

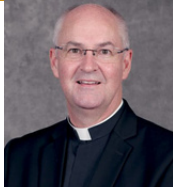
1 February 2026 St John Bosco Parish Niddrie

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

Green is the colour of hope and growth



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR..



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Pray With Us

Mass Times

Wednesday - Friday: 9.30am Mass
Saturday: 5pm Vigil Mass
Sunday: 10.30am Mass

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4.30pm
First Friday 9am, or any time on request
Please call Fr David on 9337 9994

Rosary

Recited at 9am before weekday Mass

Benediction

First Friday after 9.30am Mass

Baptisms

1st Sunday of the month 11.45am, please contact the office. Or by arrangement.

House Blessings/ Anointing of the Sick
Please contact the presbytery

Support Us

Thank you for your generosity toward our parish: physically, spiritually and financially. If you are not a regular contributor, we invite your support- please contact the Parish Office.

Tap and Go machines are available at the weekend Mass in the narthex.
Direct Credits can also be made:

Presbytery Account (1st collection, for clergy and presbytery support)
- BSB:083 -347 Acc No.: 6616 52479

Parish Account (2nd collection, for parish expenses) BSB:083 - 347 AccNo.: 6568 74974

The parish relies solely on your support. We receive no funding from external sources or the Archdiocese. We thank you for your ongoing support which enables us to continue the work of the Gospel.

"God loves a cheerful giver!"

Parish News

Social Media

Don't forget to 'Like' and Follow us on Facebook:

St John Bosco's Catholic Church Niddrie and *St John Bosco Young Adults New to the Faith? Want to Know More?*

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic, seeking baptism & reception in the Church? Please contact the Parish Office or speak to Fr David.

Bequests to the Parish

You might like to consider the parish and its future in your will for the future. Leaving a bequest to the parish is a generous way of supporting the parish into the future. The parish has benefited in the past from the generosity of those who have left a legacy for the future.

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome Jack, James & Jason, who are to become members of the Church through Baptism. Let us make them welcome and pray for them and their parents and godparents.

Want to know more about the Catholic Faith?

Want to introduce someone to what we believe? The Australian Catholic Bishops have a new website designed to help people learn more about their faith or to help those wanting to become Catholic or to search a bit deeper. Take a look:

www.becoming.catholic.au

First Friday

This coming **Friday, 6 February 2026** is the First Friday of the month. There will be Confessions available from 9am - 9.20am and Benediction after 9.30am Mass. This day we will also welcome the school community to celebrate the transferred feast of St John Bosco at the 9.30am Mass

Coming Up

The SJB Parish Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday 11 February at 7.30pm in the presbytery. We are looking for one or two new members- if you might be interested, please see Fr David.

The Parish Mission Team (Pastoral Council) will also meet in the next couple of weeks, to start some planning for the 60th anniversary of our church. If you would like to be part of this, please see Fr David or contact the Parish Office

60th Anniversary of the Opening of our parish church.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the opening of St John Bosco's current church. It will be an occasion for us to celebrate and give thanks to God. If anyone has any suggestions about how we should celebrate this as a parish, please see Fr David.

Stewardship

The first collection is for the support of the Parish Priest, for retired and sick priests, parishes in need and the Archbishop.

The second collection is for parish expenses like wages, utilities, insurance etc.

Last week:

1st collection: \$700

2nd collection: \$1,416

You can also donate to our Presbytery & Parish accounts using this QR code:



We recall in Prayer

Those who are sick

We pray for all the sick in our parish community

Recently Deceased

Carmelo Alesci, All the recently deceased in our community

Anniversaries and Remembrances

Kim Borg; Maurice Christopher; Johnny Vaz; Joan Cate; Fr Tom Lees; Ronald Hancox; Fr John Spillane; Laurence Roy Moloney; Abel Almeida. Sheila DeMonte

Mass Intentions this week

Wednesday: Pope Leo XIV

Thursday: vocations to the priesthood

Friday: SJB school

Saturday: those with birthdays this month

Sunday: *Pro populo* (for the people of the parish)

Our Liturgical Life

A Prayer before Mass:

Almighty and ever-living God, I approach the sacrament of Your only-begotten Son Our Lord Jesus Christ, I come sick to the doctor of life, unclean to the fountain of mercy, blind to the radiance of eternal light, and poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth.

Lord, in your great generosity, heal my sickness, wash away my defilement, enlighten my blindness, enrich my poverty, and clothe my nakedness. May I receive the bread of angels, the King of kings and Lord of lords, with humble reverence, with the purity and faith, the repentance and love, and the determined purpose that will help to bring me to salvation. May I receive the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood, and its reality and power.

Kind God, may I receive the Body of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, born from the womb of the Virgin Mary, and so be received into His mystical body and numbered among His members.

Loving Father, as on my earthly pilgrimage I now receive Your beloved Son under the veil of a sacrament, may I one day see him face to face in glory, who lives and reigns with You for ever. Amen.

