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The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
9th November 2025

Pope's Prayer Intention for November: 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.

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| Sun 9th | (Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. | N O'Donnell Int; K O'Driscoll R.I.P.; B Asher R.I.P. P Malone R.I.P.; V Okafor R.I.P. | NO EVENING MASS |
| Mon 10th | St Leo the Great | B McNicholas R.I.P.; J Cardozo It | |
| Tues 11th | St Martin of Tours | Holy Souls; D'Souza Family Int | |
| Wed 12th | St Josaphat | Holy Souls; ; G Gomez Int | Baptism Preparation after evening Mass |
| Thurs 13th | Feria | Holy Souls; M & R Gomez Int | Exposition until 11 a.m. Requiem Mass: C Insalaco 12.30 p.m. |
| Fri 14th | Feria | M & A Fee R.I.P.; P Duggan Int | R.C.I.A. 7 p.m. |
| Sat 15th | Our Lady's Saturday | Holy Souls | Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. & 5.15 p.m. |
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The Basilica Today

St. John Lateran is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome where the Bishop of Rome presides, especially on Holy Thursday for the Chrism Mass. One of Rome's most imposing churches, the Lateran's towering facade is crowned with 15 colossal statues - Christ, John the Baptist, John the Evangelist and 12 doctors of the Church. Beneath its high altar rest, the remains of the small wooden table on which tradition holds St. Peter himself celebrated Mass

Relevance of the Feast

We are all members of our own local church, work for the universal kingdom of Christ, are also members of this "mother-church" in Rome.

The dedication of churches can be traced back to the Jewish practice of dedicating the Temple in Jerusalem to God. Once the Temple had been dedicated, there was a feast each year to celebrate the anniversary of the dedication. This feast was celebrated not only in Jerusalem but in every synagogue as well. Similarly, every Western Catholic church observes the dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome.

This feast helps us move beyond our narrow geographical confines to a sense of the universal Church.



- **Fr Albert** will be available on Monday evening.

- **Confirmation 2026 – For candidates** in year 9 or above in September (2025) whose families are registered and worship weekly at English Martyrs. *Registration Forms will be available this weekend and next weekend. Closing date for registration is Friday 21st November.*

Our sincere sympathy to the family of Calogero Insalaco who died suddenly last week. Requiem mass for Calogero is on Thursday, 13th November at 12.30 p.m. May he rest in peace.

- **Baptism preparation for November** will be on Wednesday after the 7 p.m.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Senior Parishioners Christmas Lunch** will be on Saturday 13th Dec. at 1.30 p.m.
- **The Forum for the Inculturation of Liturgical Music (Film Triumphant) UK and Naz** (our organist) will be performing here on Saturday, 13th December AT 7.30 p.m. (Admission by ticket only.) All proceeds in aid of Parish Hall Refurbishment.
- **Advent Penitential Service: Friday 19th December at 7 p.m.**

- **Prayer & Fasting for Life - Monday 17th November.** These days seem quite dark, what with Parliament voting to partly decriminalise abortion and voting to legalise euthanasia. Please invite others to join us in praying and fasting for life, you can do so with this link, <https://www.facebook.com/events/828656872884422>” See poster for details.

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify us.
 Body of Christ, save us.
 Blood of Christ, inebriate us.
 Water from the side of Christ, wash us.
 Passion of Christ, strengthen us.
 O Good Jesus, hear us.
 Within Thy wounds hide us.
 Suffer us not to be separated from thee.
 From the malicious enemy defend us.
 In the hour of our death call us.
 And bid us come unto Thee,
 That with all Thy saints,
 we may praise thee
 Forever and ever.
 Amen

Saint Nicholas of Tolentine Prayer for the Deceased

Lord, God of holiness and light.
 You do not allow any shadow of darkness
 or evil in your sight,
 and so in your mercy you grant to those
 who have left this world burdened with sin,
 a time of purification,
 applying to them the spiritual treasures
 of your holy Church.
 Hear our prayer and through
 the merits of Christ,
 the Blessed Virgin, the saints,
 and all your faithful people
 bring to an end this time of waiting
 for our beloved dead.
 In your providence
 you have chosen Saint Nicholas
 as a special intercessor on behalf of the departed.
 Hear also his fervent prayer for those whom
 we recommend to you through his intercession.
 Amen.

- **Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Katherine Hamilton email wembley2sg@safe-guardrcdow.org.uk

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