

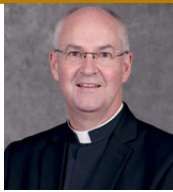
12 July 2026 St John Bosco Parish Niddrie

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Green is the colour of hope and growth



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR..



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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

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"God loves a cheerful giver!"

Dear friends,

Parish Prayer

For this 60th year today we will launch our new Parish Prayer. Prayer cards will be available for everyone after Mass. Please take one or two home and pass them on to your family and friends to pray for our parish.

Senior Parishioners 'High Tea' and Benediction

As part of our ongoing 60th birthday celebrations, our next event will be our High Tea for our senior parishioners on Sunday 26 July, commencing at 3pm. We will commence in the church at 3pm for Benediction, and then go the parish hall for afternoon tea. It is fitting that we start in the church, giving thanks for 60 years of worship in this place. This day is also the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, an appropriate day to celebrate together. You might know someone who is not able to get here on their own, or would like to come- perhaps you could offer to bring them to this occasion?

Marriage and Family Sunday

This Sunday in the Archdiocese we celebrate Marriage and Family Sunday. We will pray for all married couples and families in particular at Mass today. It is an opportunity for us to affirm the Church's teaching on marriage and family, based on the teachings of Christ and the Natural Law. In this time in our society when these things are questioned or even ridiculed, it is important for us to hold firm to what has been revealed to us by Jesus and affirmed by the constant teaching of the Church over 2000 years. History is a great reminder that trends and societal movements come and go, but the Church remains a constant. In all things, when we stay close to Jesus, we are on stable ground. You may like to use this day to affirm your spouse and family in some way, giving thanks to God for them, and particularly praying for them.

Pope Leo XIV

This Saturday, Pope Leo will have lunch with around 200 poor people at Borgo Laudato si', located within the Pontifical Gardens of Castel Gandolfo.

The initiative, called Lunch with the Pope, will begin with the celebration of the Eucharist using the Liturgy for the Care of Creation, followed by a moment of welcome and refreshments, a guided visit through Borgo Laudato si', and a shared meal with the Holy Father.

The gathering builds on an initiative first launched in August 2025, when Pope Leo shared lunch with poor people from the Diocese of Albano, in Italy. That encounter has since become an annual event promoted by the Laudato si' Centre for Higher Education, which oversees the development of the Borgo Laudato si' project.

Each year, a different diocese will be invited to bring together poor people, refugees, migrants, and others experiencing difficulties, offering them a day immersed in the beauty of creation and an opportunity to meet the Pope.

"When the Church places the most vulnerable people at the centre," said Cardinal Bagio,, "it makes the Gospel visible and bears witness that no one is on the margins of God's heart."

Melbourne News

Last Friday evening the Holy Father named Monsignor Stuart Hall as the new Bishop for the Military Ordinariate in Australia. Monsignor Hall is currently the Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral and has served in parishes in Melbourne, and in the Australian Navy for many years.

The latest copy of 'Melbourne Catholic Digest' is available at the back of the church this weekend.

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.

Parish News

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.



Do you know someone who would like to become Catholic? Ask them? Invite them to talk to Fr David. We would love to welcome new members into the Church and our parish.

St John Bosco's 60th Anniversary of the Opening of the Church 26 July

Senior Parishioners 'High Tea' and Benediction. Afternoon tea in the hall for our parishioners 3pm

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. 18 October 10.30am

Some photos from our recent Corpus Christi Procession. Thanks to all who attended, and thanks again to those who made the preparations for the day and with the new canopy for the parish.



high tea



Benediction and Afternoon Tea for Senior parishioners

Please join us on Sunday 26 July at 3pm in the church for Benediction, as we give thanks for 60 years of worship in our beautiful church. After this, we will enjoy afternoon tea together in the hall. Please place your name on the sheet in the foyer if you are joining us.



Stewardship

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

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

Last week:

1st collection: \$706
2nd collection: \$1,619
Peter's Pence: \$560

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



We recall in Prayer

Those who are sick
Maurice & Loretta

Recently Deceased
Vince Tudini

Anniversaries and Remembrances
Brian Moroney; Teresa Rose; Irene Bentley

Wisdom of the Saints

Saint Katharine Drexel: "May your faith be increased so as to realise the fact that you are never alone, wheresoever you may be, that the great God is with you, in you."

