

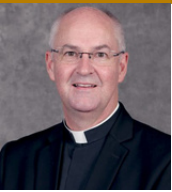
10 May 2026 St John Bosco Parish Niddrie

6th Sunday of Easter, Year A

White is the colour of rejoicing



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR..



Dear friends,

Simple Prayers for Mother's Day

Heavenly Father, I lift up to you today my mother and all mothers. Bless them with strength to continue to care for their children, with the same bold, selflessness Mary showed Jesus

Help my mother and all mothers feel our gratitude and truly know their impact. May we honor them today and on all days as vessels of Your love. In Your name I pray. Amen.

God, today, we celebrate mothers, but the truth is, we ought to celebrate them every day. Their love manifests in small, subtle ways each day– in the mundane that sometimes we can take for granted. We thank you for their sacrificial love and ask you to uplift them today. Thank you for the gift they are in our lives. In Your name we pray. Amen.

When our mothers are tired, Lord, give them strength. When they feel alone, give them comfort. When they feel overwhelmed with the challenges of parenting, help them to know peace. In their darkest moments, be their Light. At times in our lives, our mothers are everything to us, meeting our every need. We ask You to provide them today with whatever gift they need. In gratitude, we pray. Amen.

Mary, full of grace, I ask for your intercession today for my earthly mother. Pray for her, and pray that her example of love draws me closer to Your son, not only on Mother's Day but on all days. Amen.

Dedication of the Parish to Our Lady Help of Christians

St John Bosco had a very special devotion to Our Lady Help of Christians, whose Feast day falls on May 24, which is Pentecost Sunday this year. On this day, we will dedicate our parish to Our Lady, Help of Christians, who is the co-patroness of Australia (along with St Mary of the Cross McKillop). It seems appropriate to do this in the 60th year of our church building celebrations. On this day, we will have Eucharistic Adoration from 9.30am-10.20am, before the 10.30am Mass. Confessions will be available from 9.30-10am. We will pray the Rosary at 10am in the church. At the end of Mass, we will pray together the Prayer of Dedication of the Parish. Please join us for this special day in the life of our parish.

Parish Expenses

Currently the parish pays \$8,250 per year for lawn mowing and church cleaning. I think you will agree that this is a lot of money. Whilst we are receiving good services, I think there are more efficient ways of achieving the same ends. I know that it is a big ask for people to commit to a lawn mowing roster or a church cleaning roster, perhaps it is something we can look at for an occasional thing- say monthly or bi-monthly, so that we might reduce our expenses a bit. If you think you might be able to help on an occasional basis for either church cleaning or lawn mowing (or make a special contribution to the expenses), please contact the parish office. Thank you!

Thank you to those who contributed to the Annual Catholic Care Appeal last weekend.

Today is our Mother's Day Cake Stall – cakes etc will be available for sale after both Masses.

Thank you to those who have donated cakes etc for this weekend.

First Holy Communion

The Year 4 children will celebrate their First Holy Communion on 30 May at Masses at 3pm and 5pm here.

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.

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Pray With Us

Holy Mass Times

Wednesday - Friday: 9.30am Mass
Saturday: 5pm Vigil Mass
Sunday: 10.30am Mass
Holy Days and Feast Days as announced

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

The Daily readings for Mass are now accessible on the parish website.
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.

St John Bosco's 60th Anniversary of the Opening of the Church May

10 May : Mothers Day Cake Stall in church

24 May: Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Adoration, Rosary and Dedication of our Parish to Our Lady on Pentecost Sunday.

June

7 June: Corpus Christi Procession. A Way to honour Our Eucharistic Lord in a public manner.

July

Senior parishioners 'High Tea' and Benediction. Afternoon tea in the hall for our parishioners.

August

Parish Local pilgrimages. An opportunity to visit some different places for prayer and fellowship.

September

Mini parish Mission. A time to grow in faith, to learn about our faith, and to spiritually prepare for our celebrations.

October

Anniversary Mass and luncheon. Mass to give thanks to God for 60 years of worship in our beautiful church and fellowship together.

Ministry at our weekend Masses

We are blessed to have a good number of volunteers who assist at our Masses with reading, collecting etc.

We would like to expand our ministries in the area of music and altar serving. Currently we have a fledgling music ministry at both Masses, which we are very keen to expand. If you would like to join with singing or playing an instrument, please see one of our musicians after Mass or speak to Fr David. You don't need to be an expert, just willing to learn. If you would like to assist with Altar Serving or music on Sundays, please see Fr David or contact the parish office (Niddrie@cam.org.au)

The new sets of Thanksgiving envelopes are available in the foyer of the church .

Thought for the Week

It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little. Do what you can! "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much" (Luke 16:10).

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: \$1,377

2nd collection: \$1,798

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



We recall in Prayer

Those who are sick

Maurice & Loretta; Sayde Hadchiti

Recently Deceased

Fr Peter Foley PE; Rose Portelli; Luigina Zahradka

Anniversaries and Remembrances

Guiseppe Perrone; Concetta Perrone; John O'Halloran; Margaret O'Halloran; Bishop Joe O'Connell; Bernard Cosgriff; Kathleen Feehan; Clare Slattery; Blanche Matthews

Mass Intentions this week

Wednesday: Peace in the Middle East
Thursday: souls in purgatory
Friday: devotion to Our Lady
Saturday: youth of the parish
Sunday: *Pro populo*

Our Liturgical Life

Three readings and a psalm.

