



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Fr. John McSweeney (PP)
Fr. Peter Lamont (AP)
Fr. Jessie Balorio (AP)
Rev. Alan Skofic (Deacon)

VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES

Sat: 5pm Leura
Sat: 5pm Lawson
Sat: 6pm Mt Victoria
Sun: 8am Wentworth Falls
Sun: 8.30am Lawson
Sun: 9.30am Blackheath
Sun: 10am Katoomba
Sun: 5pm Leura

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon: 9am Katoomba
Tue: 9am Leura
Wed: 9am Blackheath
Thu: 9am Wentworth Falls
Fri: 9.30am Lawson
Fri: 12pm Katoomba
Fri: 4pm Megalong Valley
(3rd Fri of the month)
Sat: 9am Katoomba

RECONCILIATION

Fri: After 12pm Mass
Katoomba
Sat: 9:30-9:50am Katoomba
Sat: 4:30-4:50pm Leura

NOTE: Confessions are
always available upon
request.

Weddings: Please call the
Office for details.

Baptisms: upon request.
(2nd and 4th Sundays)

ADORATION CHAPEL

St. Canice's, Katoomba
Mon – Fri 9.30am- 6pm
closed at other times

FROM THE SEVEN CHURCHES

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

YEAR C | 9 Nov 2025

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Today's celebration of the Dedication of the Cathedral Church of Rome (St John Lateran) is celebrated throughout the world, for this is the Mother Church of the whole Roman Rite. All three readings speak of the Temple of God, a House of Prayer for the People. St Paul links the physical building to the Christian: we are God's Temple! And together we are built up into the presence of God in the world. From this comes the theological statement - flowing from Vatican II - that We are the Church!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

It is appropriate that we celebrate the Church today, as Last Saturday evening's **Installation Mass with Bishop Vincent** was a **perfect example of the unity in diversity** that is our new Parish. Indeed, the supper gathering afterwards allowed so many parishioners to meet many new people from our 7 church communities. Again... **my thanks** to all who made this occasion such a success on so many levels.

On **Sunday 30th November** we will hold **our first Parish Assembly**. This will be an opportunity for all church communities to come together as we discern two things:

- i) **the membership of the proposed 5 Church Community Pastoral Teams, and**
- ii) **the Patron Saint of our new Parish of the Upper Blue Mountains.**

Over the coming weeks I invite every parishioner to reflect on these two topics.

Firstly, pray and reflect about who you would like to be on your Pastoral Team...

Following a Synodal approach, those from the various churches [Sacred Heart, Blackheath (including St Paul's, Mt Victoria and St Joseph's, Megalong Valley); St Canice's, Katoomba; St Bonaventure's, Leura; St Francis Xavier's, Wentworth Falls; and Our Lady of Nativity, Lawson] will have a chance - under the guidance of myself and other members of the Ordained Ministers Team, together with Alison Ryan from the Mission Enhancement Team - **to discern the 3-5 people you would like to lead and serve you** and your church community.

Secondly, let's also reflect upon who would be an appropriate **Patron Saint for our new Parish...**

So far there have been a number of suggestions: **St Mary of the Cross Mackillop** (Australia's first canonical Saint and Patron our both our Country and our Diocese); **St Francis of Assisi** (because he was a man who envisioned the relationship between God and the natural environment, which is important to us in the beautiful Blue Mountains); **St Bernard of Montjoux** (a Swiss Saint who helped people crossing the Swiss Alps and is the Patron Saint of mountaineers; and after whom the St Bernard dog is named!); and All Saints (as this reflects the diversity of all our Patrons in our new Parish).

More on these topics over the weeks leading up to our **Parish Assembly on Sunday, 30th November, from 11:15am -12:45pm in St Canice's Hall, Katoomba.**

God Bless you all this coming week.

- Fr John

CONTACT US

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Parish websites:

bluemountainscatholic.org.au

sacredheartblckheath.org.au

lawsoncatholicchurch.org.au

Facebook: facebook.com/bluemountainscatholic

Lawson Facebook: facebook.com/olncclawson

Blackheath Facebook:

facebook.com/profile.php?id=100076756208721

Parish YouTube:

youtube.com/@UpperBlueMountainsCatholic

SUNDAY MASS: Live streaming of the 10am Sunday Mass at St Canice's this week. The live feed will be via our parish YouTube page as per usual.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHtj55risvGDQqCDN7mldNQ>.



PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

If you would like a rostered holy hour each week or to be on the temporary fill in list, please contact Catherine on 0420 337 033 to register your details or scan the QR code.

