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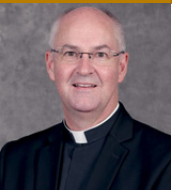
St John Bosco Parish Niddrie

3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A

White is the colour of rejoicing



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  
1<sup>st</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> collection, for clergy and presbytery support)  
- BSB: 083 -347      Acc No.: 6616 52479  
  
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“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 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Opening of the Church

April  
26 April: ANZAC Day commemoration and morning tea.  
St John Bosco's is a War Memorial Church, so it is fitting to celebrate ANZAC Day in a special way at the 10.30am Mass

May  
10 May : Mothers Day Cake Stall in church  
24 May - Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosary and Dedication of our Parish to Our Lady

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.

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

Good Shepherd Sunday  
Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

Every heart without Jesus Christ is a mission field; every heart with Jesus Christ should be a missionary.

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:  
1<sup>st</sup> collection: \$1,077  
2<sup>nd</sup> collection: \$1,829

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**  
Jeanette Eims  
**Anniversaries and Remembrances**  
Gordon Windsor; Pope Francis; Catherine Tudor

Wisdom of the Saints  
Saint Catherine of Genoa: “God lets the soul share his goodness so that it becomes one with him. The nearer the soul comes to him, the more it partakes of what is his.”

Mass Intentions this week  
Wednesday: Peace in the Middle East  
Thursday: Pope Leo's safety  
Friday: world leaders seeking peace  
Saturday: vocations from our parish  
Sunday: Pro populo

Our Liturgical Life

Glory to God.

Just as the angels proclaimed the praise of God at the birth of Christ, saying “Glory to God in the Highest” (Luke 2:13-14), we make our own declaration of praise of the Holy Trinity in singing or reciting the hymn, “Glory to God.”      sdcatholic.org

Our Spiritual Life

Meditative Prayer

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.

One particular method of prayer, Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading of Scripture), combines reading of the Bible with contemplative and meditative prayer.      From [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk)

Please let us know that you have joined our community and if there is anything we can do for you.

Are you new to our Parish? \_\_\_\_\_

Need Thanksgiving envelopes? \_\_\_\_\_

Would like a home visit and house blessing? \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the details below and place in the collection plate at Mass or send to the Parish office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

To existing parishioners: if you would like to contribute on a regular basis using the envelopes, please complete the above. Thank you.



ANZAC Commemoration and Morning Tea after 10.30am Mass next Sunday

April is devoted to the Holy Eucharist

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| April 12 <sup>th</sup><br>Divine Mercy Sunday                          | April 13 <sup>th</sup><br>St. Martin I | April 21 <sup>st</sup><br>St. Anselm                 |
| April 11 <sup>th</sup><br>St. Stanislaus                               |                                        | April 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>St. George                 |
| April 7 <sup>th</sup><br>St. John Baptist de La Salle                  |                                        | April 24 <sup>th</sup><br>St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen |
| April 5 <sup>th</sup><br>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord |                                        | April 25 <sup>th</sup><br>St. Mark the Evangelist    |
| April 4 <sup>th</sup><br>St. Isidore of Seville                        |                                        | April 28 <sup>th</sup><br>St. Peter Chanel           |
| April 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>The Passion of the Lord                       |                                        | April 29 <sup>th</sup><br>St. Catherine of Siena     |
| April 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Holy Thursday                                 |                                        | April 30 <sup>th</sup><br>St. Pius V                 |

Easter Raffle

Last Sunday we drew the Easter Raffle after the 10.30am Mass. All winners have been notified and prizes are ready to be collected, for those who were not present at the draw. Over twenty prizes were awarded, and thanks again to the generous donors, and to those who sold tickets and did the arranging. We raised a total of \$2,385 from sales at the parish and the school. The prize winners were: George, Ivan, Henry, Marcus, Stella, Jay, Samantha, Ariana, Rita, Bernadette, Marien, Mia, Zara, Noah, Danni, Maria, D85, Kobe, Joe, Caryn, Sarah, Tyler, Meheo and Gary.

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations

Our next event is next Sunday. At the 10.30am Mass we will have an ANZAC day commemoration and morning tea with ANZAC biscuits after Mass. It is an important moment for us to pause and pray and give thanks in memory of those who died in service of our nation. Our church is a War Memorial Church, so it is fitting that we honour ANZAC Day in a special manner this year. Please join us at the 10.30am Mass next Sunday.

Next month we will have our Mother's Day cake stall. The funds raised at this event will go towards the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Please think about one or two things you could make to bring and sell on this weekend.

Pope Leo in Africa

I have been watching some of the coverage of the Holy Father's visit to Africa, in particular this week to Algeria. This is a 98% Muslim country with a very small Catholic population. The Holy Father was welcomed very warmly by the civil authorities and spoke beautifully about working together as people of faith for peace. His visit to Annaba in Algeria was particularly poignant, as it is ancient Hippo, where St Augustine was Bishop. As an Augustinian, this was very moving for the Holy Father to visit the ancient sites and to celebrate Mass there. His visit to Africa is a sign to the world and world leaders that we can and must work together for peace as people of good will, regardless of our differences of faith and politics.

