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Lateran Basilica - Yr. A,  
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## The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the cathedral of Rome. This, not St. Peter's, is the Pope's cathedral. Also called the Church of Holy Saviour or the Church of St. John Baptist, it was the baptism church of ancient Rome. The original church was built by Laterani family in the time of

Constantine and was consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324. Since then it was destroyed and rebuilt many times in the history. The feast of the Dedication became a universal celebration in 1565 in honour of the basilica called "the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world" as a sign of love for and union with the See of Peter.

St Paul in his letter to the Church in Corinth speaks of building the temple of God. "Do 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" (1Cor3:16-17) Dear friends, today's feast reminds us of God's desire to build a spiritual temple in the world, a community that worships him in spirit and truth. Pope Benedict XVI said, "But this observance also reminds us of the importance of the material buildings in which the community gathers to celebrate the praises of God. Every community therefore has the duty to take special care of its own sacred buildings, which are a precious religious and historical patrimony."

We live the reality of Church at the parish level. Just as much as we want our church to be clean, tidy, and elegant, we shall try to do the same with our personal and community life as well. Once we do not lose our focus on building the temple of God within us, we see water of life flowing from it and life teeming in it, just as we read from Prophet Ezekiel in the first reading at Mass today. Let us pray and work towards making this a reality for us and for others.

### Meeting, Ministers to the Sick

All Communion Ministers taking Blessed Sacrament to the Sick for their Communion are invited to a meeting at 7 PM on Thursday, 20 November, in the Donovan Room.

### Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal

Our warmest thanks go to each and every one of you for your generous contributions to the appeal last weekend. We are able to accomplish many things because of your support. Thank you, and God bless



## **Evolution and Big Bang theory are right**

Last week one of the parishioners directed my attention to an article that appeared in The Independent, written by Adam Withnall and asked me to comment on it. Below is my comment. Quotes from the article can be seen in blue.

Speaking at the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, the Pope made comments which experts said put an end to the “pseudo theories” of creationism and intelligent. The theories of evolution and the Big Bang are real and God is not “a magician with a magic wand”, Pope Francis has declared. Adam wrote that Francis explained that both scientific theories were not incompatible with the existence of a creator – arguing instead that they “require it”. “When we read about Creation in Genesis, we run the risk of imagining God was a magician, with a magic wand able to do everything. But that is not so,” Francis said.

Contrary to common belief and the teachings of some Christian denominations, Genesis 1:1-2:4a, where the Bible speaks of God creating the world, is not primarily about how God created the world. Genesis states that the one true God created everything and He did it unopposed. “God said, let there be light, and there was light.” (Genesis 1:3) This means His word is so powerful. God is omnipotent – capable of doing anything without any other assistance. This was a very significant revelation when there were many stories and myths describing how the creator struggles to emerge out of the chaos and bring about earth and its creatures. Another predominant belief was that the world and the creatures are the result of the struggle between good and evil. The Book of Genesis categorically affirms that our God neither needed to struggle nor needed any means to create the world. The other teaching of the Book of Genesis is that human beings surpass all other created beings by reason of his special relationship to God. The vegetation is created as a product of earth. That means they are not to be worshipped. Thus Genesis teaches against any cult that would worship trees and plants. The sun and moon were created to separate day and night, that means they are instruments to do a function for the human beings. Therefore worshipping them also is not right. On the sixth day God created the human beings and ordered humans to have dominion over creation. God who created the whole universe, finished his work in six days and rested on the seventh day. “God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because he had rested from all the work he had done in creation” (Genesis 2:3). The implication is that, if God who did all the creation rested on the seventh day and made it holy, we his chosen people and creatures should be following that model and keeping the Sabbath. So the whole narrative which is called creation story is a catechetical passage with teachings about how to order our religious life. God surely created Human beings, but the Genesis account is not a teaching about the process or time of creation. This should help us appreciate Pope Francis’ comments.

“He (God) created human beings and let them develop according to the internal laws that he gave to each one so they would reach their fulfilment. “The Big Bang, which today we hold to be the origin of the world, does not contradict the intervention of the divine creator but, rather, requires it. “Evolution in nature is not inconsistent with the notion of creation, because evolution requires the creation of beings that evolve.”