PARISH SCHOOLS

St Canice's Catholic Primary School

Katoomba Street, Katoomba.

Principal: Ms. Miriam Meaney.

Phone: (02) 4780 6800.

Email: stcanices@parra.catholic.edu.au

Our Lady of the Nativity Catholic Primary School

Somers Street, Lawson.

Principal: Mr. Matthew Bond.

Phone: (02) 4753 2200.

Email: oln@parra.catholic.edu.au

HOSPITAL/HOME VISITS

If you or your loved ones are sick and would like a visit, please contact the parish office or Barbara Davidson (0417 490 103)

OFFICE OF SAFEGUARDING

"This is what the Lord asks of you... to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God (Micah 6:8)." For info: parracatholic.org/safeguarding
For Training: parracatholic.org/safeguarding/training/

Notice for Parish Bulletin

If you wish to receive electronically or via email our parish bulletin, please email us on bluemountains@parracatholic.org

If you also want to include any items for the weeks' parish bulletin email us on or before Wednesday afternoon

Interim Parish Pastoral Council Members

Peter Lawlor (Chair St Canice's)

Maria Dodd (Lawson)

John Tweedie (Finance Rep)

Julie O'Keeffe (Blackheath)

Therese Moore (St Canice's)

Graham Beal (Blackheath)

Matthew Brawn (Secretary- St Canice's)

Russel Smith (St Canice's)

Paul Gannon (Lawson)

Maria Eades (Leura)

The Clergy (ex-officio Fr John, Fr Peter, FR Jessie, Dec Alan)

School Rep (TBC)

MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS:

Recently deceased: Patricia Wolthers, Noni Emerton, Douglas Gordon, John Casey, Jennifer Kemmis, Norman Hackett, Sister Helena, Lena, Ronald Fletcher.

Deceased and anniversaries: Mick Le Breton, Andrew Krawczyk, Jean Lennane, ted and Liselotte Cocksedge, Eileen Smith, Ron Drummond, Jaroslav Zeeman, Leslie Dee, Edna Bentick, Patricia Davies, Barry Roberts, Brenda Pateman, Andrew Harris and all the faithful departed especially those for whom you requested prayers and masses and the forgotten souls in purgatory.

Pray for the Sick and their Carers: Kelly Gale, Nathan, Susan Sergeant, Pat Wolthers, Sandy Mobray, Joella, Joan Gracey, Doreen Kinsella & George Commens, Mary Moran, Fr Kerry Bayada, Bern McPhee, Maria Cora, Josephine Burdett, Beverly Bateup, Anne Farindon, John Crowley, Maria Johnson, Trennah Portelli, Kevin Medlin, Rob Nickl, Lan Franco Matteucci. Anthony Griffin, Daniel Smith, Sienna Erdmanis, Mary Whyte, Shirley Bennet and All Private Intentions.

NB: Due to the strict privacy laws, names of deceased and sick can only be included in the Bulletin with the permission of the immediate family. Thank you.

THIS WEEK IN THE UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS NO CHANGES TO MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Mon 10 Saint Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor

Tue 11 Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

Wed 12 Saint Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor

NEXT SUNDAY 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

USUAL ROSARY AND OTHER DEVOTIONS

Sat and Sun: 4:20pm, Leura.

Mon 8.30am before Mass, Katoomba.

Tue: 8.30am before mass, Leura.

Wed: 8.30am before Mass, Blackheath

Thu: 8.30am before Mass, Wentworth Falls

Fri: 11:30am before Mass, Katoomba.

Fri: 5.00pm Divine Mercy Hour, Leura.

First Fri: 7.00pm Benediction Lawson

Sat: 8:30am before Mass and Cenacle

Rosary after, Katoomba.

RCIA For all enquiries regarding joining or coming back to the Church please contact Deacon Alan via the Parish office.

FAITH FORMATION

THE MASS & MORE

Produced by the Dominican Fathers, this video explains the theology and logic behind Catholic practices, the Sacraments and the Mass.
<https://tanbooks.wistia.com/medias/2ln3fnbdqq>

THE LEGION OF MARY

The Church's largest lay apostolate. We meet every **WEDNESDAY** at 6:00pm in the old adoration chapel at Katoomba. You are most welcome to attend and see what the Legion is all about.

INVITE OUR LADY INTO YOUR HOME

Our Lady's statue is currently being repaired and visits to parishioner homes are on hold. Thank you for your understanding.

