

20 September 2026 St John Bosco Parish Niddrie

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Green is the colour of hope and growth



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR..



Parish Mini Mission

In a weeks time, we will spend some time in prayer together for our Parish Mini Mission as part of our 60th birthday celebrations.

The timetable is below. Please join us. This Mission is not just for us who are here each weekend, but it is for everyone. Particularly those in our community that may not be with us on a regular basis. In the church foyer, there are flyers that I invite you to take and share with others. In particular, I invite you to take some flyers and share them with the letterboxes in your street. It is a simple and non confrontational way of inviting others to join us, as well as highlighting our presence in the community. Please note on the large sheet, the name of the street you will be doing so we don't double up! It only takes a few minutes and you may touch someone to join our parish.

Parish Mini Mission Timetable

Sunday 27 September

7pm -7.30pm: Quiet Adoration & Confessions

7.30pm Talk: "Mass is Boring!" Or is it? (Fr David)

7.50pm: Benediction

8pm: Coffee, Port and Chocolates

Monday 28 September

7pm-7.30pm: Quiet Adoration and Confessions

7.30pm Talk: "I Don't Need Confession" Or Do I? (Fr David)

7.50pm: Benediction

8pm: Coffee, Port and Chocolates

Blessing of Animals

As the Season of Creation concludes on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, which falls on a Sunday this year, it is perhaps appropriate to have the 'Blessing of Animals' which is observed in a number of Christian churches. If you would like your pet blessed, we will do this at 9am on Sunday October 4 in front of the church. The ceremony will last about 15-20 minutes and you can return your pets to home and return in time for 10.30am Mass!

If anybody would like to donate a bottle of port or some chocolates for the Mission suppers, this would be much appreciated !!

Social Services Sunday

Today is a day to give thanks and to pray for the thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with and work with the poor, the marginalised and disadvantaged, and to reflect on how we can be more involved in Gospel related works of charity and justice in our own communities. The work of those involved in the Social Service agencies of the Church is a practical reminder and an extension of the Gospel, serving those in need. Much of this work is unknown and unseen. We give thanks that those in need can experience support and help from the Church and that many people serve in these ways.

Melbourne Catholic Digest

The latest copy of the Digest is available in the foyer of the church this weekend. Copies are free and include articles on: WYD preparations in Melbourne, Ordination of Bishop Stuart Hall, upcoming Ordinations, Melbourne Synod Preparations and other local events.

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

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.



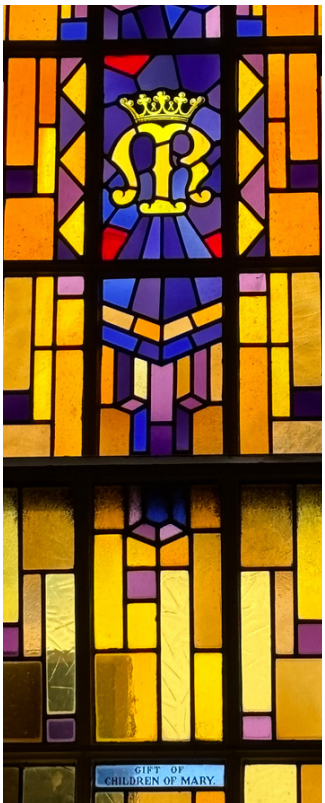
Do you know someone who would like to become Catholic? Ask them? Invite them to talk to Fr David. We would love to welcome new members into the Church and our parish.

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

4 October 9am: Blessing of Animals on Feast of St Francis
18 October 10.30am: Anniversary Mass and morning tea

Take a look at the windows!

Our stained glass windows in the church all have a name and/or a dedication on them. You might take a moment to look at these over the next few weeks and give thanks and spare a prayer for the generous donors.



These windows were the gifts of Fr P J McQuillan PP and the Children of Mary

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: \$738
2nd collection: \$1,369

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



We recall in Prayer

Those who are sick

Maurice & Loretta; Javier Dillon

Recently Deceased

All the recently deceased in our community

Anniversaries and Remembrances

Lucia Cardamone; Sarina Adorno; Pat Torr; Gerald Chambers; Sylvia Cengia; Cajetan D'Souza, Denis Farney

Mass Intentions this week

Wednesday: for our parish mission
Thursday: for our parish growth in holiness
Friday: Rose D'Souza Gomes
Saturday: Perrone and Bamford Families
Sunday: Pro populo

Our Liturgical Life

From Pope Leo's Wednesday Audiences.

