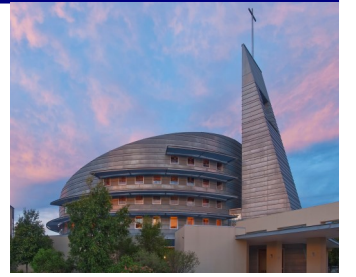




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"He must increase, I must decrease" (Jn 3:30)



17th November 2024

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS TIMES & OTHER WORSHIP

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5.00pm

Sundays - 7.30am, 9.15am and 5.00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: Morning prayer at

8.15am followed by the Mass at 8.30am

Saturdays & Public holidays - 9.00am

Healing Service

First Friday of the month during Mass at

4.00pm

Nursing Home Masses:

Hillview House—3rd Thurs of the month

10.30am

Peninsula Village—4th Thurs of the month

10.00am

BlueWave—2nd Fri of the month 9.30am

Reconciliation/Confession

Fridays—9.00am

First Friday of the month - 3.30pm

Saturdays - 9.30am and 4.30pm

Sundays - 7.00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday evenings from 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Mon—Fri - 8.30am—3.00pm

Christian Meditation

Monday evenings - 6.00pm - 7.00pm

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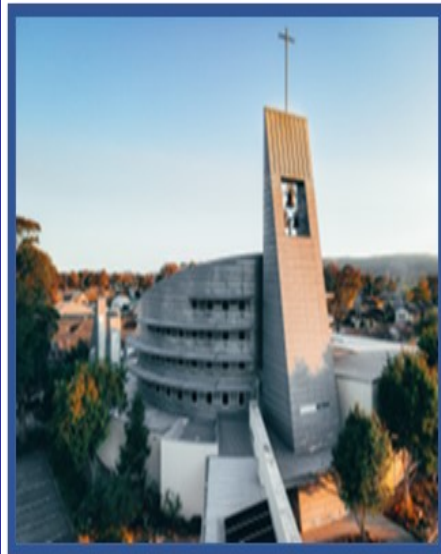
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On 18th November we celebrate the 17th Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church



Throughout the Bible we are reminded of the importance of the Lord's wonderful works and how he has worked in our lives. Celebrating the Anniversary gives us an opportunity to look back and reconnect with our Church and the reasons behind its design. When we take the time to understand the significance behind each liturgical symbol, we realise the stories of past and present all being brought together into this sacred space. Every time we walk into a church our faith is strengthened by these visual reminders.

Our church is built around the idea of the Christian as pilgrim. The pebble surface that begins at the pedestrian gate continues under the covered way, through the main doors and the gathering space to the pews, and is also visible around the altar, ambo and chair. As we enter the worship space, we see on the doors the words (in four languages) from the pilgrim psalm 120 (8): 'The Lord will guard your going and coming, both now and forever.' The gathering space doubles as a devotional space—an area where we can engage in our private devotions. There are the Way of the Cross and chapels in honour of the Sacred Heart, the Blessed Virgin, St Joseph and St Anthony.

Inside, the stained glass draws our attention to the Patron, Saint John the Baptist (the upper windows, in the colours of red [martyrdom], blue [his baptism], and desert colours), and to our worship in the community of saints and the angels (especially the faces and the angels' wings).

The altar, ambo, chair and font form a set, made from Persian travertine and highlighted in Roman travertine. They are the focal points of the building, according to what is happening, and they emphasise the unity of Sacramental action. It is around these that we gather at various important events on the journey, especially when we assemble on Sunday. The exact centre of the Church is just in front of the altar steps, in the centre. In Church-building tradition, this is called the *omphalos* or "navel", where really important events take place. The priest stands there to distribute Communion; marriages and ordinations take place there.



The pilgrim route which we mostly follow (in and out the main doors) is not the way in which we finish our journey. We have a special set of funeral doors, like those in mediaeval monasteries, and after the Mass or Service of Christian Burial, the body is taken through these doors to the hearse waiting outside.

Parish News:

Anniversary: To celebrate the 17th anniversary of the Dedication of St John the Baptist Church which falls on 18th November, there will be a barbeque after 9.15am Mass this Sunday. All welcome.

Thanks: Thanks to Bakers Delight Umina for the donation of bread and pastries for the Dedication morning tea.

Grounds Working Bee: We will have a working bee to tidy up the grounds next Saturday, 23rd November at 8.00am. Please record your name on the list in the gathering area if you can assist.


Christmas Decoration Working Bee: There will be a Christmas decoration working bee after 9.15am Mass on Sunday, 1st December. Please record your name on the list in the gathering area if you can assist.

Hospitality Ministry: If there is anyone interested in joining the Hospitality Ministry, please contact Jane on 0419 233 284. Volunteers would be asked to assist with preparing a plate of either sweet or savoury food for any of our many social functions.

Sit n chat: A group of seniors meet every 3rd Monday of the month in the Leo Mahon Room from 1.00pm to 2.30pm. This month's meeting is scheduled for next Monday. Please contact Jane for further information 0419 233 284. Transport can be provided if necessary.

