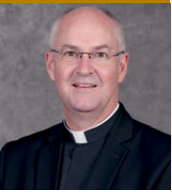




A WORD FROM THE PASTOR..



Dear friends,

We welcome the Year 1 students & their families to our 5pm Mass this Saturday. Today’s gospel passage follows on immediately from last Sunday’s gospel passage, and is also a challenging one for us as it was last week. Saint Peter does not want to see the Lord suffer and die, but the Lord very quickly puts him in his place. Perhaps the final line of the gospel is a reminder to us about our Christian life here on earth. When the Lord says he will ward each one according to his behaviour, it is a reminder of the demands of Christian life and the responsibility we have to live to act and live as Christians in this world. The way we act in this world does influence what happens in the next world. It is a case of being alert but not alarmed, but we try our best to live as Christians in this life to make this world a better place, to give glory to God, to fulfil the Lord’s command to love one another and hopefully one day see God face to face in heaven and enjoy the rewards of our labours on earth.

You may recall earlier this year when our church was used for some filming for a series to be produced by SBS. This series, ‘The Airport Chaplain’, is now available on SBS. Episode two features some images of the church in which the filming took place. I have not watched the series yet, nor can I make any comment about its quality or content, but let’s hope that this publicity for our parish is good for spreading the Good News!

St John Bosco School

I have been advised by MACS (Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools), that the position for Principal of St John Bosco's School will be advertised in the near future, as Mr Peter Monaghan will be retiring at the end of this year. The Panel for the interviews for the new Principal will include representatives from MACS, the parish and school, and will be chaired by me. I will keep you informed about the process as it unfolds in the coming months.

Archbishop's Campaign

Thank you to everyone who has so generously made a pledge or gift to the 2026 Archbishop’s Campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! This campaign took the place of several collections that were taken separately in previous years. Please return any donation envelopes today.

Service of Lament

On Tuesday 15 September, the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, the Archbishop will lead the second annual Service of Lament in the grounds of St Patrick’s Cathedral at 4pm. This is a time to pray and stand with those who have suffered abuse in the Church as well as to pray for healing, justice and ongoing conversion in the Church. All are welcome to attend, and also to accompany this service in personal prayer.

Parish Mission

As part of our 60th birthday celebrations, we will have two nights of a mini Parish Mission on Sunday 27 September and Monday 28 September. Please keep the dates free. More details soon.

MARRIAGE RESEARCH — YOUR VOICE NEEDED

Are you in the first decade of your marriage, or know someone who is?

The Parish & Marriage Resource Centre are conducting a global study into the experiences of Catholics within the first 10 years of marriage. We're inviting couples who married in 2016 or later, where at least one spouse is Catholic, to complete this survey. The survey is anonymous and designed to be completed individually by both spouses. All participants receive a gift at the end of the survey as a thank you. The insights from the survey responses will help shape future resources and support for couples in the early years of marriage. The survey can be accessed at: <https://thepmrc.org/survey>.

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 August

Parish Local pilgrimages. An opportunity to visit some different places for prayer and fellowship.

Pilgrimage suggestions:

A church dedicated to St Francis in this Jubilee year of St Francis, to obtain a Plenary Indulgence (St Francis, city, Mill Park).
A visit to St Patrick’s Cathedral (perhaps for Mass and confession).

A visit to St Mary’s Star of the Sea, West Melbourne (perhaps for Mass and Confession. This is the Archdiocesan Shrine of the Holy Family- a place to pray for our own families.

A visit to the church of your baptism to renew your baptismal promises.

A visit to the St Mary of the Cross (McKillop) Heritage centre in East Melbourne.

A ‘home pilgrimage’ where you invite family and friends to pray together and share a meal.

A pilgrimage to our own church for an extra Mass during the week or invite family or friends to join you on a weekend.

September

Mini parish Mission. A time to grow in faith, to learn about our faith, and to spiritually prepare for our celebrations.

October

18 October 10.30am: Anniversary Mass and luncheon. Mass to give thanks to God for 60 years of worship in our beautiful church and fellowship together.



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



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: \$1,017
2nd collection: \$1,871

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; Alexander Francis; Antonietta Russo; Ralph Erna; Mario Christofi

Recently Deceased

Sr Anne Byrne; Pero Soldo

Anniversaries and Remembrances

Con & Wilma Rykhoff; Rocque & Patrick Fonseca; Cassandra O’Keefe; Michelina Basile; Marina Costello; Gordon Windsor; Lourecina Dias; Caterina Ortisi; Angeline Cooke; Peter Steel; Albino Colaco

Mass Intentions this week

Wednesday: Lourecina Dias 2nd anniversary
Thursday: for our parish growth in holiness
Friday: Anne Rodrigues Pereira
Saturday: those preparing for marriage
Sunday: *Pro popolo*

Our Liturgical Life

Living the Eucharist in the world.

