

# *A Coffee with Alessio*



## **Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B**

There are so many topics I could write about in today's column. In fact, I could probably make a newsletter for this week. However, I won't.

Today is the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. This basilica is the cathedral church in Rome- not Saint Peter's. There is a story to this basilica. I'll save that for another time. There are two comments I would like to make though. Firstly, let us pray for Pope Francis today, that he will be a faithful witness to Christ and model that for the rest of US to follow. He doesn't have an easy job by any stretch of the imagination!

Secondly, this feast is about Church unity. So, we must celebrate the liturgy as it's meant to be celebrated and not go changing the order of things for our own personal convenience. There should be a certain uniformity and universality about the way Mass is celebrated, so that the ritual can be followed and understood by those present.

This Sunday is also Remembrance Day. I wrote about this day in my column a couple of weeks ago. The First Reading and the Gospel are about two different widows who make a great sacrifice. In the Second Reading, we will hear about Christ sacrificing himself for us. How fortuitous that we will hear about sacrifice in the Liturgy of the Word at Mass this weekend when we commemorate those who sacrificed their lives for the good of their country and its citizens. The Centre for Liturgy has sent out some resources for Mass this weekend which can also be used on ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day in the coming years. These resources can be accessed by going to the following link on the Centre for Liturgy website: <http://liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au/music-resources/> (You will need to scroll down past the section on the Mass settings to locate these resources). At the very least, the National Anthem should be sung in your parishes this weekend.

So, there is a lot happening in the liturgical world. May we be bearers of peace in our communities and may we be eternally grateful to those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Lest we forget!

Enjoy your coffee and cake.

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