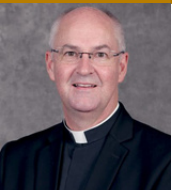




A WORD FROM THE PASTOR..



We need to observe Pentecost every day.

"It will always be Pentecost in the Church," affirmed St Oscar Romero, Archbishop of El Salvador, on Pentecost Sunday 1978, "provided the Church lets the beauty of the Holy Spirit shine forth from her countenance. When the Church ceases to let her strength rest on the Power from above which Christ promised her and which he gave her on that day, and when the Church leans rather on the weak forces of the power or wealth of this earth, then the Church ceases to be newsworthy. The Church will be fair to see, perennially young, attractive in every age, as long as she is faithful to the Spirit that floods her and she reflects that Spirit through her communities, through her pastors, through her very life". Archbishop Romero's declaration reminds us -- as does today's Gospel -- that Pentecost is not just one day, but every day. Without breath, there is no life. Without the Spirit, the Church is a field of dry, dead bones. The Venerable (soon to be Blessed) Fulton J. Sheen once said about the Church, "Even though we are God's chosen people, we often behave more like God's frozen people--frozen in our prayer life, frozen in the way we relate with one another, frozen in the way we celebrate our Faith." Today is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love. Let us repeat St John Henry Cardinal Newman's favourite little prayer, "Come Holy Spirit:"

“Come Holy Spirit
Make our ears to hear
Make our eyes to see
Make our mouths to speak
Make our hearts to seek
Make our hands to reach out
And touch the world with your love. AMEN.”

www.vatican.va

Dedication of the Parish to Our Lady Help of Christians this day.

St John Bosco had a very special devotion to Our Lady Help of Christians, whose Feast day falls on May 24, which is Pentecost Sunday this year. On this day, we will dedicate our parish to Our Lady, Help of Christians, who is the co-patroness of Australia (along with St Mary of the Cross McKillop). At the end of the 10.30am Mass today, we will pray together the Prayer of Dedication of the Parish.

Pentecost

On this great Feast of Pentecost, we give thanks for the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we have received at Baptism and Confirmation. But it is also a reminder to use these gifts, not to let them stagnate in our lives. If each person in our parish used the gifts of the Holy Spirit to their full capacity, we would see an extraordinary transformation in our parish life. Let us commit to asking the Holy Spirit to help us to use these gifts boldly and wisely for the building up of our parish of St John Bosco's in this special year.

First Holy Communion

The Year 4 children will celebrate their First Holy Communion on 30 May at Masses at 3pm and 5pm next weekend.

The new sets of Thanksgiving envelopes are available in the foyer of the church. Please collect yours ASAP

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

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 May

24 May: Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Adoration, Rosary and Dedication of our Parish to Our Lady on Pentecost Sunday.

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.

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 6 June at 2.30pm. Please join us. No prior knowledge is necessary. Beginners welcome!



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: \$801

2nd collection: \$1,810

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

All the recently deceased in our community

Anniversaries and Remembrances

Domenico Marazita; Brian Spink; Kitty Colaco; Gladwyn Allen; Ross Garfi; Vlado Gregurek; John Lee; Fredrick & Mary Rutley; Orazio Ganci

Mass Intentions this week

Wednesday: Peace in the Middle East
Thursday: souls in purgatory
Friday: devotion to Our Lady
Saturday: youth of the parish
Sunday: *Pro populo*

Our Liturgical Life

Homily

Then we sit for the homily. Given by one who is ordained, the homily is an act of worship rooted in the texts of the Mass and Scripture, especially the readings that have just been proclaimed. The homily takes that word and brings it into our life today
sdcatholic.org

Our Spiritual Life

How do I start to develop a deeper prayer life?

It is useful to begin by saying brief prayers through the day, e.g. offering your day to God and asking for his help in the morning, grace before meals, an evening review of the day (thanking God for the blessings and asking him to help us overcome our failings).
Secondly, become aware of the presence of God with us at all times. This threads prayer into your everyday life and makes it easier to spend some more time with God. This basic framework of prayer in your life will help you to start spending an extended time with the Lord.
From www.rcsouthwark.co.uk

Welcome

Today we welcome Miley and her family as she receives a Welcome and Blessing in preparation for her Baptism in our parish. You might like to accompany them in prayer by offering one 'Hail Mary'.
Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver: Annual Mission Dinner on Sunday 14 June 2026 at 1.00 pm at the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver - Hall, 154 Cotham Road, Kew. Proceeds will assist the missions. Bookings close 5th June. Tickets: \$50.00 per person. Bookings: phone 9817 3715

This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity.

Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children.

In the coming weeks, we will share how the Church is walking alongside these communities, and how you can be part of this living mission of love.

To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united.

Wisdom of the Saints

Saint Margaret: Mary Alacoque "All my pleasure in this land of exile is that of having every kind of suffering found on the cross, deprived of every other consolation except that of the Sacred Heart."



Thought for the Week

Before the service, speak to God; during the service, let God speak to you; after the service speak to one another, and exhort one another, and so much the more as we see the day approaching (Heb. 10:25).

Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow.
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:
If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 20:19-23

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.
As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.
In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you,’ and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you’.

‘As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.’
After saying this he breathed on them and said:
‘Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.’

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. Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth. 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 OF PENTECOST

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Acts 2:4, 11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. 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 in peace, alleluia, alleluia!
R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

PEACE BE WITH YOU

In today's story from John, set on Easter day, Jesus' disciples are frightened. The doors of the room where they gather are locked. They are frightened of the religious authorities. Perhaps they think that what happened to their hero, Jesus, might also happen to them. Into the midst of their fear and locked room, the Risen Jesus comes. His first words are of peace, ‘Peace be with you’. This is more than a statement to be calm and not frightened. It is Jesus' gift of wholeness, of shalom (Hebrew). It is his prayerful gift for them to come to a deep spirit of internal communion and calmness trusting in his presence.

It is this fearful group of disciples that Jesus commissions to be on mission—a theme familiar from Matthew's Gospel last week: The future of the Jesus movement is not entrusted to a comfortable, secure and fully integrated group of leaders. It is to a group of ordinary, struggling people that the mission is given. But they are not alone in this. Jesus' breath is the externalisation of his presence and being. This is given to the disciples who imbue his spirit, calming them, and giving them the confidence to reveal God's communion with all, despite their foibles or spiritual struggles.

This is the spirit that forgives ‘sin’—that experience or marker of disruption, disease and fear. Jesus' breath, received by the Eleven is about to permeate the cosmos through the commissioned ministry and reaffirmed in John's Pentecost story.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

PENTECOST SUNDAY / A

24 MAY 2026

I AM SENDING YOU. The disciples of Jesus were transformed when they received the Holy Spirit. They burst open the doors of the upper room, which they had locked in fear, and boldly proclaimed the Good News. May the Holy Spirit fill our hearts this Pentecost giving us the courage to break down the walls we have built around ourselves. May the Spirit free us to proclaim the peace, joy and forgiveness of God to everyone.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Wis 1:7
The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
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 came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
P. You come in word and in sacrament to strengthen us and make us holy: Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.
P. You will come again in glory with salvation for your people: 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.



works, O Lord! / The earth is full of your riches. R.
2. You take back your spirit, they die, / returning to the dust from which they came. / You send forth your spirit, they are created; / and you renew the face of the earth. R.
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! / May the Lord rejoice in his works! / May my thoughts be pleasing to him. / I find my joy in the Lord. R.

SECOND READING 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord’ unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

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

SEQUENCE

The sequence may be said or sung.
Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor,