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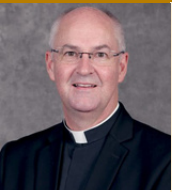
St John Bosco Parish Niddrie

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Green is the colour of hope and growth



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)

- 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!”

Dear friends,
It is good to be home refreshed from a few days holiday. As I spoke of last week, coming home is always a reminder of what a wonderful country Australia is, and how blessed we are to live here and enjoy everything that we have.

New Banners

Last Wednesday at the 9.30am Mass we blessed the new banners that you see hanging in the church, on the sanctuary. The new banners of St Joseph and Our Lady have been generously donated to the parish. You might spare a prayer for the generous donors who made a very generous and fitting gift to our church, in our 60th year.

Senior Parishioners ‘High Tea’ and Benediction

As part of our ongoing 60th birthday celebrations, our next event will be our High Tea for our senior parishioners on Sunday 26 July, 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. Please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church to indicate your attendance. 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 ?

ATSIC Sunday and NAIDOC Week

In the coming week we observe Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. The Theme chosen for this year is: Walking together- 40 years on. This has been chosen to recall the visit of Pope John Paul II to Alice Springs in 1986.

A couple of years ago I had the opportunity to drive to the Northern Territory and spend some time there and in South Australia. As a casual visitor, the situation with Indigenous people in our nation seems tragic. Whilst the situation is very complex with many opinions, as Christian people and Australians, we do have a need to care and search for peace in this situation and these relationships.

Parish Help

Thank you to those who have offered to assist on an occasional basis with lawn mowing and church cleaning. If we had 3 or 4 more people it would greatly help- the commitment would only be once every month or two for about an hour, at a time that suits you. Please see me or contact the parish office (Niddrie@cam.org.au)

About Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

Aid to the Church in Need is the only international Catholic charity dedicated to the service of suffering Christians wherever they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. Founded in 1947, ACN is a pontifical foundation and provides vital aid for pastoral projects, religious education, and emergency relief in areas affected by conflict and poverty. For many years we have partnered with parishes to share news of our work in bulletins to let parishioners know about these projects. ACN operates solely on benefactor donations, with no funding from Church or State. Learn more on our website: www.aidtochurch.org

Collections

This week there will be the *Vinnies Winter Appeal* Collection - a concrete way for us to support those in need in our community with the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your generosity.

Next week, 4-5 July the traditional *Peter’s Pence* collection takes place.

This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church. Peter’s Pence is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope’s mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity.

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.

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

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.

Welcome

Today we welcome Ava, Indie, Leon 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.

First Friday

This coming Friday, 3 July 2026 is the First Friday of the month. There will be Confessions available from 9am - 9.20am and Benediction after 9.30am Mass.

high tea



Benediction and Afternoon Tea for Senior parishioners

Please join us on 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.

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: \$1,025

2nd collection: \$1,897

Propagation of the Faith Appeal: \$180

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

Anna Petrone; Anne Parsons

Anniversaries and Remembrances

Thomas Darcy; John Scicluna; Paolo Bordonaro; Teresa Raso; Clifford Athaide; Haydee Barra; Maria Grazia Prochilo; Shirley Moon; Stefania Myszk; Eileen Meade; Gerald Kavanagh

Mass Intentions this week

Wednesday: families of our parish
Thursday: increase in vocations
Friday: devotion to the Eucharist
Saturday: families in the parish
Sunday: *Pro populo*

Our Liturgical Life

The Eucharistic Prayer

The prayer that follows is addressed to the Father and brings us to the very center of the Mass and the heart of our faith. While the words of the prayer vary from Sunday to Sunday, the prayer always has this structure: 1) We call upon God to remember all the wonderful saving deeds of our history. 2) We recall the central event in our history, Jesus Christ, and in particular the memorial He left us on the night before He died. We recall His Passion, Death and Resurrection. 3) After gratefully calling to mind all the wonderful saving acts God has done for us in the past, we petition God to continue those deeds of Christ in the present: We pray that we may become one Body, one spirit in Christ. sdcatholic.org

Our Spiritual Life

Why do people pray?

