

Date	Time	Activity	Notes
Sun 9th November <i>Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	1000	Confessions	<i>For the Faithful Departed</i>
	1010	Rosary	
	1030	Mass	
Mon 10th Nov	1930	Understanding the Catholic Faith	Arc Room (please use the sacristy door)
Wed 12th Nov <i>St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr</i>	1725	Exposition	<i>Holy Souls</i>
	1730	Confessions	
	1800	Mass	
Sun 16th Nov <i>33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time C</i>	1000	Confessions	<i>Holy Souls</i>
	1010	Rosary	
	1030	Mass	

Prayer Intentions: Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, their families and support staff, in your personal intercessions.

Sunday Teas: please do join us after Mass for a cuppa and a catch-up in the vestibule

Church heating has been requested... but we await with bated breath—please dress for the weather in the meantime.

Post Mass Prayer to St Michael for the protection of our service personnel:



St Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle.
Be our safeguard against the wickedness and the snares of the
devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,
O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell
Satan, and all the evil spirits who prowl throughout the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

The Mission of the Bishopric of the Forces:

To provide the very best operational, spiritual and pastoral support, primarily for Catholic servicemen and women (and their families) and chaplains, wherever, whenever and in whatever form it is needed. Additionally, to respond to the needs of anyone of any creed or none, who turns to a Catholic chaplain for support.



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FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Sunday 9th November 2025

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*Items for the newsletter, please send to above email address before
Thursday 12 noon*



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 Basilica of St. John Lateran is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, the official ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome, not St. Peter's Basilica as so many mistakenly believe. The Basilica is also called the Church of Holy Savior or the Church of St. John Baptist. In ancient Rome this was the church where everyone was baptized. It the oldest church in the West, built in the time of Constantine and was consecrated by Pope

Sylvester in 324. This feast became a universal celebration in honour of the archbasilica, the ecclesiastical mother church, called "the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world" (*omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput*), as a sign of love for and union with the See of Peter.

“Do this in memory of me”

These words of Christ at the Last Supper were more than a simple command to commemorate. They are a call to awakening that in this life this important historical figure, Jesus of Nazareth, has left his mark on the world. As we come to the altar to follow this command the effects of that first Good Friday are not only called to mind, but are brought to effect having a direct bearing on our lives.

Our memory forms us, it has a impact on who we are as individuals and as a society. The Early Church Fathers spoke of the memory as being ‘a power of the soul’; the great philosopher, Aristotle referred to it as being the ‘scribe of the soul’, such is its effect. Memory informs, rightly or wrongly, and impacts our decision making and therefore our future. It also keeps the events of the past effective in our lives.

This Month of the Holy Souls is a particular time where we recall with an act of memory those who have gone before us from this life and have left their mark, directly or indirectly. It is good that we should have a season of the year for remembrance a time when we feel that that veil between time and eternity is thin, and we can sense that a greater and wider communion of saints to which we belong. The Church has settled this feast on a time in the turning of the year when the pre-Christian Celtic religions were accustomed to think of and make offerings for the dead. The Church kept the day, but it changed the custom.

The greatest and only offering, to redeem both living and dead, has already been made by Christ, and if we want to celebrate our loving connection on both sides of the veil, we need only now to make gifts for and to the living.

Today we especially ‘remember’ those who have given their lives through war in service of our country. They have left home and family often to foreign lands in the search of justice, freedom and peace; the effects of which we feel in our society today. The world could have been a very different place for us without their sacrifice, which cannot and should not be forgotten.

The memories we recall this Remembrance Sunday should spur us forward in the search for true harmony and peace throughout the world. As the Lord commanded the apostles to *“Do this in memory of me”* we gather this day praying for the graces of the great sacrifice of Calvary to engulf the whole world that we may live in the harmony for which Christ prayed; and to our fallen we say ***“We will remember them”***.

Fr Kevin writes:

As we gather together in St Joan of Arc Garrison Memorial Church, on this Remembrance Sunday, we do what we are commanded by Christ himself: To *“do this in memory of me”*.

In the celebration of the Holy Mass, Catholics gather to remember the supreme sacrifice of Christ — the offering of His body and blood for the salvation of humanity. Each Mass is both a solemn remembrance and a living participation in that eternal act of love, where Christ laid down His life so that others might live.

As we pause to honour those who gave their lives in the world wars, especially here in this church built in memory of the soldiers and aviators, we are reminded of this same spirit of self-giving. Across Britain and the Commonwealth, countless men and women answered the call of duty, enduring hardship and death for the sake of peace and freedom. Their sacrifice, like Christ’s, was rooted in love — love of neighbour, of homeland, and of the hope for a better world.

When Fr John lifts the host and the chalice this morning, we are drawn into a mystery that transcends time: the union of sacrifice and remembrance. In that sacred moment, we hold together the memory of Christ’s passion and the memory of those who fell on battlefields far from home. Their courage, like His, calls us to live not for ourselves alone but for others — to be peacemakers, builders of justice, and keepers of hope.

News:

Requiem Mass: many thanks to all who participated in our Mass offered last Wednesday for the happy repose of the souls of those in whose memory our church has been built and for our own deceased family and friends. It was a prayerful atmosphere, and I pray that all who attended felt the presence of our resurrected Lord in their lives.

Next Sunday we celebrate with joy the Baptism of Alasdair Michael Peterson, youngest son of Graeme and Mim, and wee brother of Dougie and Pip. May the love of Christ fill his heart and mind, and by the example of his parents, God parents, family and of our congregation, may he come to grow in the knowledge and love of God.

Have a blessed week, Fr Kevin.