

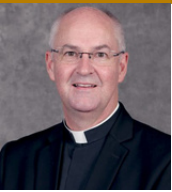
26 April 2026 St John Bosco Parish Niddrie

4th 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

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)
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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

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.

First Friday

This coming Friday, 1 May 2026 is the First Friday of the month.
There will be Confessions available from 9am - 9.20am and
Benediction after 9.30am Mass.

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 2 May at 2.30pm.
Please join us. No prior knowledge is necessary. Beginners
welcome!

Welcome

Today we welcome Sophia, Xavier, Dion, and their families as they
receive a Welcome and Blessing in preparation for their Baptism
in our parish. You might like to accompany them in prayer by
offering one 'Hail Mary' for each child and their family.

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

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: \$991

2nd collection: \$2,156

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



We recall in Prayer

Those who are sick

Maurice & Loretta; Sayde Hadchiti

Recently Deceased

Daphne Anthonisz

Anniversaries and Remembrances

Adrian McConnell; Kevin Jess; Carol
D'Souza; Cyril Alexander James;
Salvatore De Lucia; Franco and
Giuseppina De Lucia and family; Antonio
and Elisabetta Renga and family

Thought for the Week

Most unbelievers cannot find God for the
same reason a thief cannot find a
policeman (John 3:19-20).

Mass Intentions this week

Wednesday: Peace in the Middle East
Thursday: vocations to priesthood
Friday: for those who died in war
Saturday: vocations from our parish
Sunday: Pro populo

Our Liturgical Life

Opening Prayer

At the close of this first part of the Mass the priest will ask us to
join our minds in prayer with the invitation, "Let us pray." As the
priest pauses, we offer our intentions. Then he will collect them
all into one prayer, to which we all respond "Amen," a Hebrew
word for "So be it." sdcatholic.org

Our Spiritual Life

Contemplative Prayer

When we rest quietly in God's presence, we engage in
contemplation. In contemplation we spend time with God in
wordless silence, aware that he is with us. To understand how
contemplation occurs, we can compare it with thinking on – or
contemplating – the smile of a baby or the change of colour of
trees in the autumn. We are conscious of its impact on us, but
our reaction is often wordless. When we experience God
personally, we feel his love and wait for him to speak to us in his
own way. The key is to make time to relax and listen in God's
presence, to seek union with the God who loves us.

From www.rcsouthwark.co.uk

World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Pope Leo tells us: "Listen to the voice of the Lord who invites you to
a full and fruitful life, calling you to put your talents to use (cf. Mt
25:14-30) and to unite your limitations and weaknesses with the
glorious cross of Christ."

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our
families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open
to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

Before each weekday
Mass in our parish,
after the Rosary, we
pray a prayer for
vocations. Prayer is
the first step to a
person hearing the
Lord's call to serve in
the Church. How
might we amplify that
call with
encouragement,
suggestion or a gentle
question ?



Wisdom of the Saints

Saint Saint Thomas More: "The brothers of the patriarch Joseph could
never have done him so much good with their love and favour as they
did him with their malice & hatred."



History

Anzac Day marks the anniversary of the
first campaign that led to major casualties
for Australian and New Zealand forces
during the First World War. The acronym
ANZAC stands for Australian and New
Zealand Army Corps, whose soldiers were
known as Anzacs. Anzac Day remains one
of the most important national occasions
of both Australia and New Zealand, a rare
instance of two sovereign countries not
only sharing the same remembrance day.

ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.’

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:
‘I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.
I am the gate.
Anyone who enters through me will be safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come
so that they may have life
and have it to the full.’
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 we may always find delight in these
paschal mysteries,
so that the renewal constantly at work
within us
may be the cause of our unending joy.
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: 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

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures
the sheep you have redeemed by the
Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and
reigns for ever and ever.
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

THE BEAUTIFUL SHEPHERD

The Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of
Easter is traditionally from John 10,
about the ‘Good (or, literally, ‘beautiful’)
shepherd’. Today’s selection focuses on
the image of the gate of the sheepfold.
In our culture, gates and doors are
important. They provide us with security
and access to what is inside—a house, a
building, a room. And through entering
the door or gate, we come to be with
others, with whom we (usually) identify
or know, perhaps family members and
friends. In the Gospel, the one who enters
this gate is the shepherd of the flock—an
image familiar to John’s Mediterranean
audience and in a world where shepherds
were male and female. The shepherd
is a protecting and loving figure who is
familiar with each sheep—calling each
one by name. The shepherd leads the
sheep who follow because ‘they know his
voice’. This image of the sheep ‘knowing’
the voice of the shepherd accentuates the
deep and abiding intimate relationship
between the sheep and shepherd.

In the final part of the Gospel, Jesus
reaffirms his mission of protection and
his intent to bring freedom to those who
listen to his voice. Perhaps, by the time
of the Gospel’s writing, the community
was already experiencing division,
difficulty and others presuming to speak
in ways that claimed authority but were
in fact ‘thieves and brigands’. The Gospel
concludes: Jesus has come ‘so that they
may have life and have it to the full.’ This
desire for the fullness of life echoes in
each of our hearts as we allow the voice of
the ‘Beautiful Shepherd’ to guide, protect
and nurture us.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

THEY KNOW HIS VOICE. At times it can be hard to recognise the voice of Jesus
as there are many who claim to speak in his name. A useful guide is to look at
people’s actions. We can listen to those whose lives reveal the qualities of Jesus: love,
compassion, justice, self-sacrifice. They are the good shepherds in our midst.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 32:5-6
The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were
made, alleluia.

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. Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach

where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
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 Acts 2:14, 36-41
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with
the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a
loud voice: ‘The whole House of Israel can be
certain that God has made this Jesus whom
you crucified both Lord and Christ.’

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and
said to Peter and the apostles, ‘What must
we do, brothers?’ ‘You must repent,’ Peter
answered ‘and every one of you must be
baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the
forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the
gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was
made is for you and your children, and for all
those who are far away, for all those whom the
Lord our God will call to himself.’ He spoke to
them for a long time using many arguments,
and he urged them, ‘Save yourselves from this
perverse generation.’ They were convinced by
his arguments, and they accepted what he
said and were baptised. That very day about
three thousand were added to their number.’

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22:1-6. R. v. 1

R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want. (or Alleluia!)

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is
nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are
the pastures / where he gives me repose. /
Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive
my drooping spirit. R.

2. He guides me along the right path; / he
is true to his name. / If I should walk in the
valley of darkness / no evil would I fear. /
You are there with your crook and your
staff; / with these you give me comfort. R.

3. You have prepared a banquet for me /
in the sight of my foes. / My head you have
anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. R.

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow
me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord’s own
house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. R.



SECOND READING 1 Pet 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter
You had gone astray but now you have come
back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.
The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing
punishment patiently when you are punished
after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you are called to do,
because Christ suffered for you and left an
example for you to follow the way he took.
He had not done anything wrong, and there
had been no perjury in his mouth. He was
insulted and did not retaliate with insults;
when he was tortured he made no threats
but he put his trust in the righteous judge.
He was bearing our faults in his own body on
the cross, so that we might die to our faults
and live for holiness; through his wounds you
have been healed. You had gone astray like
sheep but now you have come back to the
shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good
shepherd, says the Lord; I know my
sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 10:1-10

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.
I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: ‘I tell you most solemnly, anyone
who does not enter the sheepfold through the
gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a
brigand. The one who enters through the gate
is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper
lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by
one he calls his own sheep and leads them out.
When he has brought out his flock, he goes