God’s response may come to you through the help of friends, or the expertise of a health professional, or an unexpected change of events, or through a wise word that comes into your mind during prayer. God’s response may not always be immediately apparent and may only be understood in hindsight. And at other times we may need to wait for a long period of time, requiring our trust and patience. Many Catholics who feel frustrated or upset that God is not responding to their prayers often seek guidance from a trusted Catholic who can help them open their hearts and minds to the way God has responded or is responding. Trust that if you allow God the space and time to respond, God will. From www.cathedralstm.org



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.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to donate, please visit catholicmission.org.au/united to lend your support today.

To learn more about the impact you can make through Catholic Mission, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work to see other examples of life-giving programs around the world.

Wisdom of the Saints

Saint Maximilian Kolbe: “Shall the urge for complete and total happiness, inherent to human nature, be the only need to remain unfulfilled and unsatisfied? No, even this longing can be fulfilled by the infinite and eternal God.”

Thought for the Week

Noah's belief led him into the ark, and the ark, not his belief saved him. Christ is the ARK in which we find salvation.

12 PROMISES OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS



✓ I will give them all the graces necessary

✓ I will be their secure refuge during life, above all, in death.

✓ Lukewarm souls shall become fervent

✓ I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.

✓ I will establish peace in their homes.

✓ I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.

✓ Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.

✓ Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my heart.

✓ I will comfort them in all their afflictions.

✓ Sinners will find in my heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.

✓ I will bless every place in which an image of my heart is exposed and honored.

✓ I will grant final perseverance to those who receive Holy Communion the first Fridays in nine consecutive months.

not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

‘Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

‘Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet’s reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man’s reward.

‘If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.’

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. O God, who graciously accomplish the effects of your mysteries, grant, we pray, that the deeds by which we serve you may be worthy of these sacred gifts. 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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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 cf. Ps 102: 1

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received

fill us with life, O Lord, we pray, so that, bound to you in lasting charity, we may bear fruit that lasts for ever. 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

HOW SHOULD I LIVE AND ACT?

If Jesus were to meet you (and he does constantly!) and you were to ask him, ‘How should I act and live my life?’, the answer would come into today’s Gospel. It continues Jesus’ teaching concerned with disciples (us!) on mission. As our church deepens its practice of synodality, the instructions Jesus offers are meant for all: our focus is to be on Jesus. Our relationship with him guides every other relationship and commitment. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the Twelve, the symbolic leadership group of disciples who spearhead the Jesus missionary movement, ‘Anyone who prefers[fill in the blanks] ... is not worthy of me.’ His words are not a rejection of one’s relationships or family ties but the preference in all relationships is to be guided by our abiding commitment and friendship with Jesus.

The second collection of sayings in today’s Gospel concerns hospitality. Those who welcome others, members of the Jesus household, and act in holiness or speak prophetically are also welcoming the presence of Jesus. This spirit of openness and receptivity continues into the last part of today’s Gospel. Offering a welcoming drink to ‘one of these little ones’—those regarded as social nobodies without prestige or status—and discerned, surprisingly, as disciples, as members of Jesus’ community of believers, will be eternally rewarded: ‘..they will most certainly not lose their reward.’

Today’s Gospel is not about earning rewards, though. It is about how to live, with a firm commitment to Jesus and welcoming all, especially the ‘little ones’ and identifying as disciples the most unlikely.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

28 JUNE 2026

HARD SAYINGS. Today’s Gospel includes a number of so-called ‘hard sayings’ of Jesus. They identify the basic paradox of our Christian faith: it is only by emptying ourselves in imitation of Jesus (Phil 2: 7) that we can receive the fullness of life which is his gift (Jn 10: 10). There can be no real growth in the Spirit if self-interest prevails.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 46: 2

All peoples, clap your hands.

Cry to God with shouts of joy!

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. **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.



COLLECT

P. O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. 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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings. That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, ‘Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.’

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. ‘What can be done for her?’ he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, ‘Well, she has no son and her husband is old.’ Elisha said, ‘Call her.’ The servant called her and she stood at the door. ‘This time next year,’ Elisha said ‘you will hold a son in your arms.’

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 88: 2-3, 16-19. R. v. 2

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; / through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. / Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, / that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, / who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, / who find their joy every day in your name, / who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; / it is by your favour that our might is exalted: / for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; / our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father’s glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Pet 2: 9

Alleluia, alleluia! / You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. / Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 10: 37-42

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.

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is