

THE SAVING WORD

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

9 NOVEMBER 2025

FIRST READING

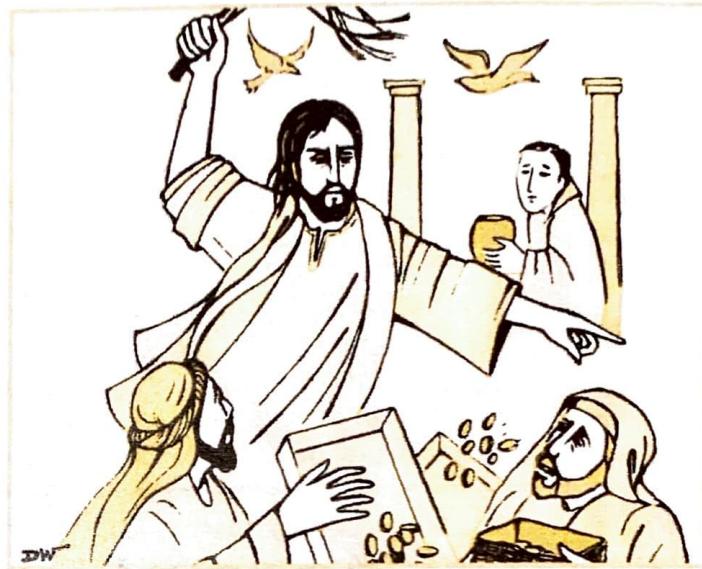
Ezek 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I saw water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved.

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails, they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

■ The word of the Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 45: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9. R. v. 5

R. The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

1. God is for us a refuge and strength, / a helper close at hand, in time of distress: / so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, / though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. **R.**

2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city, / the holy place where the Most High dwells. / God is within, it cannot be shaken; / God will help it at the dawning of the day. **R.**

3. The Lord of hosts is with us: / the God of Jacob is our stronghold. / Come, consider the works of the Lord / the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. **R.**

SECOND READING

Cor 3: 9-11, 16-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

You are the temple of God.

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is, Jesus Christ.



The Parishes Of St Mary's Merredin and St Joseph's Kellerberrin

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Merredin celebrations during the week:

Monday:	9.00 am Mass
Tuesday:	9.00 am Mass
Wednesday:	9.00 am Mass
Thursday:	9.00 am Mass
Friday:	9.00 am Mass
Saturday:	6.30pm
Sunday:	10.30am

Kellerberrin: Sunday 8:00 am Mass

Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick available on request
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Friday at St Mary's Church, Merredin from 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

Sat. Holy Half Hour-Rosary
6:00 to 6:30 pm

Reconciliation : 6pm Saturday

CHURCH ROSTER: 8/9 NOVEMBER 2025

15/16 NOVEMBER 2025

Saturday 6.30pm Sunday 10.30 am

Readers:	J. Patroni	Volunteer
Collection:		
Offertory:	Volunteers	Volunteers
Church Cleaners:		
Sacristy	G Alvaro	
Altar Servers:		

Saturday 6:30pm Sunday 10:30 am

G. Riethmuller	Year 1 Class
Volunteers	Volunteers
T. Cutri	
Volunteers	Volunteers

Special Ministers: T. Cutri; T. Glass, Y. Gray; P. Jackson; J. Jefferys; L. Jefferys; D. Pettit; P. Riethmuller.



SUMMER SCHOOL 26 MADE TO SOAR (Isaiah 40:30-31)

Summer school of evangelisation is a week long event for youth and young adults. This vibrant experience of Christian community includes sacraments, prayer, worship and quality faith formation.

