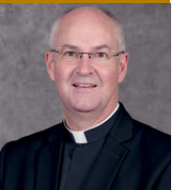




Dear friends,

## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR..



### Parish Prayer

For this 60<sup>th</sup> year we launched our Parish Prayer last weekend. Prayer cards are available for everyone after Mass on the table in the foyer for those who did not get one, or would like some more. 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

Next weekend, as part of our ongoing 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations, will be our High Tea, 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?

### Parish Hymn to St John Bosco

I do not claim any special musical expertise or ability (as you well know by now!), but I thought it appropriate that we should have a hymn in honour of St John Bosco, as I could not find anything suitable in any hymn books, I have written some lyrics to a well known tune, and we will launch the hymn next weekend, as the recessional hymn for both Masses. I hope that it will be another small addition to the celebrations for our 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of the church this year.

### Parish and Archdiocesan News

A sincere thank you to those who attended our working bee last Saturday. A great deal of work was done, and the parish is very grateful for your support. We were able to get the grounds tidied, some trees trimmed and a lot of weeding was done. Thank you! The children from St John Bosco’s school will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 8 August at 10am and 12noon. As Bishop Ramirez has been transferred to Bendigo, no Bishop is available for the Confirmation ceremonies. The Bishop has delegated the responsibility of conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation to me in this instance, as can be done in certain circumstances. You might spare a prayer for Fr Thomas’ mother, Martha, who passed away last week. May the Lord grant her eternal rest, and comfort and consolation to Fr Thomas and his family in India. We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays at 4.30pm, and on the First Fridays at 9am. Outside of these times, please feel free to contact me anytime if you would like to celebrate the Sacrament. I am usually sitting in the church before weekday Masses, just ask me. Or feel free to call the presbytery anytime, or ring the doorbell. I am very happy to offer this Sacrament at any time when I am available for you. The latest copy of ‘Melbourne Catholic Digest’ is available at the back of the church, with coverage of the recent Corpus Christi Procession in Melbourne.

### Lunch with the Pope

A week ago the Holy Father hosted lunch for 200 vulnerable people near Rome. In his comments before lunch, he said: "May your blessing," he prayed, "come down upon us, O Lord, upon each one of us and upon this food that we are about to share, thanks to the generosity of so many benefactors. Bless our families. Bless all those who are in difficulty or suffering." "May they too," Pope Leo concluded, "find peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation. And bless us, O Lord, and these gifts which we receive from your providence.

*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

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

Parish Account (2<sup>nd</sup> 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

#### 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

#### Bible Study Group

The parish Bible Study Group is a long-term group which meets regularly for prayer and discussion in the church. All are welcome to join. The next meeting will be Saturday 25 July at 2.30pm. Please join us. No prior knowledge is necessary. Beginners welcome!

I will be away on my annual retreat from Monday 27 July - Friday 31 July. Fr An Le will be here to celebrate the weekday Masses in my absence. Please spare a prayer for me, as I will certainly do for you! Fr David

#### Thought for the Week

If you want your neighbor to know what Christ will do for him, let him see what Christ has done for you.

#### Wisdom of the Saints

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina: “If the soul longs for nothing else than to love its God, then don’t worry and be quite sure that this soul possesses everything, that it possesses God himself.”

### 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: \$945  
2<sup>nd</sup> collection: \$1,829  
St Vincent de Paul Appeal: \$1,362

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*  
Martha Shulenshe (Fr Thomas’ mother); Nancy Cutlack

*Anniversaries and Remembrances*  
Clare Rosario; Sr Elizabeth Dwyer; Sr Margaret Dwyer; Teresa Materazzo; Jacinta Cantwell

#### Mass Intentions this week

Wednesday: for the sick  
Thursday: peace in our world  
Friday: our children  
Saturday: our parish  
Sunday: *Pro popolo*

### Our Liturgical Life

Prayer for unity and intercessions.

The grateful memory of God’s salvation leads us to make a bold petition, our main petition at every Eucharist: We pray for unity. To this petition we add prayers for the bishop of Rome and for the bishop of the local Church; we pray for the living and the dead as well as ourselves that through the intercession of the saints we may one day arrive at the table in heaven. We look forward to that glorious day and raise our voices with those of all the saints who have gone before us as the priest raises the consecrated bread and wine and offers a doxology, a prayer of glory to God in the name of Christ: “Through him, and with him, and in him, / O God, almighty Father, / in the unity of the Holy Spirit, / all glory and honour is yours, / for ever and ever.” Our “Amen” to this prayer acclaims our assent and participation in the entire Eucharistic Prayer.     [sdcatholic.org](http://sdcatholic.org)

### Our Spiritual Life

Four Basic Forms of Prayer

- Prayer of Blessing and Adoration (praising God)
- Prayer of Petition (asking for what we need, including forgiveness)
- Prayer of Intercession (asking for what others need)
- Prayer of Thanksgiving (for what God has given and done)

Prayer of Blessing and Adoration

In this prayer we express praise and honour to God. We praise God for giving us life, for the wonder and beauty of our world, and for all the many blessings we enjoy. We open ourselves up to praise God for all the wonders of creation. This form of prayer encourages bodily expression, such as standing with arms raised or dancing.     From [www.cathedralstm.org](http://www.cathedralstm.org)

## high tea



### Benediction and Afternoon Tea for Senior parishioners

Please join us next 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.

