



DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Ps Week 4

9th November 2025

Year I

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sat 08:

5-5.45pm: Confessions (church)

6pm: Kathleen McCann (ints)

Sun 09 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8.30am: Walter & Kathryn Vassallo RIP

10.30am: John James Lennon (ann RIP)

6pm: Pro Populo (int)

Mon 10: St Leo the Great

9.30am Morning prayer

6.00pm: All Souls

Tues 11: St Martin of Tours

9.30am Morning prayer

10am: John O'Brien (ann RIP)

10.30 Rosary in Church

Wed 12: St Josaphat

6pm: Breege Lennon (RIP)

Thu 13

9.30am Morning prayer

10am: Ellen & Rita Facey (RIP)

10.30am Rosary in Church

10.30am Tea & Coffee in JP II Room

6pm Adoration & Confessions (Church)

Fri 14

9.30am Morning prayer

10am: Philip McManus (ann RIP)

10.30am Rosary in Church

2pm Christian Meditation in Church

Sat 15 St Albert the Great

5-5.45pm: Confessions (church)

6pm: Bastiam Pilla (ann RIP)

Sun 16: 33rd in Ordinary Time

8.30am: Robert Ansara RIP

10.30am: Jan Agilada (ann RIP)

6pm: Martin Murphy (ann RIP)

**Our Bodies and Churches are the
Dwelling place of the Holy Spirit**

We celebrate today the feast of the dedication of the basilica of St. John the Evangelist in Lateran, also known as the Holy Saviour or the Church of St. John the Baptist. It is the mother and mistress of all churches in Rome and the world — “omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput”. The feast and the readings of the day remind us of God's presence in the church as a building and also within ourselves. We are the dwelling place of God, and therefore, we must keep ourselves holy and sacred.

In Ezekiel, the sign of God's presence is evident. In the temple, there is a river that flows — a symbol of life and joy flowing within us. It nourishes and satisfies us all and grants eternal joy! There is no longer hunger or thirst, and it also makes the place a sanctuary because we encounter Christ, who heals us and mends our wounds. Saint Paul adds that our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit. In fact, we can say that our hearts are the most “intimate sanctuaries of the Holy Spirit”.

Let us pray, as Jesus exhorts us, to treasure the temple of the Holy Spirit, to revere our bodies and the church, to keep them pure, holy, and sacred, and to remove all unwanted objects that desecrate the dwelling place of God our hearts. **Amen.**

Why do pray for the dead? The answer is found in Scripture and Catholic Tradition, which form the foundation of the belief in purgatory. “We pray for them so as they can be purified and achieve holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Catechism clarifies that “this final purification of the elect ... is entirely different from the punishment of the damned” (CCC 1031). Heaven is the perfect union between God and man. Sin distances us from God, and to be in perfect communion with him, we must be completely free of sin. According to Scripture, one must be “clean” to enter heaven (Revelation 21:27). Therefore, a cleaning or “purification” is necessary for those who still require it. Just like a proper guest at a grand banquet, God desires us to be purified and properly attired to enter into the wedding feast of the Lamb”.

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NOTICES

Parish Pastoral Council meet on Monday 10th November at 7.45p in the JP11 Room.

All Souls for November

Please write the names of your loved ones who have died in the **Remembrance Book** (situated near Our Lady Statue). This book will be brought to the altar at all Masses.

Blessing of Graves

- **Bells Hill Cemetery:** Sunday 9th November at 2pm.
- **Hendon Cemetery:** Sunday 9th November at 2pm.
- **Islington & St Pancras Cemetery** 15th November at 11.30am Mass & Blessing.
- **Trent Park Cemetery:** Sunday 16th November at 2pm.
- **New Southgate Cemetery:** Sunday 23rd November at 2pm.

Eric Power, a dear parishioner, recently died. Please can we ask you to keep Alice, his wife, and their children, family and friends in your prayers during this sad time. May he rest in peace.

St Catherine's RC Primary School welcome prospective parents for our Reception 2026 school tour. This is a great opportunity to view the school in full function and to attend the Head's talk. The remaining date is Tue 11th Nov at 10am/10am. To book a visit please call the school office on: 8020 8440 4946 or admissions@stcatherines.barnetmail.net

Funeral Mass for Martin Leonard (RIP) is on Wednesday 12 November at 12 noon at Mary Immaculate & St Peter's Church, 63 Somerset Road, New Barnet, EN5 1RF. Please keep Martin's family and friends in your prayers during this sad time. May he rest in peace.



Live Music, 'Food & Drink'

Saturday 15th November

7.30pm in Ewan Hall, Wood Street. Tickets are £25 each Licensed Bar. Raffle. All proceeds for the building loan.

TICKETS ON SALE AFTER MASS TODAY (*cannot be purchased on the day*)

MUSIC LITURGY 10.30 MASS

Gathering: 475 Here in this place

Psalm R/ **The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High.**

Gospel Acc: Vs: I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the LORD, that my name may be there forever.

Offertory: 992 **Shalom, shalom, the peace of God be here. Shalom, shalom, God's justice be ever near.**

Communion: 399 With joy you shall draw water (x2) from the fountain of God's mercy from the wellspring of love.

You are God's temple, the spirit within you. God's temple is holy that temple is you.

Going Forth: 830 The church's one foundation



Please remember in your prayers the sick, their families and all who care for them: Rita Rawlings, David Kelly, Shawn Kelly, Rosemary Chester, Catherine Evans, Janine Kelly, Louie Sheehy, Stephen Mealy, Martin Harrison, Victor Annan, Mary Spearman, Alice Power, Martin Leonard, Carlotta Brunelli.

Recently Died: Eric Power, Jonathan Collins.

Deceased Anniversaries: Colum Giblin, Sean Greaney, Elizabeth Gibson, Mary Moriarty, John James Lennon, John O'Brien, Philip McManus.

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OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY: 10.30am-12 noon AND 4.00pm-5.30pm

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & WEEKENDS: CLOSED

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