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DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA



Dear Friends,

Today, the Church celebrates the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, the oldest and highest ranking of the four major basilicas in Rome. The Papal Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, or simply St. John Lateran Basilica, is the Cathedral of Rome, which means that it is considered the mother of all the churches, with the title "Ecumenical Mother Church of the Roman Catholic Faithful." Thus, the entire Catholic Church celebrates the feast day of the Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica by Pope Sylvester I back in year 324.

The Basilica houses the "cathedra" or the ecclesiastical seat of the Bishop of Rome, who is the Roman Pontiff, the Pope. That is why it ranks higher even than St. Peter's Basilica, and it is the

only one given the "Archbasilica" title. On its façade, there is an abbreviated Latin inscription, "Clemens XII Pont Max Anno V Christo Salvatori In Hon SS Ioan Bapt et Evang." Translated, this means "Pope Clement XII, in the fifth year [of his Pontificate], dedicated this building to Christ the Savior, in honor of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist."

The Basilica used to be the Lateran Palace, house of the Laterani family. It got transferred to Constantine I, when he married his second wife Fausta. About the year 312, Constantine donated it to the Bishop of Rome. Initially, it was the official residence of the Pope until 1309. It was then rebuilt to be a basilica and became one of the four Papal "Major Basilicas" in Rome.

Today, as we remember the dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, the Cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope, let us remember our communion with the Universal Church and pray for harmony and unity in all churches and religions of the world.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

52 Sunday in Ordinary Time (Tear C)			
When	Where	Masses Requested	Saints & Feasts
Sat 8th Nov 5.30pm	St. Peter's	Meryl Franco - RIP	Adoration followed by Mass at
			6.00pm
Sun 9 th Nov 9.00am	St. Michael's		Dedication of the Lateran
11.00am	St. Peter's	Meryl Franco - RIP	Basilica - Feast
Mon 10 th Nov	No Mass	Fr. Maria's Day off	St. Leo the Great
Tue 11th Nov 7.00pm	RAU		St. Martin of Tours
Wed 12th Nov 11.00am	St. Peter's	Funeral Service of Meryl	St. Josaphat
		Franco	
Thu 13th Nov 9.30am	St. Peter's		
Fri 14 th Nov 9.30am	St. Peter's		The Beatified Martyrs of
			Clifton Diocese

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

In St. Peter's Saturday 5.30pm to 6.00pm In St. Michael's Wednesday 10.30am to 11.00am

A Warm Welcome: today is Sunday 9th November. As always, we welcome visitors and newcomers to join our "regulars," asking Almighty God to bestow His blessings and graces on us all. You are most welcome to join us for coffee and tea in the Parish Hall.

DONATION TO ST. PETER'S & ST. MICHAEL'S

We are pleased to share that donation to St. Peter's and St. Michael's can now be made easily through our website.

A heartfelt thank you to **Brian Helm from St. Michael's** for making this possible!

JOIN US FOR THE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION AT RAU

We warmly invite you to the Eucharistic Celebration at the RAU on Tuesday, 11th November, at 7.00 PM. This will be a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer and community.

After the Mass, stay for **refreshments, including coffee, tea, and delicious cake** - because every good gathering deserves a sweet treat! Bring a friend, share in the joy, and make it an evening to remember.

All are most welcome!

COMMUNITY KITCHEN - MEXICAN FIESTA

There will be a Community Kitchen Dinner (Mexican Fiesta) on Sunday, 09th November from 4.30 to 6.00pm at the St. Peter's Parish Hall. If you or someone you know could use a free, warm dinner or fellowship, please come along. It's a wonderful atmosphere led by volunteers from our local Catholic parishes. No booking required. – Melissa

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF HOLY SOULS - MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

During the month of November, we pray for the Holy Souls in purgatory. We also remember those dear to us who have died, family and friends, and the deceased of our parish. Remember that purgatory is on the threshold of heaven, it is where we encounter the healing fire of God's boundless love and mercy. It prepares us for the fullness of life with God. Holy Souls envelopes are available in the church. Please place the names of your deceased relatives or friends as well as the Mass offering you might wish to make and return to the Presbytery. Alternatively, place your envelope in the Sunday collection. Please do not leave your envelope in church. Intentions will be prayed for at all Masses throughout the month of November.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AT TETBURY

As we approach Remembrance Sunday, the community at Tetbury will come together to honour those who gave their lives in service to our country.