Adam Withnall said that Pope Francis’s comments were more in keeping with the progressive work of Pope Pius XII, who opened the door to the idea of evolution and actively welcomed the Big Bang theory. In 1996, John Paul II went further and suggested evolution was “more than a hypothesis” and “effectively proven fact”.

Therefore contrary to the popular belief of many, neither Bible nor the teachings of the Church are incompatible with scientific theories of the origin of the universe and theories of evolution. Yet we have to say that the reality of the universe cannot be explained by science alone. More importantly human soul is purely God’s creation and not the result of any evolution.

Fr Thomas Kurunthanam

## **Acolytes Meeting**

There will be a few changes with the sacristy and sanctuary. Therefore all acolytes are invited to a meeting at 7.30 PM , Thursday 13 November in St Peter Chanel Church.

## **Choir Meeting**

A meeting for leaders and representatives of all choirs and singing groups will be held on Tuesday 11 November at 7.30pm in the Donovan Room. The roster and Christmas celebrations will be discussed.

## Christmas Luncheon 2014

The next organising meeting will be on Monday 10 November at 7pm in the Donovan Room. Anyone volunteering to help is welcome to attend. Enquiries Call Arthur Doumit 0417270923

## Volunteers Gathering

To acknowledge the great support to the mission of our parish, all volunteers are invited to a gathering on Friday 14 November. For catering purposes please RSVP the parish office by 10 November, 2014.

## Installation of the Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP

The Liturgical Reception and Mass of Installation for the Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP as Archbishop of Sydney will take place at St Mary's Cathedral on Wed, 12 November at 7.30pm.



This week we welcome into the Catholic faith

**Samuel Lukose**

May he always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout his life.

## Novena & Magic Spells

Novena is a devotional practice of praying nine consecutive days or one day a week for nine consecutive weeks. The prayers may be for a particular intention and are in honour of a particular saint or a particular facet of the life of Our Lord or Our Lady. It is preferable that the person making the prayer attend Mass and receive Holy Communion. Though Novenas became popular only in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, we can find a basis for it the Acts of the Apostles. Between the Ascension of Our Lord and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the Apostles "with one accord devoted themselves to pray, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers." (Cf Acts 1:14). In such prayers they were asking for God's grace, but not demanding anything particularly from God. They knew that God who knows their needs and loves them will grant the necessary graces for them.

Occasionally I find leaflets of Novena Prayers left in the church. These leaflets often contain the promise that if you "Leave nine copies of this prayer in Church for nine consecutive days, prayers will be answered on or before the ninth day and has never failed." This statement troubles me; because it appears to use this prayer as a kind of Magic Spell. It is more like pre-Christian times what ancient Romans and Greeks did. They prayed for nine days with the belief that just by doing the ritual they can avert the wrath of God. St Augustine condemned the practice of Christians imitating such practices. Therefore any leaflet found in our church with false guarantee that their wishes will be granted by God, will be removed.

True prayer is connecting with God and then trusting Him to do the best for us. A true Christian prayer does not tell God what He should be doing.

## Feasts of the Week.



**10 November - St Leo the Great** Died in Rome on this day in 461. Elected pope in 440. Tried to protect the city from the devastation of barbarian invasion. His surviving letters illustrate the leadership and guidance he exercised as bishop of Rome toward other Churches in the West. Remembered for the clarity of his thought on the two natures of Christ, affirmed at the Council of Chalcedon, for his eloquent sermons, and for the prayers he composed for the Roman liturgy.

**11 November - St Martin of Tours** Born in Pannonia (Hungary) about 316. Died in 397 and was buried on this day in Tours (France). A catechumen who was in conscience unable to continue with military service. Baptised at the age of eighteen, for a time became a hermit, and then worked to establish monasticism in the West. Bishop of Tours for twenty-five years. One of the first non-martyrs to be venerated as a saint. Widely remembered for his legendary generosity to the poor, for arguing against the persecution of heretics, and especially for his active evangelisation and pastoral care of rural areas.



**12 November - St Josephat** Born in Vladimir (Ukraine) in 1580. Died at Vitebsk (Belarus) on this day in 1623. A Basilian monk who became archbishop of Polotsk. Worked strenuously to uphold and spread the Union of Brest-Litovsk by which Churches of the province of Kiev, with their Byzantine liturgy and customs, had entered into communion with Rome. In a complex situation of national and religious antagonism, he was killed by violent opponents. Remembered for his energetic pastoral reform and courageous ecumenism.



