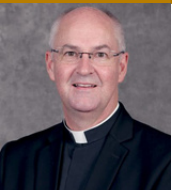




A WORD FROM THE PASTOR..



Magnifica Humanitatis

The new encyclical from Pope Leo XIV is an interesting read and very relevant to modern times. The entire document can be accessed at www.vatican.va
A brief summary from www.aleteia.org is below.

Introduction: Two cities, one choice

Leo XIV opens with two biblical images: the Tower of Babel and the rebuilding of Jerusalem under Nehemiah. One is a project of pride and uniformity; the other is slow, communal, and rooted in God. The whole encyclical flows from this choice. Are we building Babel—efficient, powerful, dehumanizing—or Jerusalem, brick by patient brick?

Chapter 1: A living tradition

The Pope traces the Church’s social teaching from Leo XIII through Francis, showing how each pontiff responded to the crises of his time. The line runs from workers’ rights through nuclear war, environmental collapse, and global inequality.
Surprise: Leo XIV doesn’t just apply Social Doctrine to AI. He says AI actively challenges its categories from within—and demands that the tradition develop further. Number 17 reads.
“Artificial intelligence [...] should not be considered as merely yet another theme to be studied or a crisis to be managed, but rather as a development that challenges the categories of Social Doctrine from within, calling for their further development in fidelity to the Gospel”

Chapter 2: The principles that don’t change

Here the encyclical restates foundational pillars: human dignity, the common good, subsidiarity, solidarity, social justice, and integral human development. Solid, familiar ground — until it isn’t.
Surprise: Leo XIV explicitly includes algorithms, data, digital platforms, and patents under the principle of the universal destination of goods. Data is not a tech company’s property. It belongs, in a real sense, to everyone. Number 67 reads:
“Today, among the goods that are universally intended for everyone, we must also include new forms of property, such as patents, algorithms, digital platforms, technological infrastructure and data. In a context where the wealth of nations depends increasingly on knowledge and technology, when these goods remain concentrated in the hands of a few, without adequate forms of sharing and access, a new imbalance is created that contradicts the universal destination of goods”

Chapter 3: What AI is, and what it isn’t (Part 1)

This is the doctrinal heart of the letter. AI, Leo XIV writes plainly, is not human intelligence. It processes data. It cannot feel, suffer, love, or bear moral responsibility. It can simulate empathy without understanding it. That matters enormously when we hand it power over people’s lives.
Surprise: The Pope calls for AI to be “disarmed” — freed from the logic of geopolitical and commercial competition, from monopolistic control, and returned to the plurality of human cultures. Number 110 reads:
“Finally, I would like to employ the expression “to disarm,” which is close to my heart.

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Next Saturday 20 June we will welcome the Grade 6 students to our 5pm Mass as they prepare to make their Confirmation.

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
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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

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“God loves a cheerful giver!”

Magnifica Humanitatis (continued)

Disarming AI means freeing it from the mentality of “armed” competition, which today is not limited simply to the military context, but is also an economic and cognitive phenomenon. This entails a race for ever more powerful algorithms and larger datasets, driven by the desire to secure geopolitical or commercial dominance.

To disarm means discrediting the assumption that technical power automatically confers the right to govern. To disarm does not mean rejecting technology, but preventing it from dominating humanity. It means freeing technology from monopolistic control and opening it to discussion and debate, therefore making it human-friendly and restoring it to the plurality of human cultures and ways of life.

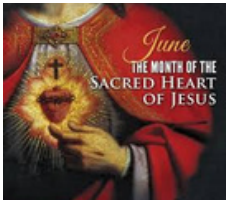
Parish News

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

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.







Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united

This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

Through projects like St Peter’s Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are ‘One in Christ, United in Mission’.

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.

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: \$616

2nd collection: \$2,015

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

Fr Michael Tate;

Anniversaries and Remembrances

Valerie Wegel; Ralph Almeida; Peter De Cello; Bernard O’Sullivan; Maureen Large; Flavia Pereira; Paul Fennessy; Patricia Carey

Mass Intentions this week

Wednesday: Peace in the Middle East
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday: families in the parish
Sunday: *Pro populo*

Our Liturgical Life

MEAL SHARING (Liturgy of the Eucharist)

After the readings, we move to the altar for the sacred meal of sacrifice, sharing, and thanksgiving. As at a meal in the home of a friend, we 1) set the table, 2) say grace and 3) share the food (we eat and drink). At Mass these ritual actions are called 1) the Preparation of the Altar and Gifts, 2) the Eucharistic Prayer, 3) the Communion Rite.