On Sundays, there are three readings from the Bible. The first reading will be from the Old Testament (except during the Easter season). We recall the origins of the covenants God made with our ancestors in faith. The first reading often relates to the Gospel selection of the day and will give background and an insight into the meaning of what Jesus will do in the Gospel. Then we will sing or recite a psalm—a song from God's own inspired hymnal, the Book of Psalms. The second reading will usually be from one of the letters of Paul or another apostolic writing. The third reading will be taken from one of the four Gospels.

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Our Spiritual Life

What is the reason for prayer?

We do not know how to pray. 'Only when we humbly

acknowledge that we do not know how to pray as we ought, are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer.' (2559)

Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you how to pray each time you begin.

God first seeks us.

Our prayer is a response to this. (2560)

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CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

The generosity of our parish community means that CatholicCare Victoria can continue their mission; to empower communities and building strength and resilience, to enable everyone to reach their full potential and live life to the full.

Your compassion and generosity ensure individuals and families are supported with safe housing, practical assistance, and compassionate care as they rebuild their lives.

Thank you for helping open the door to safety, dignity and hope.

For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit:

www.catholiccarevic.org.au

Please return all Project Compassion to the church by **Sunday 10 May** so that the funds can be remitted to Caritas as soon as possible.

Please return all CatholicCare envelopes to the church by **Sunday 17 May** so that the funds can be remitted to CatholicCare as soon as possible.



Wisdom of the Saints

Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort: "In Mary alone, by the grace of Jesus Christ, man is made godlike as far as human nature is capable of it."

I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer
see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day
you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments
and keeps them
will be one who loves me
and anybody who loves me will be loved by
my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.’
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. May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings, so that,
purified by your graciousness, we may be
conformed to the mysteries of your mighty
love. 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-V OF EASTER
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: Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

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 Jn 14:15-16
**If you love me, keep my commandments,
says the Lord, and I will ask the Father
and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.**
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
P. Almighty ever-living God, who restore us
to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this
paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts
the strength of this saving food. 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

THE SPIRIT IS WITH US
Last week it was worry. Today it is
about loneliness. We know loneliness.
We know what it feels like, for example,
when someone close to us dies. Grief,
sadness and loneliness can be palpable.
In today’s Gospel, John invites us again
to draw closer to Jesus who addresses the
loneliness which the disciples (and, at
times, ourselves) can experience. When
we feel God’s apparent silence or absence,
when we deal with death or tragedy, Jesus
promises ‘another Advocate’. This is the
promise of his very Spirit that will remain
with the disciples when he physically
leaves them.
By the time John writes, this is already
a reality and Jesus’ spirit, the Advocate,
the ‘Spirit of Truth’, is with them and
‘forever’. They will not be left orphaned
as the Spirit accompanies them in every
generation to experience his eternal and
real, though non-physical, presence.
But there is a second promise that Jesus
makes. He will return as he offers an
eschatological vision, an insight into
the final days, in which the disciples
will experience their communion and
intimacy with God restored. They will
discover a love that is eternal and carry
them through those days of loneliness.
This is the promise that we need to
hear, especially as we grapple with our
experiences of loneliness brought on by
grief of our beloved dead or the persistent
loneliness of life that surrounds us. Jesus’
Advocate, his Spirit, is with us.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

10 MAY 2026

PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS. The early Christian community could not remain as
an enclosed, self-contained group in Jerusalem. Its members felt impelled by Christ to
bring the Good News to Samaria and then to the ends of the earth. Christians in every
age are called to be fully involved in the life and joys and pains of the world. At times
this can be difficult but the Spirit of God is always with us to help us.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

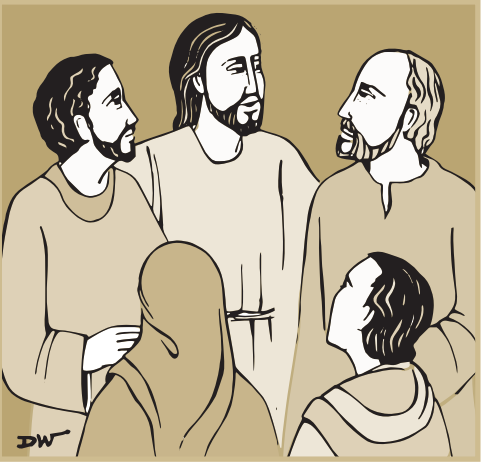
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Isa 48:20
**Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be
heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.**

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. Have mercy on us, O Lord.
R. For we have sinned against you.
P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
R. And grant us your salvation.
P. May almighty God have mercy on
us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.
R. Amen.
V. Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
V. Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.
V. Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

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.**



4. Come and hear, all who fear God. / I
will tell what he did for my soul: / Blessed
be God who did not reject my prayer / nor
withhold his love for me. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Pet 3:15-18
A reading from the first letter of St Peter
*In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he
was raised to life.*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and
always have your answer ready for people
who ask you the reason for the hope that you
all have. But give it with courtesy and respect
and with a clear conscience, so that those
who slander you when you are living a good
life in Christ may be proved wrong in the
accusations that they bring. And if it is the
will of God that you should suffer, it is better
to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.
Why, Christ himself, innocent though
he was, had died once for sins, died for the
guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was
put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 14:23
Alleluia, alleluia!
**All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come to them.**
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 14:15-21
P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according
to John.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.
*I shall ask the Father and he will give you
another Advocate.*
Jesus said to his disciples:
‘If you love me you will keep my
commandments.