## Candlelight Mass

A special Candlelight Mass will be celebrated at 8 PM on Friday, 28 November at St Peter Chanel Church. You will be able to offer a special candle for your dear departed ones at the Mass on the night. Electronic candles for this are made available for \$2.

### November Mass Intentions - May they Rest in Peace

**Recently Deceased:** Aleksander Jarczewski

**Deceased:** Leonard McDonald, Dora Egitto, Alphonso & Mary Scanlan, Percy Smith, Bert & Jack Herrmann, Peter Huong, Anna Thanh, Anna Vinh, Peter Ty, Anna Ly, Joshep Dung, Joshep Pham, Maria Nguyen, Rose & Tony NgSu Wan, Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Adrienne D'Souza, Pascal D'Souza, Teddy Carvalho, Avelino Nazareth, Joseph Noronha, Maryanne Kane, Robert Kane, John Thomas Kane, Emily Rose Kane, Patricia Gray, Stephen Gray, George Vaughan, Enid Vaughan, Tom North, Dot North, Ted North, Maria Yen Vu, John Moore, Margaret Moore, Richard Marsh, Teresa Marsh, Colleen Kenny, Santina Baudille, Maria Yianni, Aphrodite Yianni, Rosa Manganaro, Herschel Smith, June Gruno, John Hogan, Frank Pisceck, Martin & Jessie Jalleh, Stanly & Mary Gabrielle, Shelton, Noel & Leonard Gabrielle, Bergman & Johnnie Rozells, Betsy & Stephen Jalleh, Charlotte, Joe & Mags Conrad, Willie & Tommy Actol, Ossie & Jacqueline Herbert, Auntie Rita, Uncle Georgie, Auntie May, Uncle Sonny, Auntie Enid, Auntie Bets, Philip Lourdama, Philip Baskeran, Saurimuthu Singarayer, Samson Rajakon, Singarayer Teresamma, Mamerto Snr, Gloria & Astrid Bolonia, Felixberto Snr, Consuelo, Donald & Lidelia Ibardolaza, Peter & Karime Michael, , Colin Baudille, Gary Williams, William Lam, Percy Hedes, Norman Harrison, Al Chong, Anna Yupana, Leong Heng Lin, Tham Sun Yeow, Ernesto & Pablo Martin, Tina Martin, , Agnes Kelso, Rufins & Simon Mortillero, Yoly Vegh, Titus Jayasekara, Charles Orr, Fely Sanchez, Rudolph, Ramon & Edmund Mortillero, Concetta Capra, Nicola Rizzo, Sigismundo Capra, Maria Capra, Salvatore Capra, Luciano Abate, Nicolo Capra, Lucia Abate, Fr Nicolo Capra, Franco Abate, Dragan & Kata Zivkovic, Jure & Manda Zivkovic, Joso Rade, Mile Zivkovic Andrija Zivkovic, Helen Ugarkovic, Louise Constantin, Marie-Anne Ribet, Maria Vu Tho Toan, Maria Bich Nguyen, Maria Toan, Vietnamese ancestors, Paciencia Anoyevo, Brien Roberts, Tednesto Estrada, Tess Castillo, Maria Adorna, Arnel Abing, Aileen Bernabe, Bill Walker, Tung Kwai, George & Raymond Yip, Lil Murphy, Renne Steele, John & Vince Byrne, Joyce & Jack Michael, Marie Thibault, Kath Gazzard, Cynthia DeSouza, Harry Lili & Eric Scharenguivel, Valerie & Gerard DeSouza, Bryan & Lorna Jonklaas, Eric & Kathleen Lourensz, Harold & Audrey Labrooy, Lilrick and Ethnie Lourensz, Kingsley & Olga Joseph, Ellen Fong, Chan Ah Nuan, Pang Moh Liang, Simone Rispante, Melchor Dela Cruz, Curazon Singson, Jose Rene Jarque, Consuelo Bandarel, Angelo Munarriz, Jose Antonio Rodriguez, Leonida Almeda, Thomas Hynes, Mary Therese Hynes, Stephen Hynes, David Pincombe, Joe Cicuto, Albino & Caterina Bertuzzi, Giovanni & Amabile Cicuto, Cipriano Flores, Alfredo Javier, Maria Javier, Anita Carpio, Freddie Manalaysay, Zenaida Manalaysay, Fernando Javier, Norma Javier, Arturo Carpio, Lorenzo Vasquez, Edna Ramos Flores, Michael McGill, Sue Reese, Norma Willoughby, Frank Sid Cox, Mr & Mrs Brewster, Mr & Mrs McGill, Mr & Mrs Michaels, Zacarias Abadam, Aurelia Abadam, Juan Abadam, Francisca Abadam, Teodoro Abadam, Laureano Vega, Cattalino Arcinue, Marina Arcinue, Duan Arcinue, Rafael Arcinue, Reynaldo Baron, Vincent Boyd, Rose & Ty Ngsuwan, Carmen Saguid, Edilberto Paculan, Zenaida Payurn, Ted Duffy, Edward & Edna Duffy, Nell & Jack Sargent, Roque Quinoy, Consuelo Quindifan, Dominga Quinoy, Victorina Nagtalon, Angel Enriquez Sr, Adekina Rojas, Cristeta Enriquez, Galicano Rojas, Clement Hill, Michael Smith, Mary Hickey, Michael Hickey, Anne Swomey, Patricia Le Mottee, Noel Le Mottee, Stipe, Mirjana, Anka, Pina & Ifrane Lisica, Ivan, Franko, Venci & Marija Lisica, Nunziatina Di Marco Simeone, Fiore Simeone, Alan Jones, Patrick Lynch, Violet Lynch, Aidan Lynch, Patrick Mauley, Mary Mauley, Charles Scully, Mary Scully, Christy Scully, Anthony Scully, Ted Noonan, Bernice Noonan, Siobhan Morris, Mary Stafford, Cyril, Florence, Tom, Edward, Reggie, Lynus, Basil & Lorraine Rodrigues, Diego Cardoza, Denzil Jacob, Angela & Donal Lopez, Bob, Ben & David Vaz, Bobby Parker, Joslyn, Louise, Denis, Junior & Mr Johnstone, Angela, Charles, Ivor, rex, Lilian, Lilian, Gladys & Audrey Hookens, Josephine, Cuthbert & Mr Rosario, Donald Sylvie, Patrick, Marlene, Joe Hart, Stella Hart, Meryl Macrae, Sr Margaret, Bishop Kelly, Bishop Grazi, Msg Biachi, Fr Barker, Fr Grady, Msg Mahoney, Fr arlati, Fr Arozio, Fr Xavier, Fr Rayapa, Fr Stack, Marcelin Ribet, Shirley Foggarty, Margaret Stephenson, Jack Wilson, Joshua Bangora, Maurice Tereiro, Lynette MacRae, Mr South, Glenn Ford, Paul Ford, Departed Legionaries, Forgotten Souls, All Holy Souls, All souls with no one to pray for them.

# Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass. 7.00 PM Christmas Luncheon Meeting in Donovan Room	
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass 7.30 PM Choir Leaders Meeting in Donovan Room	9.00 AM Class Mass Yr 3/4
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass 7.30pm Acolytes Meeting in SPC Church	9.00 AM - 10.00AM Playgroup in the Mark Spora Room.
Friday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass 6.30 PM Volunteers Thanksgiving Gathering in Jubilee Hall	
Saturday	8.00AM Mass 9 -10 AM Adoration & Novena & Reconciliation 5.00 PM Mass	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass 5.00 PM (16th) No Group 2 singing practice	8.00 AM Mass

## Mass Intentions Cont...

**Deceased members and friends of the following families:** Ross & Mitchell Families, Eisenhuth and Williams Families, O'Halloran and Millard Families, Buterin & Baraba Families, Kavanagh Family, Eamiguel Family, Alinson Family, Mari Family, Yburan Family, Bolonia & Arellano Family, Ibardolaza & Imperial Families, Michael & Baini Families, Medved Family, Sostaric Family, Mujic Family, Grasic Family, Moses Family, McManus Family, Jarczewski Family, Mamo Family, Conway Family, Tannous & Wadad Elias Family, Forbes Family, Caspersz Family, Barrett Family, Lisica Family, MacBride Family, Nicholson Family, Hurtis Family, Silva Family Yanni Family, D'Souza Family, O'Rourke Family, Babigalo Family, Cardozo Family, Plumb Family, Oliver Family

## Other Notices

**The Gospel according to St Matthew** The Catholic Education Centre, Archdiocese of Sydney, and Dr Robert Tilley will present "The Gospel according to St Matthew" at The Catholic Centre, Lidcombe on 24 -25 November 2014. For more details, please contact Matthew Leslie 96469010 or study@caec.com.au .