A two-minute silence will be observed at 11.00am on Tuesday, November 11th around the Market Hall, offering a moment of reflection and gratitude.

The Remembrance Service will take place on Sunday, November 9th at 2.30pm in St. Mary's Church, followed by the traditional parade down Long Street to St. Saviour's, where a wreath-laying ceremony will be held in the churchyard.

As part of our longstanding tradition, St. Michael's will take part in laying a wreath in remembrance. Those who wish to join the service are warmly invited - please contact **Brian** for further details. Let us come together as a community to remember, reflect, and give thanks.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEEDS YOUR HELPING HANDS!

As you know, much of the wonderful work at St. Michael's is carried out by our dedicated volunteers. We're now looking for more kind-hearted people to join our teams of Collection Counters, Flower Arrangers, Welcomers, and Sacristans.

If you'd like to share your time and talents in any of these roles, please have a word with **Fr. Maria** or **Brian Helm**.

Your help - big or small - truly makes a difference. Thank you for being part of our caring parish family!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT ST. MICHAEL'S

At St. Michael's on December 12th we will be celebrating the annual Christmas lunch in the church hall from 12 midday.

There will be a collection box for donations for the Christmas raffle in the porch, all contributions gratefully received.

MARRIAGE MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL WILL BE ON SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

Bishop Bosco is to celebrate Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 14th February at 12 noon and is inviting all families to join him to acknowledge the joys & challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples with significant anniversaries in 2026. You are all very welcome to join our diocesan family for this Mass. If you are, or know of a couple, celebrating a special

anniversary during 2026 please do let us know. You just need to send names to: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com with an address so that a personal invitation can be sent out from the bishop. Please include the number of years celebrating. It is always a wonderful Mass at the Cathedral, we look forward to seeing you there.

ADULT EDUCATION AND EVANGELISATION





"Every encounter with Christ, who in sacraments gives us salvation, invites us to 'go' and communicate to others the salvation that we have been able to see, to touch, to encounter and to receive and which is truly credible because it is love."

"God has poured out his love into our hearts"



Join the Bishop for Mass in the Cathedral as we celebrate the gift that is Marriage & Family Life on Saturday 14 February at 1210001.

All are welcome.

If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, newly married, or looking forward to marriage in 2026, then please contact us: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com or 0117 902 5595.





THE COMPANIONS OF MALTA AT ST. PETER'S

Thursday 27th November, the Companions will be at THE BOTHY. 10.15 till 12.30 writing Christmas cards for residents of local OSJ care homes. If you have any time do join us all you need is a pen! Enquiries to Sarah 07817499829. - Sarah

Encounter - Clifton Cathedral, Saturday 22nd November, 9.30am - 1pm

Come and join us for another Encounter of God's love and mercy. The Parish Mass is at 9.30 followed by Adoration and Confessions. We will start at 10.30 and be finished by 1pm. There will be a time of praise, teaching and prayer ministry. James Room, Cathedral Church of Saints Peter and Paul, Clifton Park, Bristol, BS8 3BX. All are welcome. For more information, email Encounter@cliftondiocese.com.



Offertory Collection

Last Week:

St. Peter's: £ 328. 50 (incl. via the Dona Machine)

Building Maintenance Fund: £ 50.00 Standing Order for October: £1,416.00

St. Michael: £ 53.93

Standing Order for October: £ 805.00