For this reason, as we can see in all the Scripture, in the Covenant there is a first moment of distance, in which the pact between God and mankind always remains asymmetrical: God is God and we are creatures. However, with the coming of the Son in human flesh, the Covenant opens up to its final purpose: in Jesus, God makes us sons and daughters, and calls us to become like Him, albeit in our fragile humanity. Our resemblance to God, then, is not reached through transgression and sin, as the serpent suggests to Eve (cf. Gen 3:5), but in our relationship with the Son made man.

From The Documents of Vatican Council II. I. Dogmatic Constitution Dei Verbum. 1. God speaks to men as to friends (Reading: Jn 15:15)

Our Spiritual Life

Do you sometimes wonder if you're praying correctly? Quite often, we do this after we pray for something and receive no response. It can also happen when God simply says "no." We worry that we used the wrong words or haven't prayed long enough. Maybe we should have chosen a different novena or prayed with greater confidence. What if God isn't even listening because of our sinfulness? Let's face it, we often second-guess ourselves when it comes to prayer. At some point, it would probably be helpful to ask the question — is there a wrong way to pray? From www.catholicdigest.com

Anniversary Mass

The 5pm Mass this Saturday will be offered for the repose of the soul of Sarina Adorno whose one year anniversary occurs at this time. We pray for her soul and for her family and friends who are with us for this Mass. May she rest in peace.

Thought for the Week

We know not what the future holds, but we know who holds the future.



Don't forget 'Frank and Joan', our friendly Tap and Go machines in the church foyer!



Wisdom of the Saints

Saint Mary Magdalene: "I have seen the Lord!" (cf. Jn 20:18)



go into my vineyard too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’

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
he 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 with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. 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 Ps 118:4-5
You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
P. Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our 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

BE GENEROUS
Greed often dominates our world, interactions between global leaders and, sometimes, our own relationships. Today’s Gospel offers a different value system. Generosity is the Gospel standard that should dominate relationships.
This teaching comes in the form of another parable from Jesus. The context would be familiar to Matthew’s audience, in a society dominated by injustice, hierarchy and poverty. In this world, unemployment was rife, as it is today. Workers in Jesus’ day would go to the village or town square to seek employment. In this setting, the landowner comes to the square to hire labourers for his vineyard with a promised day’s wage. The owner repeats the hiring practice at different hours of the day, even into the late afternoon. When it comes time to pay the wages of the labourers, the landowner begins with the last hired and pays them the full day’s wage though they have worked less hours. Those hired first complain that they should have been paid more. The landowner’s response summarises the main teaching point of the parable: ‘Why be envious because I am generous?’
Generosity rather than greed characterises this landowner. It is also a mirror of Jesus’ essential teaching. God is generous, not restrictive or calculating. This challenges a world governed by exactness and tit-for-tat thinking. God and God’s kingdom are characterised by generosity. God is generous toward us – and invites us to be generous toward others.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION
MATTHEW
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A
20 SEPTEMBER 2026

MY WAYS ARE ABOVE YOUR WAYS. Those who had laboured in the vineyard all day were angry when the owner paid the latecomers the same wage. Like the story of the prodigal son, this parable reminds us that the kingdom of heaven is not characterised by our limited concepts of justice but by a compassion that knows no limits. May we not be envious at the good fortune of others but rejoice that we too are loved deeply by God.

INTRODUCTORY RITES
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.
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, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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 55:6-9
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
My thoughts are not your thoughts.
Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.
The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.
RESP PSALM Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18. R. v. 18
R. The Lord is near to all who call him.
1. I will bless you day after day / and praise your name for ever. / The Lord is great, highly to be praised, / his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, / slow to anger, abounding in love. / How good is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways / and loving in all his deeds. / He is close to all who call him, / who call on him from their hearts. **R.**
SECOND READING Phil 1:20-24, 27
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
For me to live is Christ.
Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring



me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.
Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.
The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Acts 16:14
Alleluia, alleluia! / Open our hearts, O Lord, / to listen to the words of your Son. / Alleluia!
GOSPEL Mt 20:1-16
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.
Why are you jealous because I am generous?
Jesus said to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one has hired us” they answered. He said to them, “You