



St Joseph's PARISH OF TORONTO

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

Encounter Jesus

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 9th November 2025

The call to 'Encounter Jesus' is both an invitation and a mission.

We are an open, welcoming community that seeks to share the life and love of Jesus with every person we encounter.

As a community, we strive to create those spaces where anyone can freely encounter the person of Jesus.

We are further challenged to encounter Jesus in each other, in the world and in the life of the Church.

St Joseph's Catholic Church

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Weekend Mass Times: Sunday 9am

Reconciliation:

Before Mass on Sundays

This Week at St Joseph's

Sun 9th: Mass - Toronto 9:00am

Tue 11th: Mass - Booragul 9:00am

Mass - Morisset 9:30am

Wed 12th: Mass - Boolaroo 9:00am

Thu 13th: Mass - W/Bay 9:30am

Fri 14th: Mass - Toronto 9:30am

Sun 16th: Mass - Toronto 9:00am

The Church will be open from
8:30am to 4:00pm daily.

Parish Office Hours

St Mary of the Cross Parish Hub

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am to 4pm.

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Fr Darryl Mackie

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Fr Paul Kamau CSSP

Fr Peter Njau CSSP

Fr John Purnell

Parish Administration:

Maryanne Barry

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We acknowledge the Awabakal
people as traditional custodians
of this place.

Dear Parish Family,

...the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple....

A few weeks ago, history was made when King Charles III (Supreme Governor of the Church of England) joined Pope Leo XIV in prayer in the Sistine Chapel. As Pontiff or the Latin pontifex meaning bridge builder, Pope Leo was exercising this ministry reaching out in faith. Another of the Pope's titles is Bishop of Rome and every Bishop has their Cathedral. St Peters is not the official Cathedral of the Pope, but it is in fact the Basilica of St John Lateran which sits in the heart of the City of Rome. He just lives and has his office at St Peters. Here's some interesting facts about St John Lateran Basilica.

The early church began with meeting secretly in one another's homes otherwise if caught you could be killed. In the year 313, the status changed when the Roman Emperor Constantine allowed Christians to gather and to celebrate and thus Christianity became the official religion of the empire. The emperor also gave the great Lateran Palace and grounds to the Church where in 324 a Basilica was built. In the tenth century it was renamed and dedicated to St John the Baptist and St John the Evangelist and hence became known as the John Lateran. St John Lateran is the Cathedral of the Diocese of Rome – the church from which the pope presides as Bishop of Rome and is considered the mother church of Catholicism and a symbol of unity and peace. Hence you might hear from this time to time, and now you know why Pope Leo goes there to visit.

For the people of Israel building the temple became a part of cultic practices which were a movement away from their original thinking. As a people who had no home for so long, they believed that God travelled with them wherever they went. Then the first temple was constructed a thousand years before the birth of Jesus and after it was destroyed was then rebuilt six hundred years before Jesus' birth. That rebuilding of the second temple is where our first reading picks up. The prophet Ezekiel has a vision of hope, to the people in exile, of a new temple to be built in Jerusalem. This hope was that water from this temple would irrigate the desert areas making fresh lakes. God will dwell once again in the midst of a restored people.

In the Gospel, Jesus is there for the celebration of the Passover. What does he find? People selling cattle, sheep and pigeons and these money changers, so he drives them out. These very people were necessary for the cultic practices which took place there. It was essential for entry into the Temple to change all coins into Tyrian coinage. Why? Coins would have the head of someone on them, and it would have been a blasphemy to carry a carved effigy into the Temple precinct. The purity of the Temple was at stake. It became a necessity for anyone who wished to offer sacrifice to have larger beasts for the wealthy, or pigeons for the poorer people. The temple had become a symbol of the buying and the selling of God. It is "my father's house" a house of prayer not of cultic practices. "Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up" He has moved religion from something centred in buildings to something that will be centred in his own body, his own people. People gathered in his name.

As we celebrate this feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, we gather in unity and faith in Christ through our Vicar of Christ, Pope Leo, remembering that the church is not just a building but the body of Christ.

We welcome Fr Peter Njau CSSP this weekend as he arrives into our communities. Fr Peter will be living in community with Fr Paul at Morisset. This weekend, as he gently eases into our rosters he will celebrate Masses at Morisset. Please make Fr Peter welcome, as we look forward to getting to know him as he ministers among us. Welcome.

Have a good week everyone.

Fr Darryl Mackie
Parish Priest

First Reading

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

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I see 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 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.

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

1 Corinthians 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.

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.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Chronicles 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

John 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.

Universal Prayer

Presider: Father, you called your people to be your Church. As we gather together in your name we pray for our needs and the needs of the world.

Reader: That the Church be characterised by humility and authenticity in responding to the Gospel. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray that political and economic leaders will work to share the nation's wealth more equitably, and work towards a sustainable future for our fragile planet. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray that those in our local community who work to feed the poor and marginalised will be generously supported in both material goods and volunteers.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray that those who are sick, will receive comfort and strength from those around them. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray that those who have died may enter eternal life. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We offer up the prayers of this faith community: May we be comforted by the knowledge that our petitions are always heard by God. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: God of every age, through your Spirit of Wisdom you guide our steps on the paths of holiness. Help us to set our priorities and remain faithful to your gospel. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Sick List: James Bennett, Silvi Bennett, Dakai Smith, Scott Massey, Peter Corcoran, Maya Kelly, Paul Whitelaw, Simon Morrice, Victor Andres Guerrero Luhing, Margaret Sheridan, Judy Blissett, Judy Fisher, Jenny Moles, Sarah Hill, Brian Coogans, Graham Sneesvy, Judith Kilburn, Kath Brooks, Brett Sulman, Peter Mason, Amanda Sevil, Ella Hammond, Barrie Jenkins, Gerry Owen, and Monica LoCascio.