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Our Spiritual Life

Why do people pray?

Prayer can be formal or informal. Our words can be spoken quietly in our minds, or out loud and even sung. We can use words written by other people or we can speak our own words directly from our heart. We can pray in a church or in the privacy of our homes – in fact, anywhere. Praying each day keeps us connected with God. It’s like a friendship. The more we communicate with a friend, the stronger the relationship grows. Our communication with God needs to be “real”. That is, we do not need to fake or hide our feelings. We can bring to God every emotion we hold in our hearts – our questions, our worries, our anger, our joys, our gratitude.

From www.cathedralstm.org

Wisdom of the Saints

Saint John Vianney: “The soul can feed only on God; only God can suffice it; only God can fill it; only God can satiate its hunger. Its God is absolutely necessary to it.”

Welcome

Today we welcome Esther and her family as she receives a Welcome and Blessing in preparation for her Baptism in our parish. You might like to accompany us in prayer by offering a 'Hail Mary'.

Thought for the Week

People sometimes think they have a strong will, when it's really a strong won't.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

‘Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.’

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

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED
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 God, who in the offerings presented here provide for the twofold needs of human nature,
nourishing us with food
and renewing us with your Sacrament,
grant, we pray,
that the sustenance they provide
may not fail us in body or in spirit.
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

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:

to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As this reception of your Holy Communion,
O Lord,
foreshadows the union of the faithful in you,
so may it bring about unity in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

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

WRENCHED BY PITY

After the celebration of Easter and the Feasts that immediately follow, we now return to the Gospel of Matthew. We come to a scene set after Jesus’ great teaching in the ‘Sermon on the Mount’. In the Sermon he taught the essential qualities of discipleship (‘the Beatitudes’) and how to live these out daily. Now we come to Jesus’ teaching in action. He sees the crowd surrounding him and Matthew says ‘he felt sorry for them’. The Greek for ‘felt sorry’ (*splagnizomai*) means something more powerful. ‘Pity’ doesn’t quite capture the meaning of Matthew’s intent. The Greek root is linked to one’s innards or ‘guts’. Jesus’ response to this group of harassed and dejected individuals is visceral. His innards are twisted because of what they are experiencing.

For this reason, the rest of the Gospel passage has Jesus sending his disciples on mission to respond to the tragic and forlorn experience of those who need to encounter the message of the ‘kin-dom’. Twelve are especially selected. We are given their names and they enact Jesus’ desire to renew the twelve tribes of Israel. Given the Jewish audience addressed by Matthew, they ratify this renewal through their proclamation of the ‘kin-dom’ and deeds of healing. Their focus is specifically to the ‘lost’ sheep of Israel. They are to care about those who are lost in spirit, need healing and are looking to be included in Jesus’ household of disciples.

Today’s Gospel lays the foundation for what will become the ‘synodal’ approach of our Church today. We are to walk with and identify the ‘lost’ in our communities and parishes. This is our missionary focus. This is the primary mission of the synodal Church.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

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THE HARVEST IS RICH. Aware of the vast numbers of people who were harassed and dejected Jesus called twelve apostles to share in his mission. They were to do the same works as Jesus, healing the sick and proclaiming the kingdom of heaven. Christ still needs helpers to share in his mission. At the end of each Mass Christ sends us out to love and serve God and one another.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 26: 7, 9
O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.

Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

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. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.
P. Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: 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.



COLLECT

P. O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. 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

Ex 19: 2-6
A reading from the book of Exodus.
You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, ‘Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, “You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.”’

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 99: 2-3, 5. R. v. 3
R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. / Serve the Lord with gladness. / Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. / He made us, we belong to him, / we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, / eternal his merciful love. / He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 5: 6-11
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.
We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God’s anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 1: 15
Alleluia, alleluia! / The kingdom of God is near; / repent and believe the Good News! / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 9:36—10:8
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.

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.’

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.