

Gospel Reflection

Historically, basilica of St. John Lateran is the cathedral church of the bishop of Rome, the Pope, even though many of the Catholic faithful think the Basilica of St Peter would be his cathedral. The Lateran Basilica has the title "Mother and Head of all the Churches in the City and in the World." The original church of St John Lateran was dedicated on 9 November 324 AD. Over the centuries, this basilica has been destroyed or damaged by earthquakes, fires, and attacks. Despite all these setbacks, the Basilica has been rebuilt and restored many times.

We live in a world where there is a lot of division and discord. The message of the Church as a community of Christ's love is so important to the world today. Many families have been divided or have broken down. Many lives are overtaken by anger and bitterness. Many people are lonely and do not know where to turn. Public and political life is full of attacks and harsh rhetoric. There is a lot of violence and crime on our streets. Healing and wholeness is needed in the midst of this reality. Paul wrote his letter to the Corinthians to give advice to a community that was badly divided, telling them to see themselves as the Temple of God and to feel the Holy Spirit working within them.

St Paul made it his mission to help people know Christ and to proclaim Christ's Gospel message to the world. The purpose of the Church is to create opportunities for people to encounter Christ, and to receive his love and healing. Sharing our time and our expertise creates an environment where God's love can grow in us, as individuals and as a community. Our parish activities, our outreach, and our buildings give visibility to our faith. They remind us of God's presence and help us experience God's love.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you wish to make preparations for your child to be Baptised you should telephone Fr Simon or see him at Mass at 10am on Sunday.

Following this there are Meetings on the first Friday of each month at 7:30pm that you will need to attend, where you will meet Mrs Gerri Doherty and Deacon Chris Wells.

NEWSLETTER

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"United in conviction and united
in love, with a common purpose
and a common mind"
Philippians 2:2

9th NOVEMBER 2025 THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 8th November	5:15pm	Parishioners
Sunday 9th November	10:00am	Joseph Hollinshead
Monday 10th November		No Mass
Tuesday 11th November	10:30am	No Mass Coffee morning
Wednesday 12th November		No Mass
Thursday 13th November	10:30am	Requiem Mass – Marie Sandra Edwards RIP
Friday 14th November		No Mass
Saturday 15th November	5:15pm	Mass – TBC
Sunday 16th November	10:00am	Mass – TBC

Today is Remembrance Sunday

If Fr Simon is unobtainable please leave a message and send an email
to stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk

200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize
This week – Mrs Jane Phillips

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

Over 60's Christmas Lunch

Over 60's Christmas lunch on Sunday 14th December at 12 noon.
Please put your name on the yellow list in the porch if you would like to attend.

Volunteers Needed

If you can spare an hour or two between 9am and 3pm on Sunday 14th December, please add your name to the blue list in the porch.
Thank you.

Cakes

Maureen is baking cakes next Sunday after Mass, remember to bring in some money if you want to buy some.

Sunday 9th November

There will be a sale of handmade goods including pictures and assorted cards. The profits raised will go towards the purchasing of materials for the First Communion programme.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING ENQUIRIES

If you are interested in hiring the Parish Centre for a function,
please contact Phil Martin on 07720 807162

Prayer for our Parish:

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this parish
and grant us a new vision of your glory,
a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word
and a new consecration to your service,
that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come,
through Christ our Lord.

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St Joseph pray for us

November List

Envelopes are available
from the porch.

Gospel

John 2 13 - 22

When the Passover Feast, celebrated each spring by the Jews, was about to take place, Jesus travelled up to Jerusalem. He found the Temple teeming with people selling cattle and sheep and doves. The loan sharks were also there in full strength.

Jesus put together a whip out of strips of leather and chased them out of the Temple, stampeding the sheep and cattle, upending the tables of the loan sharks, spilling coins left and right. He told the dove merchants,

"Get your things out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a shopping mall!" That's when his disciples remembered the Scripture, "Zeal for your house consumes me."

But the Jews were upset. They asked, "What credentials can you present to justify this?" Jesus answered, "Tear down this Temple and in three days I'll put it back together."

They were indignant: "It took forty-six years to build this Temple, and you're going to rebuild it in three days?" But Jesus was talking about his body as the Temple. Later, after he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered he had said this. They then put two and two together and believed both what was written in Scripture and what Jesus had said.



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

Coffee morning

Our next coffee morning is on Tuesday 11th November at 10:30am, everyone is welcome.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated prizes and bought raffle tickets for the Bingo Night, hopefully they'll be lucky!