We are offering the chance for parishioners to have our beautiful parish Rosary statue visit you in your home. The statue is of Our Lady Help of Christians, the Patron Saint of Australia.

MUSICIANS NEEDED.

Musicians are needed for a number of our Sunday celebrations in our parish. If anyone is willing and able to help lead our liturgy through music. We would love to hear from you.

Please contact the parish office on 02 4782 2804

FR PETER'S BIRTHDAY

Fr Peter's 70th Birthday will be celebrated in the Katoomba hall on the 21st of November after midday mass, everyone one welcome, please bring a plate. If you would like to help, contact Pam at mass or through the office.

INSTALLATION MASS

A wonderful celebration of the Installation of our Fr. John by Bishop Vincent as the Parish Priest of The Catholic Parish of the Upper Blue Mountains was held at St. Canice's at the Vigil Mass on the 1st November 2025. We are grateful to God for his provision for our Pastoral needs through Fr. John, Fr. Peter, Fr. Jessie and Deacon Alan and pray that God's abundant blessings be upon them.



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CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

First Friday

Adoration and Benediction

OUR LADY
OF NATIVITY
CHURCH,
LAWSON

7.00 pm |



254 Great Western Highway, Lawson, NSW 2783
- Deacon Alan Skofic



Catholic Parish of the Upper Blue Mountains

CHRISTMAS MASS & CONFESSION TIMES 2025

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS

Wednesday 24th December 2025

5.00 pm St Bonaventure Church, Railway Pd & Hartley Esplanade, Leura
5.00 pm Our Lady of Nativity Church, 254 Great Western Hwy, Lawson
6.00 pm Sacred Heart Church, 167 Wentworth Street, Blackheath

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT

Wednesday 24th December 2025

12:00 AM

St Canice's Church 158 Katoomba St Katoomba

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday 25th December 2025

8.00 am St Francis Xavier Church, 3 Day St, Wentworth Falls
8.30 am Our Lady of Nativity Church, 254 Great Western Hwy, Lawson
9.30 am Sacred Heart Church, 167 Wentworth Street Blackheath
10.00 am St Canice's Church 158 Katoomba St, Katoomba

NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday 26th DECEMBER 2025 BOXING DAY MASS

12.00 NOON ST CANICE'S CHURCH 158 KATOOMBA ST KATOOMBA

CONFESSION TIMES

Wed	17	Dec	After Mass from 9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church, 165 Wentworth St, Blackheath
Thurs	18	Dec	After Mass from 9.30 am	St Francis Xavier Church, 3 Day St, Wentworth Falls
Fri	19	Dec	After Mass from 10.00 am	Our Lady of Nativity Church 254 Great Western Hwy, Lawson
			After Mass from 12.30 pm	St Canice's Church, 158 Katoomba St, Katoomba
Sat	20	Dec	After Mass from 9.30 am	St Canice's Church, 158 Katoomba St, Katoomba
			Before Vigil Mass 4.00-4.45 pm	St Bonaventure, Railway Pde, Leura
			Before Vigil Mass 4.00-4.45 pm	Our Lady of Nativity Church, Lawson
Mon	22	Dec	After Mass from 9.30 am	St Canice's Church, Katoomba
Tues	23	Dec	After Mass from 9.30 am	St Bonaventure Church, Leura

PLEASE SAVE THE DATES

- Wednesday 19 November 2025 @ 6:00 pm Katoomba- Children's First Reconciliation
- Friday 21st November 2025 after midday Parish Mass 12:00 nn, Fr Peter's Birthday @ Katoomba Parish Hall
- Friday 5th December 2025 @ 6:00 pm – Sacred Heart Blackheath Christmas Party, Church Hall
- Sunday 7th December 2025 after the 10:00 am Mass @ the Katoomba Parish Hall

OUR PARISH CHURCHES

LAWSON: Our Lady of The Nativity, Somers St.
WENTWORTH FALLS: St. Francis Xavier's, 3 Day St.
LEURA: St. Bonaventure's, Railway Pde.
KATOOMBA: St Canice's, 158 Katoomba St.
BLACKHEATH: Sacred Heart, 165 Wentworth St.
MOUNT VICTORIA: St Paul's, 65 Great Western Highway.

Sacred Heart Church

Sacred Heart Church ~ Blackheath
Saint Paul's Church ~ Mount Victoria
Saint Joseph's Church ~ Megalong Valley

As a community bonded together through faith,
we are called to share our experience of God with those we meet each day,
in particular, those in our local community.