Recently Deceased: Berenice Withers

Anniversaries: Tess Turton, and Shariff Aganovic

If you would like a loved one remembered in the Anniversaries, please let the Parish Office know by Thursday morning.

Living Prayer

This month we take the time to remember those who have died, those people we have loved and who have loved us. May their souls rest in peace in the presence of our loving God.

We pray that we remain steadfast in faith during times of hardship and trust in God's ultimate presence and protection during times of turmoil.

We pray to our God of love and compassion for forgiveness of sins, peace in our hearts and healing in our lives.

We pray that, through the sacrament of the Eucharist, Christ nourishes our spiritual hunger and thirst and heals our brokenness.

We pray that, despite all the noise in our lives, we manage to find a place of stillness and quiet where we can hear God's voice with clarity in a gentle whisper.

Blessed Mary of the Rosary pray for all the Holy Souls.

Mass Collection

Purple Collection supports our Clergy:

BSB: 066 739

Account Number: 100003439

Account Name: CBA

Reference: *Your Surname.*

Green Collection supports our parish:

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Account Number: 100003443

Account Name: CBA

Reference: *Your Surname.*

Donations to support our parish can also be made via the eftpos machine at the back of the church.

LOTTERY WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER



1st Prize—\$140—Ken & Gael Doolan

2nd Prize—\$110—Rod & Rosalie Menzies

You are God's temple...

God is within, it cannot be shaken

Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. – Mt 11:28

Come and join us for prayer, reflection, and adoration.

When: Thursdays, 6:30pm

Where: St Michael the Archangel, Booragul





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Date: Monday, 17 November 2025

Time: 7.30 pm – 9.15 pm

Place: St Mary's Catholic Church Hall

Cost: Donation of \$15 per person

Guest Speaker: Scott Bevan

**If you would like to do a direct deposit
please contact Sue or Marie.**

**Bookings may also be made by phone
Phone: Sue – 0417 091 255 or
Marie – 0429 191 245**



LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS 9 November 2025

The Promoters of Safeguarding continue to endorse a culture of safeguarding within the Parish. This week, your attention is drawn to **School-related bullying (continuing from last week).**

In Australia, there are about 450,000 families with 800,000 children (20% of the national student total) attending 1,756 Catholic schools. The new updated national anti-bullying standards now extend meaningfully to all **school sectors — government, independent and Catholic.** Here are the key implications:

- Schools should **respond** to observed/reported bullying **'within two days'** of becoming aware of an alleged incident. **This means 'initial' response... NOT resolution.**
- For independent and Catholic schools, registration **and accreditation** require a publicly available anti-bullying policy and procedures to identify and respond to bullying.
- Evidence of **whole-school prevention programs** involving students, staff, families and the wider community is required.
- Implementation of an evidence-based framework for prevention and intervention **applies to all sectors of schools.**
- Additional NSW Government regulations emphasise a school's **responsibility for off-campus and online behaviour too** —all schools must respond to cyber-bullying and bullying beyond school grounds **where there is a clear and close connection between the school and the student's conduct.**
- Schools will face increased accountability, so they must **maintain robust record-keeping** of bullying incidents, responses and ensure transparency of policies.

In practice, Catholic schools cannot treat bullying differently from government and independent schools — they must uphold the same definitions, expectations and response standards.

You are invited to our: **ANOINTING MASS**

When: **Thursday, 20th Nov**

At: **11:00AM**

An anointing with the 'Oil of the Sick' for the sick, frail, elderly or anyone in need of healing.

You are invited to stay for some light refreshments after this special Mass.

St Joseph's 2026 Lottery

Our St Joseph's Lottery 2026 is now on sale. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Lottery in 2025

The Lottery 2026 funds (after prize distribution) will go towards updating the AV system in the church.

The Lottery will run from January to December 2026. The cost is a single payment of \$120. (\$10 per month)

The draw will take place on the first Sunday (or as near as possible) every calendar month and winners will be notified. The results of the draw will be published in the Parish Bulletin. The prize money will depend on the number of tickets sold we are aiming to sell 60 -100. You can buy as many tickets as you like – with Christmas fast approaching it is a great gift idea.

Tickets on sale before mass until Sunday 21st December.

We very much appreciate your support.

With thanks

Parish Finance Council

Commissioned in Hope Mass

Sunday 23 November, 5:00pm-6:00pm, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton.

If you've been inspired as a Pilgrim of Hope in 2025, you're invited to join Bishop Michael Kennedy on Christ the King Sunday and celebrate our Jubilee Year blessings with a Diocesan Mass and witness the commissioning of 100 young people for their journey to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Melbourne. All are welcome. Don't forget to bring your Pilgrim Passport and yourselves to receive a special Jubilee year memento.

Enquiries – mission@mn.catholic.org.au

CatholicCare Christmas Hamper Drive

CatholicCare are once again hoping to distribute Christmas hampers to those in need this year. You can help by donating any of the items listed below:

- Christmas pudding/fruit cake
- Long life custard
- Fruit mince pies
- Shortbread / other sweet biscuits
- Chips, popcorn, savoury biscuits
- Chocolates, lollies, sweet treats
- Bon bons
- Candy canes

Please place donations in the basket at the rear of the church.