

Colouring In



Jesus Cleansing the Temple

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Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie
welcomes

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to Mass today.

The Church is Holy & Precious

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Today we celebrate an important place – a church in Rome that was built using gifts from the Roman emperor Constantine, about 300 years after Jesus died. These gifts were used to build a Cathedral for the Bishop of Rome – the Pope – and is known as the Lateran Basilica. It was the of all the popes from that point, until the 15th Century. Inside the Basilica are 12 towering statues of the twelve apostles.

This Basilica has been an important place of worship for Catholics, and today's Gospel is about another very important place of worship that existed in Jesus' time: the Temple in Jerusalem.

It was time for the annual Passover celebration, so Jesus travelled to Jerusalem. When Jesus went to the temple, and he couldn't believe his eyes... There, in the temple area, he saw people selling cattle, sheep, and doves for the people to use as sacrifices in the temple. There were tables set up for money changers so that people could change their money to pay their temple taxes. It looked more like a marketplace than a house of worship!

Jesus did not like what he saw. He was so angry that he made a whip from some rope and he drove the cattle and sheep and those who were selling them from the temple. He went to the tables of the money changers and turned them over, scattering coins all over the temple floor.

Just like the Temple was precious to Jesus, our Church (and all it's buildings) are precious to us. Why? Because these buildings connect us, through worship, to our Holy God. May we always remember to treat our Church and its buildings as precious and holy too.

Word Search

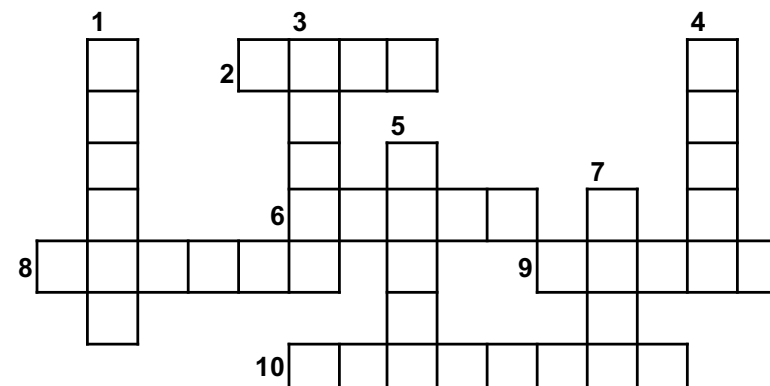
"He was very angry and overturned the tables of the money-changers, scattering their coins everywhere. Using a whip, he angrily chased the animals and their merchants out of the Temple, shouting at them, 'Take all of these things away and stop making my Father's house into a market place!'."

This week's word search is based on John 2: 13-25

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DROVE	SCATTERED	JERUSALEM
PASSOVER	SITTING	TEMPLE
COURTS	DOVES	SHEEP
CATTLE	WHIPS	MARKET
CHANGERS	JEWISH	MONEY
SELLING	HOUSE	TABLES

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- A strip of leather or cord fastened to a handle
- An animal raised for its wool
- Coins or notes used to pay for something
- A Jewish holiday celebrating being freed from slavery in Egypt

DOWN

- A place where people gather to buy and sell things
- A building where a family lives
- A piece of furniture with a smooth, flat surface and four legs
- The Son of God
- A small, wild pigeon

Whip	Market	Passover	Sheep	Temple
House	Table	Money	Jesus	Dove

Children's Prayer

Dear Jesus. Please help me to always remember that our Church buildings are precious and holy! And may they always be a special home for you, Jesus – truly present in the Eucharist. Amen.