*We acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people, the traditional custodians of this land
and pay our respects to the elders past and present.*

DONATIONS

Until our parish finances are unified, please continue to follow the link below and make your choice of option. You will be asked to show your name and mobile phone number:

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay>

CATHOLICPARISHOFSACREDHEARTBLACKHEATH

As an alternative to following the link, please use the attach QR Code.



Blackheath Vinnies Support phone number:
0490 709 547

Sacred Heart Care Group - Helping parishioners in need: Monica Bright 0420 937 690

CUPPA'S TOGETHER EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTER 9AM MASS IN SACRED HEART HALL



Join us for a warming coffee and fun conversation from 9:30-12:00. Vinnies assistance is available during this time in the meeting room. All welcome on Wednesdays!

INVITATION TO REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

The Blackheath and Mt. Victoria RSL Sub-Branch invites you to attend a Remembrance Day Ceremony in Blackheath Park at the Memorial Arch on Tuesday 11th November with the service commencing at 10.45am.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Sincerest thanks to Matt for representing our Sacred Heart Community at the 11am service in Blackheath and to Julie H and David for arranging the floral tribute.

Happy Birthday. Nov

10th David Caplice

19th Brian Bright

21st Fr Peter Lamont

If you want to print your family's birthdays on this bulletin, please call the parish office.



SAVE THE DATE!

Friday December 5, 6pm in the hall for our Sacred Heart Christmas party!

BYO drinks and a plate of either savoury or sweet food to share.

FEBRUARY GARAGE SALE

We are not accepting any garage sale items at this stage for our garage sale in FEBRUARY. Please do not leave any items for sale in meeting room or the parish hall until a call goes out after Christmas. If items are left out the front of the hall, they will be disposed of.

Many thanks. Garage Sale Committee.

CHRISTIAN CONTEMPLATION

Christian Contemplation every Tuesday morning at 10-10:45 in Sacred Heart Church Blackheath. A cup of tea is available afterwards for those who wish.

Contact Marilyn Jones 0401637759 or read about Christian Contemplation at <https://wccm.org>

JOURNEY TO COP 30

CATHOLICS UNITED FOR OUR COMMON HOME

"It is my hope that the upcoming international summits of the United Nations-2025 Climate Change Conference COP 30 will listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor, families, indigenous peoples, involuntary migrants, and believers throughout the world."

Pope Leo XIV to the participants in the Raising Hope Conference, September 2025. Keep up to date with the summit events, commencing on November 10, through the Laudato Si movement at

[www./https://laudatosimovement.org/cop30/](https://laudatosimovement.org/cop30/)

MEGALONG VALLEY MASS

All are invited to celebrate mass @ St Joseph's Church, Megalong Valley on the Friday 21st November 2025, 4:00 PM.





OUR LADY OF THE NATIVITY CHURCH COMMUNITY LAWSON

DONATIONS

Until our parish finances are unified, please continue to follow: Donations can be made to Our Lady of Nativity via direct deposit to the bank account below.

Account name: Lawson Our Lady of the Nativity
BSB: 067-950 Account Number: 00000164

NOVEMBER—MONTH OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Next month is the month we remember, pray and have Mass celebrated for the departed beloved members of our families and friends.

Envelopes are in the pews and names of the Departed will be recorded in our Book of Remembrance which will be on display during November and Mass celebrated for the departed. Please place your envelope in the Second collection.

SENIORS' MONTHLY REPORT:

For our October get together, 12 of our members visited the **Campbell Rhododendron Gardens**. We were so fortunate that our day was the only one during that week that the weather was just perfect for visiting the gardens - not too hot, not too cold and not wet, just perfect in all ways. The Garden's Tea Rooms provided us with a very enjoyable Devonshire morning tea before we spent around an hour walking the paths of this magnificent garden, which is totally run and looked after by volunteers - what would this country do without willing people to give of their time for the benefit of others?? The different species of rhodos and azaleas with their very striking colours amongst natural bushland vegetation together with camellias, conifers, flowering cherries and kalmias is a credit to the volunteers' work over many years since the gardens inception by the late Ib Sorenson in 1969. We finished off the day with an enjoyable lunch at the **Gardner's Inn Blackheath**.



After going to the doctor, a man popped into his local for a whiskey.

'What's up mate?' asked his friend, 'you look worried.'

'Yeah, I am,' he said. 'I've just been to the doctor and he told me I can't play football.'

'Oh, really?' said his mate. 'He's seen you play, then.'