Saint Thomas Aquinas

From www.queenofangels.org

Our Spiritual Life

Expressions of Prayer - Meditation

Meditation, also known as reflective prayer, leads us to conversation with God. Remembering that we are in God's presence, we can listen to him speak to us. We enter into God's sacred time and space and know that he is with us at all times and in all places.

From www.loyolapress.com

NEW PARISHIONERS

We warmly welcome you and ask that you make yourself known to us by completing the below details and placing this form in the collection basket at Mass or emailing us at Niddrie@cam.org.au

Name/s _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

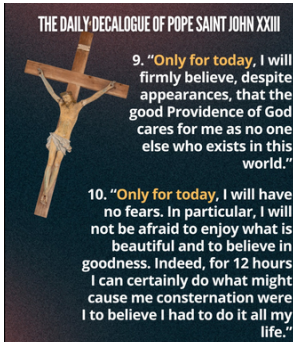
You can also email us at niddrie@cam.org.au if you would like Thanksgiving envelopes, a house blessing or more information.

Wisdom of the Saints

Saint John Eudes: "With his own hand God the Father has impressed on Mary's heart a perfect semblance of the divine qualities of his love."

Thought for the Week

When you pray and read the Bible daily, you are taking time out to take eternity in.



Dear friends, following the initiative of Pope Francis, each year on this Sunday, we celebrate the 'Sunday of the Word of God'. Below are some suggestions from the Dicastery of Evangelisation for us to ponder about how we can make the Word of God more important in our lives:

We need to foster an ongoing personal and community encounter with the Word of God. We know well that listening, sharing, living and proclaiming the Word of God is not a one-day task, but a task to undertake for our whole life. It might help to promote various Bible initiatives throughout the year and provide an opportunity for ongoing formation of the faithful.

Carrying the Word "in your pocket"

Cultivate the habit of always carrying a small Gospel in your pocket or bag, so that you can read it during the day. There are different editions of the New Testament or the Gospels—handy, pocket-sized books that easily fit in our bags or backpacks and that we can always keep with us.

Carrying the Word in your cellphone

One can easily have the Bible in their cell phone to consult it at any time. There are different apps and web sites in different languages, not only with the Bible but also with the Holy Mass readings for each day, pages where to read or listen to the Word of God, pages with commentaries and reflections of the same. One can also use notifications as a reminder to have a moment a day to encounter God's Word so that it accompanies us wherever we go.

Meditated Rosary

Another source for praying with Scripture is the variety of traditional Catholic prayers, such as the Rosary. To give biblical foundation and greater depth to the meditation, it is helpful if the announcement of the mystery is followed by the proclamation of a corresponding biblical passage.

Jubilee Year of St Francis

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a "Special Year of St. Francis" to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the saint's death, which will extend until January 2027. A plenary indulgence is attached to this year This Franciscan Jubilee Year, considered a gift for the entire Church and an occasion for authentic spiritual renewal, was inaugurated on Jan. 10. Until Jan. 10 of next year, the faithful can obtain this grace under the usual conditions — sacramental confession, Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the pope — by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship dedicated to St. Francis anywhere in the world. Furthermore, the elderly, the sick, and those who, for serious reasons, cannot leave their homes can obtain the plenary indulgence by spiritually joining in the jubilee celebrations and offering their prayers, pains, or sufferings to God. In a world where "the virtual takes over the real, disagreements and social violence are part of everyday life, and peace becomes more insecure and distant every day, this Year of St. Francis spurs all of us, each according to our possibilities, to imitate the poor man of Assisi, to form ourselves as far as possible on the model of Christ," the decree states. On the occasion of this anniversary, Pope Leo XIV addressed a letter to Franciscan Family Conference in which he emphasized that "in this era, marked by so many seemingly endless wars, by internal and social divisions that create distrust and fear, he continues to speak. Not because he offers technical solutions, but because his life points to the authentic source of peace."

In this regard, he highlighted that St. Francis reminds us that "peace with God, peace among people, and peace with creation are inseparable dimensions of a single call to universal reconciliation."

www.ewtnnews.com

The Parish of St John Bosco and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and the vulnerable in our community. Protection and the dignity of every person is our responsibility.

Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for
what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the
cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and
persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny
against you on my account. Rejoice and be
glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’

The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY
I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is adored and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins,
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
*After the priest raises the paten with the bread
and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to
each prayer:*

R. Blessed be God for ever.
P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that
my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to
God, the almighty Father.
**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at
your hands for the praise and glory of his
name, for our good and the good of all
his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
P. O Lord, we bring to your altar these
offerings of our service: be pleased to receive
them, we pray, and transform them into
the Sacrament of our redemption. Through
Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. Lift up your hearts.
R. We lift them up to the Lord.
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
R. It is right and just.

**PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS
IN ORDINARY TIME**
After the Preface, we sing or say:
**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION
P. The mystery of faith.
**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

COMMUNION RITE
P. At the Saviour’s command and formed by
divine teaching, we dare to say:
All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .
P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .
**All: For the kingdom, the power and the
glory are yours now and for ever.**
P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .
R. Amen.
P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
R. And with your spirit.
P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.
All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD
**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who
takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are
those called to the supper of the Lamb.
**R. Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**
COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Ps 30: 17-18
**Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.**
**O Lord, let me never be put to shame,
for I call on you.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
P. Nourished by these redeeming gifts,
we pray, O Lord, that through this help
to eternal salvation true faith may ever
increase. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES
P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy
Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. Go in peace.
R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD
TRUE BLESSEDNESS
What is discipleship about? This becomes
the focus of Matthew’s Gospel over the
next few Sundays as we turn to Jesus’ first
major moment of teaching, what we know
as the ‘Sermon on the Mount’. Jesus, like
Moses in the Old Testament, gathers
with his disciples on a mountain. They
surround him and listen to his teaching.
He teaches them about blessedness in
eight ‘Beatitudes’. Each Beatitude begins
with ‘Blessed are those...’ and then names
those who are blessed by God.
Some translations unhelpfully have
‘Happy are those...’ There is a theological
distinction between being ‘blessed’ and
‘happy’. Being happy relies on one’s
self-referential internal disposition. The
focus of ‘blessedness’ is different. It is
God. The Greek (*makrios*) is about God’s
action to those who are without status
(‘poor in spirit’), know their own humble
status (‘gentle’), seek comfort amidst
life’s sadness (‘mourn’), are passionate
for justice (‘hunger and thirst for what
is right’), show compassion to others
(‘merciful’), are thoughtfully genuine
and authentic (‘pure of heart’), seek to
bring about peace where there is division
(‘peacemakers’) and who suffer for their
conviction to act justly with integrity
(‘persecuted in the cause of right’).
Those named as blessed have an ultimate
openness to God in all life’s experiences.
God will respond to them, will bless
them and will allow the Kingdom (rather
‘Kin-dom’) to be revealed in them. The
Beatitudes are framed with the promise,
‘the kin-dom of God is theirs’. A final
Beatitude is tacked on to the original
eight. It acknowledges the suffering
and persecution now experienced by
Matthew’s community. A lingering
contemplation of any of these Beatitudes
can remind us how much we are blessed
by God now.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

1 FEBRUARY 2026

BLESSED ARE YOU. The Beatitudes are among the best known verses of the Gospel
of Matthew. They offer an assurance of God’s care for those who mourn or suffer
persecution. They contain promises that God will bless the merciful, the pure of heart,
the peacemakers and those who work for justice. Ultimately, all who put their trust in
God and do what is right will rejoice in God’s kingdom.

INTRODUCTORY RITES
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 105: 47
**Save us, O Lord our God! And gather
us from the nations, to give thanks to
your holy name, and make it our glory to
praise you.**

GREETING
P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and
the love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.
R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT
P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us
acknowledge our sins, and so prepare
ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.
P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.
P. You are seated at the right hand of the
Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive
us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
R. Amen.

GLORIA
**Glory to God in the highest, / and on
earth peace to people of good will. /
We praise you, / we bless you, / we
adore you, / we glorify you, / we give
you thanks for your great glory, / Lord
God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty
Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten
Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of
the Father, / you take away the sins of
the world, / have mercy on us; / you take
away the sins of the world, / receive our
prayer; / you are seated at the right hand
of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For
you alone are the Holy One, / you alone
are the Lord, / you alone are the Most
High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy
Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. /
Amen.**



FIRST READING Zeph 2: 3; 3: 12-13
A reading from the prophet Zephaniah
*In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly
people.*
Seek the Lord
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity, seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek
refuge in the name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 145: 7-10
**R. Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom
of heaven is theirs! (or Alleluia!)**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, /
who is just to those who are oppressed. / It is
he who gives bread to the hungry, / the Lord,
who sets prisoners free. **R.**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the
blind, / who raises up those who are bowed
down, / the Lord, who protects the stranger /
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**
3. It is the Lord who loves the just / but
thwarts the path of the wicked. / The Lord
will reign for ever, / Zion’s God, from age to
age. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Cor 1: 26-31
**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to
the Corinthians**
God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when
you were called: how many of you were
wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how
many were influential people, or came from
noble families? No, it was to shame the wise
that God chose what is foolish by human
reckoning, and to shame what is strong that
he chose what is weak by human reckoning;
those whom the world thinks common and
contemptible are the ones that God has
chosen – those who are nothing at all to show
up those who are everything. The human race
has nothing to boast about to God, but you,
God has made members of Christ Jesus and
by God’s doing he has become our wisdom,
and our virtue, and our holiness, and our
freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to
boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 5: 12
Alleluia, alleluia!
**Rejoice and be glad:
your reward will be great in heaven.**
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 5:1-12
P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Matthew.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.
Happy are the poor in spirit.
Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill.
There he sat down and was joined by his
disciples. Then he began to speak. This is
what he taught them:
‘How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.