Mass Intentions this week

Wednesday: for married couples
Thursday: for Catholic families
Friday: the sick in our parish
Saturday: for those who suffer
Sunday: Pro populo

Our Liturgical Life

Institution Narrative: Consecration.

The priest continues the prayer, giving praise and thanks, and calling upon the Holy Spirit to change our gifts of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. He then recalls the events of the Last Supper—the institution of the Eucharist. At this important moment in the prayer, we proclaim the mystery of faith. The priest continues recalling the wonderful deeds of salvation: the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ.

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Our Spiritual Life

Prayer: Loving God, it's [insert your name] here. I don't think I've ever really spoken with you before (or it's been a while since I've prayed). I'm learning to trust that you hear my voice and will respond to my needs as you see fit. Creator God, thank you for all you provide [list what you are grateful for] and please [insert any needs you, or friends and family have]. Thank you, God.
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Funeral Notice

The funeral of Vince Tudini will take place on Friday 17 July at 11.15 am in the Church.

Thought for the Week

A smile can add a great deal to one's face value.



‘But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

‘You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.’

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

Shorter form 13:1–9.

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. Look upon the offerings of the Church,
O Lord,
as she makes her prayer to you,
and grant that, when consumed by those who believe,
they may bring ever greater holiness.
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: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having consumed these gifts, we pray,
O Lord,
that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow.
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 forth, the Mass is ended.
R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

For the next several Sundays we will be in the very heart, the centre, of Matthew’s Jewish-oriented Gospel. Jesus absorbed Jewish wisdom and sayings and taught them to his followers He wanted to teach them about God’s ‘kin-dom’. Today’s Gospel has Jesus surrounded by a large crowd. He gets into a boat, sits down in the posture of a rabbinic teacher and instructs the crowd on the lakeside.

The parable that he offers is the most important in the whole Gospel. The principal agent is a sower scattering seed in typical fashion of the time. The farmer is oblivious to where the seed falls but intent that a harvest comes. The seed falls in places characteristic of the Galilean countryside: on the edge of paths and eaten by birds, on rocks, amongst thorns and in places with little depth of soil. But the seed also falls in rich soil and produces an extraordinarily abundant harvest. To a Galilean farmer, a twelve-fold harvest would be a wonderful gift. It would offer food for the coming year and pay off the taxes imposed by Rome and the Jewish religious authorities for the support of the Temple. The production is not twelve-fold, but a *hundred-fold, sixty or thirty!* This would be like a farmer winning the mega-lottery!

And this, says Jesus, is what the Kin-dom is about. Despite apparent signs of frustration and even death, God’s reign will be spectacularly rich and abundant. Jesus’ parable teaching is an invitation to the Gospel audience and to us to believe in the ongoing abundant blessings of God’s presence despite what appears to the contrary.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

12 JULY 2026

LISTEN, ANYONE WHO HAS EARS. Do we really listen when the Word of God is proclaimed at Mass? Do we allow it to take root in our hearts and yield a rich harvest? If we try to listen at Mass, we will learn to listen also to the many voices that cry out to us in the midst of our busy lives – the voices of our children, of our parents, of our spouse, of those who need us to hear them.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; / I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to the Father and to one another:
Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

You heal the wounds of our sin and division:
Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.

You intercede for us with the Father:
Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

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.

COLLECT

P. O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isa 55:10-11
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The rain makes the earth give growth.
Thus says the Lord: ‘As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.’

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

RESP PSALM

Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk. 8:8
R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, / you fill it with riches. / Your river in heaven brims over / to provide its grain. **R.**
2. And thus you provide for the earth; / you drench its furrows, / you level it, soften it with showers, / you bless its growth. **R.**
3. You crown the year with your goodness. / Abundance flows in your steps, / in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**
4. The hills are girded with joy, / the meadows covered with flocks, / the valleys are decked with wheat. / They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 8:18-23
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! / The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; / all who come to him will live for ever. / Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Mt 13:1-23
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.
A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, ‘Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!’

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, ‘Why do you talk to them in parables?’ ‘Because’ he replied ‘the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but for anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,
see and see again, but not perceive.
For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.