



Sunday 9 November 2025

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



The Archbasilica of St John Lateran is officially the 'Major Papal, Patriarchal and Roman Archbasilica, Metropolitan and Primatial Cathedral of the Most Holy Saviour and Ss John the Baptist and the Evangelist in Lateran, Mother and Head of All Churches in Rome and in the World.' St John Lateran is the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome and serves as the seat of the bishop of Rome, the Pope.

The majestic nave of the Archbasilica of St John Lateran is famed for its gilded ceiling, marble apostle statues, and radiant altar crowned by a Gothic baldachin. This dazzling space, with its rich architectural detail, offers a fitting meditation on today's Gospel (John 2:13-22), in which Jesus restores the holiness and purpose of the Temple in Jerusalem. The grandeur and symmetry of St John Lateran, the 'Mother Church' of all Christians, reflect Christ's zeal for reverence in sacred spaces. Sunlight pouring through high windows illuminates the altar, echoing the Gospel's call to recognise Christ as the true 'Living Temple'. The splendour of the basilica points our hearts beyond its beauty - every Christian community and each baptised person is called to be a dwelling place for God's presence, marked by beauty, holiness and love.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS ENTRUSTED TO THE WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK FOR THE YEAR 2025

Intentions for November 2025

For the prevention of suicide
Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life. www.popesprayer.va

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

Please remember in your prayers those for whom Mass intentions have been received as well as those whose earthly remains are in our parish columbarium

Monday 10 November 2025 St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church (**Memorial**)

Tuesday 11 November 2025 St Martin of Tours, Bishop (Memorial) **+Cornelius Patrick (Conn) O'Donovan - 11 November 2020**

Wednesday 12 November 2025 St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr (Memorial)

Thursday 13 November 2025 Thursday of the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time

Friday 14 November 2025 Friday of the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday 15 November 2025 Saturday of the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time, St Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor (Optional Memorial)

SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2025 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (WORLD DAY OF THE POOR)

+Dorothy Maude Loughry - 16 November 2024

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Recently Deceased

Michael Joyce, Mario Juka, David and Gabrielle Nolan

Anniversaries of Death

Conn Patrick, Dorothy Loughry

PRAYERS REQUESTED

For the sick: Raneé Fernando

OTHER SACRAMENTS

Holy Baptism

Holy Matrimony

George Lattouf and Youna Al Suhaili

SUBMIT A MASS INTENTION

To request the offering of Mass for any intention, please use the QR code to the right

ST CANICE'S COLUMBARIUM

Enquiry: please scan QR code

Application: please scan QR code

Inurnment Appointment: please scan QR code

PARISH CLERGY

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ST CANICE'S PARISH HUB

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CONTACT ST CANICE'S PARISH HUB

To contact St Canice's about:

- St Canice's Columbarium
- St Canice's Sanctuary Guild
- St Canice's Altar Service
- Anointing of the sick
- Deceased anniversaries
- Prayers for an ill friend or family member
- Mass intentions
- David's Place
- Curious Grace @ St Canice's
- St Canice's Kitchen
- Railaco Timor Leste
- Colombière Social Enterprises
- Holy Communion for the housebound
- Sharing God's Word at St Canice's
- St Canice's Op Shop
- St Canice's Bequests



please scan the Parish Hub QR code

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSEBOUND:

If you, or someone you know, is unable to attend Mass due to age, illness, or injury and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Stephen Fulham at +61 411 626 262 to arrange.

SIGN UP FOR THE ST CANICE'S PARISH BULLETIN!

Stay connected and informed with all the latest parish news, events, and Mass times by subscribing to our weekly bulletin. We encourage ALL parishioners and visitors to sign up - receive updates direct to your inbox and never miss important announcements.