We leave the assembly and the church building carrying Christ within us. What happens in our lives during the week gives deeper meaning to the ritual actions we have celebrated at Mass, whether it’s family, work with poor or just plain work. It is only in relation to our daily lives that the full meaning of the ritual actions of the Mass becomes clear to us. We bring Christ to the world.
sdcatholic.org

Our Spiritual Life

Tips for praying:

- Take time to listen. God does speak to us in prayer, but we need to listen with our hearts. Be open to what God is telling you rather than just on what you want to or expect to hear.
- Use the Bible in your prayer
- Keep a journal of prayer
- Have a proper attitude. Prayer requires openness to God and a desire to worship and get to know God better.

From www.cathedralstm.org

First Friday

This coming Friday, 4 September 2026 is the First Friday of the month. There will be Confessions available from 9am - 9.20am and Benediction after 9.30am Mass.

Funeral Notice

The funeral prayers for Fiona Reilly will take place on Wednesday 2 September at 11am in the Church.

St Vincent de Paul

If anyone is interested in volunteering on a regular or occasional basis for the work of visitation to those in need in the parish, please see Geraldine or Fr David, or contact the parish office this week.

Welcome

Today we welcome Jack and his family as he receives a Welcome and Blessing in preparation for his Baptism in our parish. You might like to accompany them in prayer by offering one 'Hail Mary' for Jack and his family.

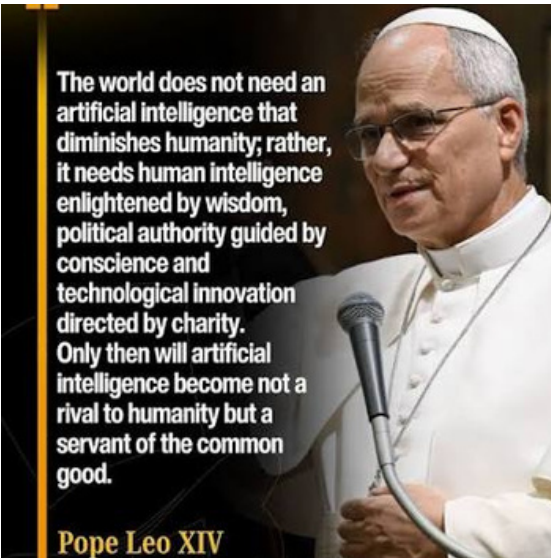
Thought for the Week

Seek to be children in faith; seek to be men in understanding (1 Cor. 14:20).

Wisdom of the Saints

Saint Peter: "Lord, you know I love you." (Jn 21:15)

Congratulations to parishioner Joe Bugeja on his 100th Birthday on 30 August



Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. ‘Heaven preserve you, Lord,’ he said. ‘This must not happen to you.’ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God’s way but man’s.’

Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

‘For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.’

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. May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power.
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

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table,
we beseech you, Lord,
that, being the food of charity,
it may confirm our hearts
and stir us to serve you in our neighbour.
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

GENUINE DISCIPLESHIP

Today’s Gospel follows on immediately from last Sunday’s Gospel and the question posed to Jesus’ disciples in Matthew’s day, and to us, about his identity. Jesus then outlines what awaits him in Jerusalem—his suffering, death and resurrection. These words seem either incomprehensible to his disciples, represented by Peter, or are rejected.

Whatever the reason for Peter’s reaction, following God’s anointed one on a path of suffering, death and resurrection is unfathomable. The disciples imagine a triumphant, powerful figure who will overcome Roman opposition. Success and status are their vision for the future of discipleship!

Today’s Gospel is a sobering reminder that suffering is not excluded from discipleship. Life’s tragedies and concerns are not the opposite of following Jesus; they can be authentic expressions of it. Disciples are not called to seek suffering nor to become victims. Rather, suffering can be integrated into genuine discipleship. These are important insights especially for some who think that they must ‘prove’ their loyalty to Jesus by seeking out further pain or suffering. We know that suffering is part of life; we need not look for it further. We are surrounded by a world of suffering.

Today we acknowledge the sufferings of those who gather with us in our Assembly, especially those borne silently or through violence, including domestic violence.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

30 AUGUST 2026

‘YOU HAVE SEDUCED ME, LORD!’ The prophet Jeremiah was captivated by God. His attachment meant that he suffered greatly at the hands of God’s enemies but he also experienced a fire within, lit by God’s love, that urged him on. We too can follow Jesus wholeheartedly only if we are captivated by him. Like Peter, we may remonstrate with Jesus as we struggle to understand his ways, but we will follow him faithfully along the way of the cross to the fullness of life.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 85:3, 5
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

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. God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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

Jer 20:7-9
A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.
You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody’s butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: ‘Violence and ruin!’
The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, ‘I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.’
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.
The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 62:2-6, 8-9. R. v. 2
R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; / for you my soul is thirsting. / My body pines for you / like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary / to see your strength and your glory. / For your love is better than life, / my lips will speak your praise. **R.**
3. So I will bless you all my life, / in your name I will lift up my hands. / My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, / my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**



4. For you have been my help; / in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. / My soul clings to you; / your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 12:1-2
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.
Think of God’s mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Eph 1:17, 18
Alleluia, alleluia! / May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ / enlighten the eyes of our heart, / that we might see how great is the hope / to which we are called. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 16:21-27
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.
Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day.