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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA, REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

32nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

St GEORGE'S MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 08 Nov	5.30 pm	Bernadette O'Riordan and the deceased of the O'Riordan family
Sun 09 Nov	9.30 am	Max Rafferty RIP, anniversary
Mon 10 Nov	9.30 am	Sp. Intention for the honour of God the Father
Tues 11 Nov	9.30 am	Michael Fleming RIP, 8th anniversary
Wed 12 Nov	9.30 am	Donor's intention, St Anthony
Thu 13 Nov	9.30 am	The Clifford family RIP
Fri 14 Nov	9.30 am	The Whit family, living and deceased
Sat 15 Nov	9.30 am	Holy Souls
	5.30 pm	Molly Heaps RIP
Sun 16 Nov	9.30 am	People of the Parish

FEASTDAY REFLECTION:

St John Lateran is the cathedral church of the diocese of Rome. It is the Pope's cathedral in his capacity as the Bishop of Rome, symbolizing his unity with parishioners in his diocese but also believers scattered throughout the world.

The Lateran Basilica is called 'the mother and head of all the churches of the city and the world'. In fact, this basilica was the first to be built after Emperor Constantine's edict, in 313, granting Christians freedom to practise their religion. The Emperor himself gave Pope Miltiades the ancient palace of the Laterani family, and the basilica, the baptistery and Bishop of Rome's residence – where the popes lived until the Avignon period – were all built there. The basilica's dedication was celebrated by Pope Sylvester in 324. It was initially named 'Most Holy Saviour', the names of St John the Baptist and St John the Evangelist only being added after the sixth century. Initially the observance of this feast was confined to the city of Rome but in 1565 it was extended to all the churches of the Roman rite. The honouring of this sacred building was a way of expressing love and veneration for the Church in Rome which as St Ignatius of Antioch said, 'presides in charity' over the whole Catholic communion (Letter to the Romans 1:1). Today's feast celebrates a mystery that is always real, present and relevant: God's desire to build a spiritual temple in the world, a community that worships him in spirit and truth (John 4:23-24). But this observance also reminds us of the importance of the material buildings in which the community gathers to celebrate the praises of God, for which it has a duty to take special care. For this we call upon the intercession of Mary Most Holy, that she help us to become like her, the 'house of God', a living temple of his love.

Father, thank you for making me a temple of the Holy Spirit, a dwelling for the Living God. Pour your Spirit afresh on me.

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

This is the month when we particularly pray all the faithful departed, for all the Holy Souls, especially beloved family members who have gone before us. You may wish to have a Mass said for a family member or friend who has died. If so, write down the details and place in an envelope with your offering and give it in at church or post it through the priest's house, 40 Village Street, opposite the church. As you know from the newsletter we continue to celebrate Mass each day at 9.30 am.

Also, we must continue to pray for an end to warfare and violence in our world especially in Gaza, where we hope the ceasefire will hold, and the Ukraine where Russian aggression continues. Also for the Sudan in the grip of civil war and other places of conflict.

Our Lady Queen of peace, pray for us and our world.

***Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
on Saturday 10.15-10.45 am.***

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon 10 Nov: 1st Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor
Tues 11th Nov: St Martin of Tours, Bishop
Wed 12th Nov: St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
Sat 15th Nov: St Albert the great, Bishop & Doctor

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November

For the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community and be open to the beauty of life.

One for the Ages

Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." JOHN 2:19

Established early in the 4th century, the Lateran Basilica is the oldest church in Rome and serves as the "Pope's Cathedral" as the seat of the bishop of Rome. Imagine, for a moment, all that those ancient stone walls have seen. They have witnessed popes, saints and generations of the faithful gathering together to celebrate the Eucharist, mourn at funerals and rejoice at weddings and baptisms. It stands as a lasting symbol of the strength and stability of the Church in an ever-changing world.

But even such a building pales in comparison to the glory and power of the One for whom it was built. Buildings – even the most revered – come and go with the ages. But our resurrected King and Saviour stands forever upon the ruins of the earth. He is never to be destroyed, ever-alive, ever-ready to come to our aid. He lives and reigns. And knows us by name.

Jesus, be the lasting cornerstone of my life.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

We pray sincerely at this time for all the dead of war. We remember especially all those who died serving their country in the two terrible world wars, soldiers, sailors, airmen and civilians. We pray that they come safely into eternal life, to be risen and alive and in peace and happiness for all eternity.

"Eye hasn't seen or ear heard or the heart of men conceived for those who love God." The eternal life and glory of the kingdom of love and joy and peace is wonderful beyond our human grasp. The loving life and activities and wonderful words of Jesus, Our saviour, give us a glimpse of the glory to come.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

THANKS: Thanks to all who have prepared the church for Remembrance Sunday and Remembrance Day. It looks great with its poppy theme and red flowers. The display depicting family members of parishioners who served and some of whom gave their lives is always moving to contemplate. Many who died were so young. GOD BLESS THEM ALL.