Simply scan the QR code below right to join our mailing list



MASS TIMES

Sunday 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Tuesday to Friday 8:00 am (No Mass on Monday)

Saturday 9:00 am and 6:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

OTHER SACRAMENTS

Penance (Reconciliation) Sunday 9:30 am

Holy Baptism Each third Sunday of the month after 10:00 am Mass

Holy Matrimony By appointment

Funeral By appointment

HOLY ROSARY

After Weekday Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of the Month from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

RAILACO, TIMOR LESTE

For many years, St Canice's Parish has provided financial support for Our Lady of Fatima Parish and its parish school, NOSSEF Secondary School, located in Railaco, Timor-Leste.

To donate, to Railaco kindly scan the QR code (see right)



CURIOUS GRACE

Curious Grace warmly welcomes everyone, offering hospitality and group activities on the church steps on the first Sunday of each month from 11 am to 1 pm. There is also a Yarn Knitting and Crochet Group with hospitality on the third Thursday of each month from 10:30 am to 1 pm in the church hall.

Next Curious Grace Sunday 7 December 2025 10:00 am - for more details, please contact Sonia at curiousgrace@stcanice.org.au

ST CANICE'S KITCHEN

St Canice's Kitchen provides nourishing meals to disadvantaged and lonely members of our community six mornings a week, from Monday to Saturday. The kitchen relies on dedicated volunteer drivers to collect donated bread, fruit and vegetables, ensuring there is always enough fresh food to prepare and serve those in need.

If you are available to help and want to support this important mission, please contact Ollie at the Parish Hub or email kitchen@stcanices.org.au to become involved and make a direct difference in the lives of others.

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2025 10:00 AM -

REMEMBERING OUR BABIES MEMORIAL MASS:

Join us today in remembering babies lost to pregnancy, infant and child loss

Mention My Name Memorial Mass: Sunday 16

November 2025 at 10:00 am

For all who have died by suicide or misadventure

This is Your Home Memorial Mass: Sunday 23

November 2025 at 10:00 am

Everyone is welcome to attend and find community here. The Archdiocesan Grief Care team members offer pastoral support at all masses. **Contact +61 2 0466 6096 or griefcare@sydneycatholic.org**

PARISH PASTORAL CALENDAR - YOUR INPUT IS SOUGHT

The St Canice's Parish Pastoral Council is developing a year-long calendar of events for spiritual growth and parish fellowship. Your ideas and participation matter. Please take a moment to fill out our short survey (about 10 minutes). Thank you for helping strengthen our parish relationships with the Lord and one another.

To access the survey, please scan the QR code



OUR LADY IS BACK!

We are delighted to celebrate the return of the painting "The Immaculate Conception of El Escorial" which has now been reinstated in the Lady Chapel. Let us give thanks for the restoration of this beautiful devotional work.

LOST AND FOUND

An ANZ Access account (surname SOARES) was left in the church. If this is yours, please contact the Parish Hib and bring identification to verify.

CHURCH STANDS FIRM AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

In line with the teaching of Vatican II's landmark document *Nostra Aetate*, promulgated on 28 October 1965, last week Pope Leo XIV strongly reaffirmed that the Catholic Church absolutely does not tolerate anti-Semitism and stands firmly against all forms of hatred, persecution or discrimination against Jews. Marking the 60th anniversary of *Nostra Aetate*, the Pope called for Catholics and Jews to work as friends and collaborators toward peace and justice, emphasising our common roots.

THE WAY OF BEAUTY

The 'Way of Beauty' series is available to watch on Evangelise Plus, for free - there you will find reflections and insights for all who seek God through beauty. **To access the Way of Beauty Series, visit www.evangeliseplus.com.au/the-way-of-beauty**

ADORATION HOUR



"Be still, and know that I am God." Ps 46:10

Adoration is a time of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, where we sit in the presence of Christ, listen, reflect, and open our hearts. It is a moment to encounter the peace and love of Jesus, to pray for ourselves, our parish, and our world.