Bishop's Appointments

Last Saturday, the Holy Father appointed Bishop Rene Ramirez as the Bishop of Sandhurst (Bendigo). Until now, Bishop Ramirez was the Auxiliary Bishop for the Northern Region of Melbourne, and was due to visit for Confirmation here in August. In the meantime, the Archbishop will appoint an Episocal Vicar to act in the Northern Region until a new Bishop is appointed by the Pope.

Last Sunday, the current Chaldean Archbishop in Australia, Archbishop Amel Nona, was elected as the Patriarch for the Universal Chaldean Church. It is a great honour for the Chaldean Church in Australia (Eastern Rite Catholics). Please spare a prayer for Archbishop Nona (currently living in Sydney) who now becomes Patriarch Paul III. He was previously Archbishop of Mosul, Iraq, and now assumes a crucial role in forming unity and peace in the Chaldean Church worldwide and partticulary in Iraq and the Middle East. The Chaldean Catholic community in Australia are people of great faith, and have endured a great deal of suffering in thier history and native land of Iraq. May this appointment give them courage and strength. Their presence in Australia, along with the other Eastern Catholic Churches, is a great blessing for our nation.

Middle East Emergency Appeal – Aid to the Church in Need

Aid to the Church in Need is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East. Your help will provide emergency supply vital care. To learn more or give today, please visit [www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal](http://www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal)

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

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.



GOSPEL Lk 24:13-35  
P. The Lord be with you.  
**R. And with your spirit.**  
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.  
**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.*  
Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, ‘What matters are you discussing as you walk along?’ They stopped short, their faces downcast.  
Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, ‘You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.’ ‘What things?’ he asked. ‘All about Jesus of Nazareth’ they answered ‘who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.’  
Then he said to them, ‘You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?’ Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.  
When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. ‘It is nearly evening’ they said ‘and the day is almost over.’ So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, ‘Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?’  
They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, ‘Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.’ Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.  
**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. Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. 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: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

**COMMUNION RITE**  
**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** Lk 24:35  
**The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.**  
**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  
P. Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible

glory of the resurrection. 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

**A SYDNODAL JOURNEY**  
Last Sunday we encountered the Risen Jesus breathing his gift of peace and Spirit on to his fearful disciples. As we continue our celebration of Easter, our attention turns to Luke’s story of the Risen Jesus accompanying two frightened disciples on their journey towards a small village, Emmaus, several kilometres from Jerusalem. For Luke, Jerusalem is the centre and birthplace of discipleship. The two are walking away from Jerusalem, their conviction of Jesus’ rescue of them shattered by the events that have unfolded, especially his crucifixion by the political and religious leaders. Unbeknown to them, the Risen Jesus walks with them on their journey and asks them what they are talking about. They are confused by the story being circulated about the emptiness of Jesus’ tomb.  
This is such a rich story and space prevents its detailed examination. What is clear is that this is the Gospel for the synodal journey of the Church: The Risen One walks with us in the midst of our confusions and struggles, wanting to listen to us, as we each tell our stories. And, just as the two struggling disciples come to recognise Jesus in the ‘breaking of bread’ (Luke’s favourite expression for the Eucharist), we, too, come to realise the presence of the Risen Jeus in our weekly celebration of our local Eucharist.  
This realisation for the two at Emmaus empowers them to return to Jerusalem, take up again the mission of discipleship, and reconnect to those assembled. What happens next provides the impetus for Luke’s second volume, the Acts of the Apostles and the story of the spread of the Good News throughout the Roman Empire.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / A  
19 APRIL 2026

HE WALKED BY THEIR SIDE. In today’s Gospel we meet a person who walks with us, and talks with us, even when we walk away from him. Jesus will never abandon us. Let us invite him to eat with us. He will bring us joy, and give us the enthusiasm we need to continue to proclaim our faith in the resurrection.  
**INTRODUCTORY RITES**  
**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 65:1-2  
**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, 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.  
**All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**  
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.**



**RESP PSALM** Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11. R. v. 11  
**R. Lord, you will show us the path of life. (or Alleluia!)**  
1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. / I say to the Lord: ‘You are my God.’ / O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; / it is you yourself who are my prize. **R.**  
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, / who even at night directs my heart. / I keep the Lord ever in my sight: / since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**  
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; / even my body shall rest in safety. / For you will not leave my soul among the dead, / nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**  
4. You will show me the path of life, / the fullness of joy in your presence, / at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Pet 1:17-21  
**A reading from the first letter of St Peter**  
*The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.*  
If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

**The word of the Lord.**  
**R. Thanks be to God.**  
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** cf. Lk 24:32  
**Alleluia, alleluia! / Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: / make our hearts burn with love when you speak. / Alleluia!**