- Laurie Woods



ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHURCH COMMUNITY LEURA

DONATIONS: Until our parish finances are unified, please continue to follow the link from St Canice's Katoomba.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES IN THE CHURCH:

If you would like to have your deceased loved ones remembered during the month of November please drop a Mass offering envelope with the deceased names on the front of the envelope, into the parish office in the coming weeks or during the month of November. Unless otherwise indicated the names will be published on the November Mass list including the name of the donor.

PASTORAL CARE

We are in need of some extra Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion who can assist Barbara Davidson and Her Team in taking the Eucharist to those in need. Please contact the parish office if you're able to help.

NB: If you would like to do this ministry and are not yet an Extraordinary minister, Training can be arranged.

Fr John.



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CHURCH COMMUNITY.

WENTWORTH FALLS

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MORNING TEA will be held after the 8 am Mass on Sunday 2nd November. Everyone welcome.

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ST. CANICE'S CHURCH
COMMUNITY
KATOOMBA

PARISH B. POINT: We have introduced a new and easy way of contribution for 2nd collection and 1st collection. Please follow this link: when choosing 2nd collection please note name and envelop No.

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/MaryMackillopParishUpperBlueMountains>

Our parish finances need a consistent income. If you could consider using Direct/credit card Debit, we would be grateful. There is also the opportunity to use B.point.



FINANCES: If you would like to contribute to the 2nd Collection for the parish: Bank Transfer: BSB 067 950 Account 000 00594 Name: Mary MacKillop Parish Reference: Surname and envelope number or Parish Donation (with or without surname if preferred).

If parishioners would like to contribute to the First Collection for the clergy of the diocese: BSB 067 950 Account No 00004265 Account Name Diocesan Clergy Reference either the Parish Name or the parish code 6038

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Vatican II Pioneer: In 1965, Pope Paul VI honored Duff by inviting him to the Second Vatican Council as a lay observer. His ideas on the lay apostolate influenced the Council's teachings, earning him a rare standing ovation from global bishops.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME 2025

There are two sessions: Thursdays at 2.00pm and 7.00pm. Please note that the program will start on Thursday 1 December 2025. The cost of the advent books \$5.50. If you are interested in joining please contact Barbara Davidson on 0417 490 103. If you cannot attend but would like to purchase an Advent book, please contact Barbara.

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Christians first met in homes to hear Jesus' teachings and to celebrate the Eucharist. When the Christians were no longer persecuted for their faith, they built beautiful churches. Sometime before the fourth century, a palace owned by a noble Roman family named Laterani had been built. It became the property of the Emperor Constantine. Constantine had recognised Christianity as the religion of the empire, and he donated to the Church the palace and other buildings on the site. This became Rome's oldest church. It was given the title Basilica of the Savior but later was dedicated to John the Baptist and called St. John Lateran.

St. John Lateran was the home of the popes—the centre of the Catholic world for many years. Twenty-eight popes are buried there. Although our pope now lives at the Vatican and presides at St. Peter's basilica, St. John Lateran is considered his cathedral as the bishop of Rome. The dedication of this basilica is a happy occasion for the Church because it reminds us of our beginnings, our unity. It stands as a monument to God and all that God does through the Church.

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

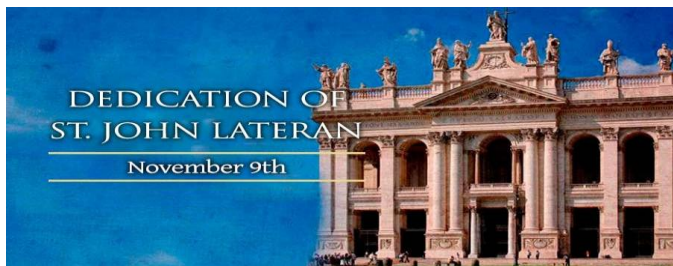
The parish Christmas party will be held in Katoomba Hall Sunday 7th of December after 10am Mass, every one welcome, please bring plate.

Also Saturday 6th December after 11am we will be setting up the hall for the party. If anyone is available to come and help put tables, chairs and decorations out, contact Barbara, Pam or the office.



Upper Blue Mountains Parish Young Adult and Junior
Youth Ministry

Contact: Fr Jessie Balorio & Fr Peter Lamont
Phone: 0451 851 610 or call the parish Office
E-mail: jessie.balorio@parracatholic.org



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

FIRST READING (Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12)

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. 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.'

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

SECOND READING (1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17)

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.

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 them, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Be built up like living stones,
into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