Everyone is warmly invited to spend time in adoration each First Friday of the month, from 6 pm to 7 pm in the church

DAVID'S PLACE

David's Place is a community of friendship, peace and spiritual nourishment, especially for those who are homeless or marginalised. The group meets three times a week for lunches and spiritual support at St Canice's as well as in Darlinghurst and Redfern. All are welcome, regardless of background.

For more details: www.davidspplace.com.au

REMEMBRANCE DAY 11 NOVEMBER 2025

On Monday, 11 November 2025, we pause to honour and pray for all who have served and sacrificed for our country in times of war. We especially remember the members of the Hughes family who lost their lives during World War I and who are honoured here in our church. Please join in a moment of silence at 11:00 am as we pray for the repose of their souls. Lest we forget.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

First Reading Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 (The Life-Giving River)

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 46 (Response: The waters of the river gladden the city of God.)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17 (You are God's temple)

Gospel John 2:13-22 (Jesus cleanses the Temple)

The Church urges us to listen to the proclamation of the Word of God "with reverence and silence, as Christ himself speaks to his people" (GIRM 29). All are encouraged to open the eyes and ears of their hearts to the sacred readings. For those who require them, a small number of printed copies of the full texts of today's readings are available at the rear of the church.

HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR THIS SUNDAY

Processional I heard the Voice of Jesus Say (114)

Responsorial Psalm (Response) The waters of the river gladden the city of God

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

Offertory Oh Lord hear my prayer (Chants de Taizé)

Communion Hear Thy Children Gentle Jesus, Abide with Me (1)

Recessional Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (35)

MEDITATION ON EZEKIEL 47:1-12 WITH REFLECTIONS FROM ST THOMAS AQUINAS

In the first reading this Sunday, Ezekiel is shown a vision of a life-giving river flowing from the temple, transforming the desert and turning the salty Dead Sea fresh. Guided by a heavenly messenger, Ezekiel watches the water begin as a trickle at the temple threshold, deepening into a mighty stream that brings healing and abundance wherever it flows.

St Thomas Aquinas, reflects as follows in his *Catena Aurea* in gathering the wisdom of the Church Fathers.

St Augustine of Hippo observes: *"The water flowing from the temple signifies the grace given to us through Christ. Just as the desert blossoms and the Dead Sea is made fresh, so the Spirit renews hearts touched by God's mercy."*

St John Chrysostom writes: *"The ever-deepening river is a symbol of the boundless gifts of the Spirit. What starts small grows into a flood of blessing, restoring fruitfulness and life to barren places."*

St Ambrose notes: *"The trees on the river's banks, whose leaves bring healing, stand for those made righteous by God. Their fruit is good works and their leaves are the comfort of compassion."*

Theophylact of Ohrid adds: *"Wherever the river goes, life flourishes. So too, wherever Christ's presence is welcomed, lives are restored and joy springs forth."*

St Gregory the Great concludes: *"The river flowing out from God's house means that holiness must begin with worship but overflow, reaching the whole world. The more we enter the mystery, the more we become vessels of mercy and renewal."*

St Thomas Aquinas and the Fathers call us to contemplate the transforming power of divine grace. In moments of dryness or emptiness, we are invited to stand at the threshold and step into God's abundant stream of life, letting grace deepen within us and flow outward in healing and mercy. May every hardship become a place for God's renewal and every act of worship overflow into works of love and justice.

Lord God, source of living water, open my heart to the gentle flood of your grace. Deepen faith, hope and charity within me. Let your love wash over places in need of healing and bring forth the fruit of compassion and holiness. Make me a channel of your mercy, that others may find new life wherever your Spirit flows.

Holy Mary, Gate of Heaven, intercede for us, that the waters of grace may renew the Church and heal the world.

Amen

[The *Catena Aurea* ("Golden Chain"), written by St Thomas Aquinas, compiles commentary from the early Church Fathers. Access online at www.ecatholic2000.com/catena]

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Child abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you—or anyone you know—have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.