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Remembrance Sunday Dedication of St John Lateran Basilica Sunday 9th November 2025

This Sunday is the first anniversary of the death of Fr Michael Cronin (See Notices)

It is also Remembrance Sunday when we remember all those who gave their lives in armed conflict

Page 202 Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9,12 1 Corinthians 3: 9-11, 16-17 Gospel John 2: 13-22

The Basilica of St John Lateran is the oldest of the four major basilicas in Rome and is the seat of the Bishop of Rome, the "home" of the pope. The original basilica was built by Emperor Constantine, the first Christian Emperor, over an ancient Roman Palace, the Lateran Palace, dedicated to St John the Baptist on 9th November 324. Over the centuries it has been rebuilt several times but still contains priceless relics including wood from the table of the Last Supper. Although tourists think St Peter's Basilica is the most important, in fact St John Lateran is the most important and the "mother" church. In celebrating this feast we express our union with Pope Leo XIV and our loyalty to him as leader of the Church. The other two basilicas in Rome are the Basilica of St Mary Major where Pope Francis is buried and the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls.

The readings this weekend tell us about two Temples, the Temple of Jerusalem and the temple that is Christ's body.

John's Gospel relates Jesus driving moneychangers out of the Temple. The temple tax had to be paid in Syrian currency, not coins with the Emperor's image. The temple tax, the cost of animals for sacrifice and additional fees means impoverished people, already worn down by Rome's heavy taxes, are forced into crushing poverty that means people go hungry. Malcolm

Mass times

Feast Days

**6 pm Confessions
6.30pm Vigil Mass
Fr Michael Cronin
RIP**

Saturday 8th St Cybi Born about 483 in Cornwall, son of a "warrior prince", and the King of Cornwall. Pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land. Ordained a priest and then a bishop by St Hilary in France. On arrival back in Cornwall his father had died and he was in line for the throne which he declined. Went preaching with his followers and founded churches in Cornwall and Wales successfully but Ireland proved difficult. Travelled to north Wales. Monastery founded on Anglesey on the site of an old Roman Fort at Holyhead. There are two holy wells, one in Cornwall and one in Wales, named after Cybi. Bishop Cybi died on 8th November 555 and buried at his monastery

9.30 am Mass

**Sunday 9th November The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Fr Michael Cronin RIP First Anniversary**

NO MASS

Monday 10th Pope St Leo the Great Aristocrat born in Rome about 400. Advisor to popes at an early age. Gifted in reconciling disputing Christians. Was respected for his piety, intelligence and persuasive nature. Elected Pope Leo I on death of Pope Sixtus III in 440. Great administrator. Opposed heresies. First pope to be called "Great". Met Attila the Hun and persuaded him to turn back from his invasion of Italy in 452. Great theologian. Issued the "Tome of Leo" on the divine and human nature of Christ. Keen on pastoral care of people and charitable work with the poor. Started parishes. Called Fourth Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon. Pope Leo died on 10th November 461.

NO MASS

Tuesday 11th St Martin of Tours Born 316 in Hungary to pagan parents. Followed his father's military profession. Served in the Roman Cavalry. He was drawn to Christianity. Gave half his cloak to a beggar. Saw Christ in a dream wearing it. Then became a soldier of Christ. Put in prison when he tried to leave the army having become the first conscientious objector. Released and became a disciple of St Hilary of Poitiers in France as a monk and hermit. Proclaimed Bishop of Tours by acclamation of the people. He founded monastic communities, a seminary for training priests and travelled all over his diocese on a donkey. Destroyed pagan temples and shrines. Replaced them with churches. Known as "Hammer of the Pagans". Died 8th November 297 aged 81.

NO MASS

Wednesday 12th St Josaphat Kuntsevych Born in 1580 in Ukraine. Talented young student who was brought up in Eastern Orthodox Church. Befriended John Rutzky. Both supported union with Western Catholicism in Rome. Became Polish Lithuanian monk who took name Josaphat. Met two Jesuits. Ordained a priest by Catholic bishop aged 29. Appointed abbot to replace John Rutzky who had reformed monastic life. Met some opposition due to his sympathy with Rome. Then Archbishop of Polotsk in Belarus. Supported by the people but not all his bishops who had anti-Roman attitudes. Josaphat was martyred by an angry mob trying to explain the union of the Roman Latin Rite and the Orthodox-Byzantine Rite of the Eastern Church on 12th November 1623 aged 43. Many Ukrainian and Polish churches and cathedrals are named after St Josaphat in Europe and USA.

NO MASS

Thursday 13th St Abbo of Fleury Born 945 near Orleans, France. Brought up in a Benedictine monastery, Fleury Abbey in Normandy. Studied in Paris and Rheims. Wrote a mathematics book. Produced a simplification of calculating date of Easter. Academic of incredible ability over an amazing variety of subjects. Made abbot of an English monastery in Ramsey near Peterborough and headmaster of the Abbey school. He wrote a Latin grammar for his English students and account of the martyrdom of St Edmund, King of East Anglia, then the patron saint of England. (Sadly replaced by St George in 1350 by King Edward III) Returned to France. Abbot of Fleury Abbey. Versatile thinker and copious writer. Died trying to restore peace and discipline in a visit to a monastic community in Gascony. Killed in a fight between the monks and the refectory servers in 1004.