“The creative intelligence of humanity is a gift that can alleviate suffering and open up new possibilities, but it must remain ordered toward the common good, justice, the care of the vulnerable and creation.”  
(Magnifica Humanitas, 129).



In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables  
and expound things hidden since the  
foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, ‘Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.’ He said in reply, ‘The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!’

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**  
*Shorter form 13:24-30.*

**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 God, who in the one perfect sacrifice  
brought to completion varied offerings of the  
law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your  
faithful servants and make it holy, as you  
blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each

has offered to the honour of your majesty  
may benefit the salvation of all. 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** Ps 110:4-5

**The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,  
has made a memorial of his wonders;  
he gives food to those who fear him.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P. Graciously be present to your people,  
we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have  
imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from  
former ways to newness of life. 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**

**GOOD AND EVIL**

Why do bad things happen to good people?  
It is a question often expressed in different  
ways. Bad people seem to get away easily  
with their bad deeds. Today’s Gospel  
teaching speaks into this perspective.  
Jesus’ parable teaching from last Sunday  
with his focus on seed continues today.  
Grain was an important agricultural  
commodity in the ancient world. It was  
the source of food and the means of  
addressing stressing taxation demands.  
Like last Sunday, the parable is about  
the Kin-dom of God. In the parable, the  
farmer sows good seed but, unbeknown, a  
nighttime enemy sows darnel in the same  
field. Both seeds sprout and produce.  
The workers query the farmer about the  
reason for the presence of the darnel. It is  
the classic query of life: why is there evil  
in a world that is essentially good? Why  
darnel among the wheat when only wheat  
was sown?

The solution offered by the farmer  
recognises the presence of ‘an enemy’  
and the need to allow both seeds to grow  
until the harvest when the wheat could  
be gathered into the barn and darnel  
destroyed. Jesus’ wisdom in this parable  
is salient. We live in a world and faith  
communities where good and bad co-exist.  
The coexistence of ‘darnel’ and ‘wheat’  
should not surprise us—but it is not  
forever. There is the harvest time when  
justice will be meted out. This awareness  
of a definitive act of divine justice at  
time’s end, one for which we pray in  
every celebration of the Eucharist for the  
coming of Jesus at the end of time, allows  
us to live in this in-between time as we  
seek to do good but, at times, experience  
the presence of evil and the agency of the  
‘enemy’. Nevertheless, God’s kin-dom will  
be ultimately fruitful.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A**

**19 JULY 2026**

WHEAT AMONG THE WEEDS. The world in which we live is a mixture of wheat and weeds. Wonderful acts of heroism and self-sacrifice occur alongside shocking acts of violence and abuse of power. In the midst of a world tainted by sin we are called to live the values of the kingdom of God. This can be difficult, but the Spirit will help us in our weakness and God, the just and merciful judge, will reward us.

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Ps 53:6, 8  
**See, I have God for my help. The Lord  
sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you  
with willing heart, and praise your name,  
O Lord, for it is good.**

**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 are the image of the  
unseen God: Lord, have mercy.  
**R. Lord, have mercy.**  
P. Your are the first born of all creation:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**R. Christ, have mercy.**  
P. You are the head of the body, the Church:  
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. Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and  
mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,  
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,  
they may be ever watchful in keeping your  
commands. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** cf. Mt 11:25  
**Alleluia, alleluia! / Blessed are you,  
Father, Lord of heaven and earth; / you  
have revealed to little ones the mysteries  
of the kingdom. / Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** Mt 13:24-43  
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.**  
*Let them grow together until the harvest.*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner’s servants went to him and said, “Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?” “Some enemy has done this,” he answered. And the servants said, “Do you want us to go and weed it out?” But he said, “No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.”’

He put another parable before them, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.’

He told them another parable, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.’

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** Wis 12:13, 16-19  
**A reading from the book of Wisdom**  
*In the place of sin, you give repentance.*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for  
everything, / to whom you might have to prove  
that you never judged unjustly. / Your justice  
has its source in strength, / your sovereignty  
over all makes you lenient to all. / You show  
your strength when your sovereign power is  
questioned / and you expose the insolence of  
those who know it; / but, disposing of such  
strength, you are mild in judgement, / you  
govern us with great lenience, / for you have  
only to will, and your power is there. / By  
acting thus you have taught a lesson to your  
people / how the virtuous man must be kindly  
to his fellow men, / and you have given your  
sons the good hope / that after sin you will  
grant repentance.

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

**RESP PSALM** Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16. R. v. 5  
**R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.**  
1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, / full  
of love to all who call. / Give heed, O Lord,  
to my prayer / and attend to the sound of  
my voice. **R.**

2. All the nations shall come to adore you /  
and glorify your name, O Lord: / for you are  
great and do marvellous deeds, / you who  
alone are God. **R.**  
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, /  
slow to anger, O Lord, / abounding in love  
and truth, / turn and take pity on me. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Rom 8:26-27  
**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Romans**

*The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that  
could never be put into words.*  
The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness.  
For when we cannot choose words in order  
to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses  
our plea in a way that could never be put into  
words, and God who knows everything in our  
hearts knows perfectly well what he means,  
and that the pleas of the saints expressed by  
the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

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