Diocesan Count of Mass Attendance: The second Diocesan Count of Mass Attendance for 2024 continues this weekend.

November Envelopes: November envelopes are available in the Church and gathering area.

 **Vinnies Christmas Appeal:** There will be a Vinnies Christmas Appeal this weekend. Envelopes are available. Please give generously.

Vinnies Christmas Cards: Vinnies Christmas cards are now on sale in the Piety Stall. \$2 for a pack of #10 cards plus envelopes.

Catholic Mission Appeal: Catholic Mission would like to thank all those who contributed to their recent appeal. A total of \$3,205.10 was raised.

Mary Macs Place Hamper Wishlist: During the month of November we will be collecting hamper items in the Church on behalf of Mary Mac's Place. The wishlist contains (but is not limited to) long life milk, coffee, juice poppers, biscuits, pasta, meal base sauce, lollies, tinned fruit, tinned tuna, noodles, chip packets (small bags), shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, deodorant, school snacks, small personal gifts, festive food, snack food. All donations will be gratefully received. There are containers located in the gathering area for donations. Many thanks for your support.

Safeguarding: If young children need to use the bathroom during Mass or events in the Church, please ensure that a parent or guardian accompanies the child. Should a

parishioner have any safeguarding concerns please contact our Safeguarding Team Members: Jenny Dempsey 0438 423 293 or Margaret Dixon 0422 277 548.

Cleaners for 22nd November: Rose Kissing, Reg Harrington, Jo MacMillan, Tom French

Readers for 22nd & 23rd November:
Saturday 5.00pm—Wendy Whiteman, Dawn Torrens, Leonie King

Sunday 7.30am—Joel Bajo, Veronica Jordan, Phoebe Glacken

Sunday 9.15am—Christine French, Emma Baker, Joesie Cameron

Sunday 5.00pm—Marian Bowyer, Kris Aitken, Pio Savea

Servers for 22nd & 23rd November:
Saturday 5.00pm—Jeff Freeman, Joel Bajo

Sunday 7.30am—Peter French, Jose Torres

Sunday 9.15am—Bernie French, Jenny Fitzgerald, Joseph French

Sunday 5.00pm—Charles Kivunja

RED Wednesday - 20th November 2024: Red Wednesday is an international initiative of Aid to the Church in Need. It is a day to stand up for faith and freedom and gather to pray for those who suffer and are persecuted for their faith. This year on **RED Wednesday**, Bishop Anthony will celebrate Mass in Our Lady of Dolours Church, Chatswood at 7pm.

Jubilee Prayer (Pope Francis):

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

 **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Reading 1: Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people—since he stood higher than all the people—Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered ‘Amen! Amen!’; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah—His Excellency—and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.’ For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

Responsorial Psalm:**R. Your words, Lord are spirit and life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

R. Your words, Lord are spirit and life.

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.

R. Your words, Lord are spirit and life.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding forever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

R. Your words, Lord are spirit and life.

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock!

R. Your words, Lord are spirit and life.**Reading 2: Peter 2:4-9**

Jesus Christ is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Alleluia:**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time.

R. Alleluia!**Gospel: John 2:13-22**

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 script and the words he had said.

Readings for the Week:

Monday, 18th November: Rev 1:1-4, 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday, 19th November: Rev 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 14:2-5/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday, 20th November: Rev 4:1-11/Ps 150/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday, 21st November: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Rev 5:1-10/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 19:41-44

Friday, 22nd November: St Cecilia - Rev 10:8-11/Ps 118:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday, 23rd November: St Clement, St Columban - Rev 11:4-12/Ps 143:1-2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40

Sunday, 24th November: Christ the King - Dan 7:13-14/Ps 92:1-2, 5/Rev 1:5-8/Jn 18:33-37

Let us keep in our prayers:

Recently deceased: Bill Dixon, Margaret (Peg) Donnellan, Patricia Fraser, John Hayter, Daphne Kearns, Mary Kelly, Joseph King, David Lucas

Remembrance: Gregory William Glanz, Charlie Grima, Patricia Ong

Sick: John Aarts, Margaret Ayres, Robert Baker, Alan Ball, Lorraine Blandford, Rae Busby, Marie Carr, Anne-Marie Dixon, Ken Dixon, Marie Dixon, David Hopkins, Hanaa El-Khatib, Aline Fauvette, Dympna Fitzpatrick, Frances Glanz, Jason Harwood, Janice Hayward, Bill Hunt, Kay McCormack, Betty & Sean McDermott, Oscar James Moretti, Robert Morrisset, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Marta Panczyna, Kenneth John Reddacliff, Jacqui Scholte, Charlotte Stenson, Donna Vella, Pauline White, Willy Woods, Jonathon Zdilar

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November

For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.



PARISH COLLECTIONS

1st collection: Goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests

2nd Collection: Funds the operational management of the Parish

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