Hosted by the Disciples of Jesus Community

CAMP WATTLE GROVE

10th-16th January 2026

Must be 17+ by June 30 2026

Perth registration open now.
Early bird price \$360 before December 1st
www.disciplesofJesus.org/sse

Please Note: Planned Giving Direct Debit - CDF/NAB Parish Account details for anyone wanting to support the parish through Direct Debit are as follows;

1st Collection (Fr Philip) – BSB 086 006 Acc. 73115 8848 The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth
2nd Collection Merredin Parish Contribution – BSB 086 006 Acc. 84040 9343 The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth CDF
St Mary's Parish
2nd Collection Kellerberrin Parish Contribution – BSB 086 006 Acc. 75189 3225 The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth
CDF St Joseph's Parish

(Please include your name on direct debit deposits—eg 2nd Coll-Smith) Thank you for your generosity and support.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 6:00pm – 6:20 pm
or on request prior to Sunday mass
Saturday - 6:00pm Angelus then the Rosary

PARISH NOTICES

Feast days for the week

Mon 10	Pope St Leo the Great
Tue 11	St Martin of Tours
Wed 12	St Josaphat
Thu 13	St Frances Xavier Cabrini, St Machar,
Fri 14	St Dubric, St Laurence O'Toole, St Joseph Pignatelli
Sat 15	St Albert the Great



PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Sunday 9 November

The Merredin Annual General Meeting will be held after the 10.30am Mass on the 9th November. Everyone is invited to attend. Please do come and support our parish and share a common vision for the future.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Parish Pastoral Council, please see Fr Philip. The Kellerberrin Annual General Meeting will be held after the 8.00am Mass on the 30th November

Recently Deceased

Please pray for Shirley Williams who passed away last week.



MASS OFFERING FOR THE HOLY SOULS

Throughout November we remember and pray for the our deceased members of our family and friends. Please take and complete November Mass offering envelopes or write the names in the Book of Life for Masses for the dead and place in the weekend Mass collection. These will be offered at all Masses throughout November.

EARLY BIRD ANNOUNCEMENT

GET READY FOR 5 UNFORGETTABLE DAYS OF FUN, FRIENDS & FAITH.

ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITIES INC. WATER RAFTING & ZIPLINE.

A SUMMER ADVENTURE FOR TEENS AGED 12 TO 15.

What Happens at Camp Currawong?

Each year, camp brings together young people and leaders for a week of friendship, faith, and fun in the great outdoors. It's a time to disconnect from screens, connect with others, and create memories that last long after camp ends.

Who? Young people entering years 7-10 at school

When? 5th – 9th January 2026

Where? Nanga Bush Camp, Dwellingup

Cost? Early Bird Price: \$290 - register before 14th November!

Includes transport, meals, accommodation and adventurous activities! Spots are limited, don't miss out!

Register now:

<https://events.humanitix.com/camp-currawong>

PRAYER

Prayer and Christian life are inseparable, for they concern the same love and the same renunciation, proceeding from love; the same filial and loving conformity with the Father's plan of love; the same transforming union in the Holy Spirit who conforms us more and more to Christ Jesus; the same love for all men, the love with which Jesus has loved us. "Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give it to you. This I command you, to love one another." He prays without ceasing" who unites prayer to works and good works to prayer. Only in this way can we consider as realizable the principle of praying without ceasing" (Origen) (Catechism n.2745)

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Chron 7: 16

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

GOSPEL

Jn 2: 13-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

He spoke about the temple of his own body.

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 scripture and the words he had said.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

SACRED SPACE

Frequently while celebrating Sunday Eucharist, the Sacrament of Marriage or a funeral, I am touched by those present. While some are perhaps not regular church goers, something happens among them within the setting of the church. Besides the liturgical rite and the readings of Scripture, the church building, its DNA, can touch them. It is a sacred space, blessed by people of faith over the decades.

The *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica* is a celebration of the importance of place and the environment in which people of faith gather. Rather than St Peter's Basilica, this Basilica in Rome is the Pope's church, the 'mother' of all churches throughout the world. It symbolises holiness and communion. Today's commemoration also links to the Gospel. Jesus acts definitively against the traders and sellers to renew the Temple and its precincts in its sacredness. Rather than a marketplace, the Temple is the place of divine presence. In John, it further symbolises and anticipates what happens to the body of Jesus, the abode of God's holiness, in his passion, death and resurrection.

Our own parish churches and parishes need ongoing renewal and purification, in the spirit of Jesus' renewal of the Temple in John's Gospel story. They are places where we gather to celebrate the Eucharist each Sunday and our local sacred spaces where holiness and communion are experienced. We celebrate our communion with the Bishop of Rome and allow our local parish church to be the palpable expression of the universal Church—of outreach, openness and hospitality.

Fr Michael Trainor