NO MASS

Friday 14th St Laurence O'Toole Born in 1128 in Ireland. Son of a chieftain in County Kildare. Aged 10 he was taken hostage in dispute with a rival king. After 2 years released due to intercession of abbot into his care. When peace was restored, Laurence wanted to stay in the monastery rather than join his father. Aged 26 was made Abbot of Glendalough. Reformer who wanted Irish Church to have stronger ties with Rome. Elected Archbishop of Dublin aged 34 at Synod of Clane. First Irishman as his predecessors were from the Continent. Choice welcomed by local leaders which made his diocesan reforms easier to achieve. He was tireless in his preaching and celebration of the liturgy and generous to the poor. In 1158 the only English pope issued a Papal Bull giving England rule of Ireland. English forced took Ireland in 1170. King Henry II called it a Crusade to bring the Irish closer to Rome before the murder of Thomas Becket in 1171. Archbishop Laurence was the mediator between King Henry and Irish rulers. Went to England and achieved *The Treaty of Windsor*. Organised Synod of Cashel to accept Papal Bull and clerical celibacy. Attended Third Council of the Lateran in Rome. Respected and trusted by the Irish, English, Vikings, Normans and Rome and all who met him. He died on 14th November 1180 aged 52 in Normandy, France to see King Henry II.

6.30pm Vigil Mass

Saturday 15th St Albert the Great Born in 1206 in Germany to a wealthy and powerful military family. Age 14 started his studies at Padua University. Then joined the Dominicans in Padua against his parent's wishes. Studied theology in Bologna. Later moved to Cologne to teach in Dominican houses. Known as "Universal Doctor" due to his knowledge of theology, philosophy and natural sciences. Studied Aristotle and other ancient philosophers. Gained a master's degree in 1248. Professor of theology at Paris University. Thomas Aquinas was one of his pupils. Became Dominican Principal for Germany in 1254. In 1256 he attended the General Chapter of the Order where it was decided that Dominicans would not be called "master" but just by their name. He and Thomas Aquinas were criticised at Paris University by conservative theologians. Albert went to Rome to defend his views and was made personal theologian to Pope Alexander IV. He appointed him Bishop of Regensburg, a diocese north of Munich, not far from his birth place. He visited his diocese by foot rather than on horseback to be close to the people. He resigned after 3 years and returned to lecturing and preaching in Cologne. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274 on his way to the Second Council of Lyons in which Albert took part. In 1277 Albert was in Paris defending the writings of Thomas against the Bishop of Paris and other theologians. He died on 15th November 1280.

9.30 am Mass

Sunday 16th November

St Edmund of Abingdon

Thanksgiving Mass for Taniya Jomy's Birthday

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Your prayers are needed for the following people

Sue Chandler Hazel Sale Mary Light Trevor Delves Fr Shaun Budden Ann Drumgoole

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

This Sunday, 9th November is the first anniversary of the death of Fr Michael Cronin

Fr Michael served the parish of St Vincent de Paul over three periods; first as a curate with Fr Shaun Budden 1980-1982; then much later as the parish priest 2000-2003; and lastly having retired as hospital Chaplain to Southampton General Hospital in 2018. He was much loved and respected by so many in the parish over the years. He gave great support to the Union of Catholic Mothers. Everyone remembers his stories and jokes and his dedication to the parish in his retirement when he had serious health problems. Please remember him in your prayers particularly in this month of November. Both Masses this weekend are for the repose of his soul. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

No weekday Masses up to Friday 28th November as Fr Thomas is now having a well deserved break.

Sponsors for Christmas bags of treats to be distributed at the Southampton Sunday Lunch Project

Can you sponsor a Christmas bag of treats containing a hat, gloves, socks, toiletries and treats to be distributed at the Southampton Sunday Lunch Project Christmas Meal Service in Woolston and Portswood on Sunday 21st December. This year Liz Challand is trying to provide 150 and each bag is £10 in value. If you would like to sponsor a bag or bags please speak to Liz or email lizchalland@btinternet.com by Monday 29th December

Replacement of the boiler at St Vincent de Paul - Good News

The application form to obtain permission to spend money to replace our boiler was sent in on Friday 31st October. The diocesan meeting was at the beginning of last week and on Wednesday 5th November we heard from Heather Ward, Diocesan Estates Manager, that we had been successful. We had already provisionally booked Harrison Heating so they can now obtain the necessary materials and will start work on Monday 1st December. With the two engineers booked it should be completed in three day just after Fr Thomas returns from India.

Next SVP Social is on Wednesday 19th November – 1pm to 3 pm

Another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Come along with your friends. No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes or 2 hours, whatever suits you. Renee and Pat

Parish collection for last weekend 1st and 2nd November

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Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other money	Gift Aid	Loose	TOTAL of all money
£67	£16.75	£182.82	£242.54	£51.98	£561.09		£110 (£27.50)	£39.50	£738.09