EVE LUNCH. The foothills community care have been



hosting the Foothills community Christmas lunch for the past 23 years. Don't spend Christmas alone – You are invited to a **free luncheon held in our School Hall. Guest registration opens on Wednesday 5th November, at 11am** and

places always fill fast
Register at the website:
<https://www.foothillscare.org.au/#christmas-day-lunch>
or contact Foothills care on 0493 846 017

ADVENT WORKSHOP Children & Parents are invited on Sunday 30th November at 11.30am in the School Hall – see attached flyer for all the information.

BAPTISMS – We offer our congratulations to **Fletcher Wood** child of Benjamin & Lisa, **Maeve Justice** child of Ashley & Kate, **Cooper Leask**, child of Bradley & Tamara, and **Olivia, Ella & Spencer Woolmer** children of Rhys & Laura who are to be baptised this weekend: The Church of God welcomes you with great joy.



REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

November is the month of the Holy Souls where we pray for parishioners, friends and members of our families who have died. We pray that they will live forever with the Lord. As is our custom at St John's, you're invited to write the names of those you would like remembered on our Memorial Cross. For those who would like to have a Mass offered for their deceased relatives and friends, November offering envelopes are available on the trolleys.



WORKING BEE We are having a working bee on **Saturday 29th November at 9am. Helpers are needed** for a tidy up of the Parish Centre gardens. * weeding * pruning *sweeping * windows washed * trimming of trees and hedges * help with serving morning tea. Please join us!

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL Capping off a rich program of Jubilee events in our Archdiocese this 2025 Jubilee



Year, the Australian Catholic Youth Festival is and fun and faith-filled national festival. **Each day will include the opportunity to engage in a wide range of activities including prayer, Mass, workshops, talks, live concerts, games, justice issues and an interactive expo.** It provides young people from Year 9 to 25 years old with the opportunity to come together, connect, deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to live their faith in the world and experience the breadth of the Church in Australia. Join in and celebrate with over 10,000 young people! Learn More at: <https://acyf.org.au/about/> **PLEASE PRAY** for our Youth preparing for Aust Catholic Youth Festival, and our state, Victoria – hosting this event.

SVDP VOLUNTEERS CHRISTMAS DINNER You're invited to share a table at the Royal Hotel Wed 19th November 2025 starting at 6pm. **RSVP Terry Stephens on 0419 318 639 by 12 November for catering purposes.**

ROSTERS: Mon 10 th Nov - Sun 16 th Nov 2025	
Flowers	Genevieve & Tess
Linen	Sue O'H
Welcomers	6pm Myra N & Wilma H 10.30am Terry S, Neil & Loraine R, Peter C, Priya H, Patrick S
Lectors	6pm Rosina L 10.30am Gordon V & Priya F B
Counters	Bryon M, Ruby S, Suil W
Gardening	Carlos E