**Living with Soul:** A Monthly Renewal Evening for Men in the City. Evenings include a Mass, short presentation, discussion and fellowship. The first evening, Wed 19 November at 5:30 – 7:00 pm, will be an introduction to the Living with Soul program. Each month will address a new topic. Meetings are held at De Piro House, 19 Stanley Street, Darlinghurst. Email b4sjj2014@gmail.com, ph. Jim 0432487927

## Planned Giving Program Request Form

Your contribution to the Planned Giving Program of the Parish is your appreciation for the Parish. At the end of the Financial Year you will receive a Receipt for your contributions which will enable you to claim Tax deduction. To join the Planned Giving Program fill this form, tear this part off and place it in the Sunday Collection plate

Your Name: .....

Telephone No .....Email ID .....

☐ Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.

YES/NO Tax deduction

☐ Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions.  
(A credit card authority form will be sent to you for completion)

## Antiphons & Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,  
coming down out of heaven from God,  
prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

### Responsorial Psalm:

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

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**

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**

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**

### 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!**

### Communion Antiphon:

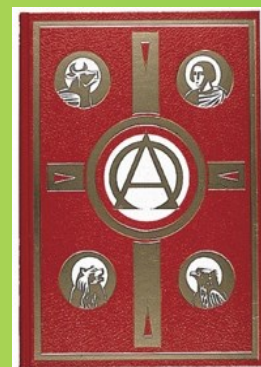
Be built up like living stones,  
into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

### Today's Readings

Ezek: 1-2, 8-9, 12  
1Cor 3:9-11, 16-17  
Jn 2:13-22

### Next Sunday's Readings

Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31  
1 Thess 5:1-6  
Mt 25:14-30



## St Peter Chanel & St Joseph the Worker Rosters - Next Week

16 NOVEMBER 2014		33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Joseph MARMAN	William ANDREWS	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	Renee SALAR	SJW YOUTH	SAMOAN
CANTOR	YOUTH CHOIR	CHOIR	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Phirum DUCH	Ken HARTMAN	Carmel MARTIN
	Patricia DUFFY	Jenny MICHAEL	Mai VU
COMMENTATOR	Jann ROCKLIFF	Joe MOSES	Fatima BOLONIA
GIFTS	Carol MABON Family		Micheline BOTHAM Family
PIETY STALL	Maureen HEYS		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Micheline BOTHAM
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		Rita JAKSIC
HOSPITAL: William Andrews & Robert Jaksic		ALTAR: Group 6 Korina Kinda, Antoinette Boudaher	
SPC CLEANERS: Vietnamese Community		COUNTERS: Group 2 Christine Kensey; Julie Toby	
SJW CLEANERS: Maronite Group		CHILDREN’S LITURGY: Pam Snell & Maria Jurcic	
HOSPITALITY: This week Anna Facer will be hosting morning tea after 10.00am Mass. Next week Aimee Tumapon will be hosting .Thank you to our hospitality team for providing this very important ministry.			

**PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel** at the Chiu home, 65 Fourth Ave, Berala

Please join them any evening at **7.30pm** for the Rosary.

To host the Pilgrim Statue contact Mona on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.

**ROSARY STATUE from St Joseph the Worker** To host the Rosary Statue contact the Legion of Mary.



**Holy Mass at Berala:** Monday-Friday: 6.45AM. Wednesday - Friday 9.15 AM

Saturday 8 AM, 9 AM Adoration & Novena. **Lord's Day Mass:** Saturday 5 PM (Vigil), Sunday 10 AM.

**Holy Mass at Auburn South:** Tuesday 9 AM (school term only); **Lord's Day Mass:** Sunday 8 AM.

**Reconciliation at Berala:** Saturday 9.00 AM - 10 AM.