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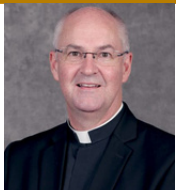
The Most Holy Trinity, Year A

St John Bosco Parish Niddrie

White is the colour of rejoicing



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR..



Dear friends,

A well known hymn by St John Henry Newman, from his ‘Dream of Geronitus’ can perhaps help us understand today’s Feast of the Holy Trinity.

*Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three and God is One
and I next acknowledge duly
Manhood taken by the Son.*

The Doctrine of the Holy Trinity can seem confusing or remote to us, and hard to understand. God manifests Himself in different ways and by different means- three in particular. God the Father who creates; God the Son who redeems; and God the Holy Spirit who sanctifies or makes things holy. All these actions are the actions of the one God. It is a very deep theological concept and saints and others have spent years trying to understand and explain it. For us, perhaps we can just say with Newman, ‘Firmly I believe and truly, God is three and God is one.

Corpus Christi

Next weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ. A long standing custom is to have a Eucharistic Procession on this day. The Pope does this in Rome, and many places in Europe have elaborate and beautiful processions to honour the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. It is a way of witnessing to our faith in a public way by taking the Lord out into the world and for us to be proud to follow Jesus in a procession.

As part of our 60th birthday celebrations this year, we will have a Corpus Christi Procession next Sunday at the end of the 10.30am Mass. We will process with the Blessed Eucharist in the Monstrance outside the church, and return for Benediction. Please make an effort to join us for our Corpus Christi Procession (and pray for fine weather!), and invite others to join us as well. We have some parishioners hard at work preparing for this, and making a new Canopy that we will use for the procession. Our world needs Jesus, and this is our way of bringing Jesus to the world.

Magnifica Humanitas

The first Encyclical of Pope Leo XIV was released last Monday. The Latin title can be translated as ‘Magnificent Humanity’, or ‘Humanity in its Grandeur’. This gives us a good starting point for understanding what the Pope is saying: the human person is important and made in the image of God, and in this age of Artificial Intelligence and other developments, needs to be cared for and safeguarded. In the coming weeks, I will publish some extracts from the document for us to read and reflect upon. A comment from a priest in Nigeria on the Vatican website perhaps helps us to understand the importance of this document at the present time:

Why This Matters to You

You might not be a theologian. You might not read Vatican documents. But if you own a smartphone, use social media, worry about your future, care about justice, or are simply trying to live your faith in a world that feels increasingly confusing and inhuman, this encyclical was written for you.

Pope Leo XIV is not asking Catholics to become Luddites or to fear technology. He is asking us to remain profoundly human. To ask hard questions. To resist the slow drift toward a world where efficiency replaces compassion, where data replaces dignity, and where the logic of profit replaces the logic of love.

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

June

7 June: After 10.30am Mass - 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.

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!

First Holy Communion

This weekend we welcome those children who will receive the Blessed Eucharist for the very first time. It is a most intimate meeting with the Eucharistic Jesus in Holy Communion that these children will experience this weekend. For us who come to the Eucharist regularly, it can be a reminder of the awesome nature of this meeting. God enters into our lives and our bodies in a tangible and intimate way. We become ‘living tabernacles’ of the presence of the Lord. Like Mary, we carry the Lord in our bodies. What an extraordinary dignity and privilege is given to us. May we always treasure this gift and receive it worthily and often.



We recall in Prayer

Those who are sick
Maurice & Loretta

Recently Deceased
Concepcion Letun; Mate Colina

Anniversaries and Remembrances
Patrick & Kevin Hession; John Lee; Teresa Abfalter

Mass Intentions this week

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

Our Liturgical Life

The Creed

On Sundays we stand and together recite the Nicene or Apostles’ Creed. The recitation is both a series of core truths we believe as Catholics, and a statement of our faith in the Word we have heard proclaimed in the Scripture and the homily.
sdcatholic.org

Our Spiritual Life

How do I start to develop a deeper prayer life?

When you do begin to spend some special time with the Lord, perhaps a quarter of an hour. To find this brief time you may need to change some of your routines – however you will feel the benefits of doing this once you have begun. The purpose of prayer is to find God at the place where God wants to meet us – in our heart - the place where our decisions are made and where our desires are held.

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Baptisms

This weekend we welcome Miley, who is to become a member of the Church through Baptism. Let us make her welcome and pray for her and her parents and godparents.

First Friday

This coming Friday, 5 June 2026 is the First Friday of the month. There will be Confessions available from 9am - 9.20am and Benediction after 9.30am Mass.

Melbourne Catholic Digest

Free copies are available in the foyer this weekend. Please take one home- news from around the local Church in Melbourne.

Wisdom of the Saints

Saint Paul of the Cross: “The soul whom God wants to draw to deepest union with him by means of holy prayer must pass through the way of suffering during prayer.”

In two weeks, we will share the story of Yamikani*, a young boy in rural Malawi whose daily journey to school is filled with hardship.

You will also meet Fr Matthew Semba who is leading a project to build a new school close to home, so children like Yamikani can learn safely and begin to imagine a future beyond survival.

Through your prayers and support, you are part of this mission, helping to ensure that no child is left behind.

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

*Name changed for privacy



Thought for the Week

Tired of the outlook? Try the upward look!

GOSPEL Jn 3:16-18

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.

God sent his Son to save the world through him.
Jesus said to Nicodemus,
‘God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may
not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might
be saved.
No one who believes in him will be
condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is
condemned already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God’s only Son.’

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. Sanctify by the invocation of your name,
we pray, O Lord our God,
this oblation of our service,

and by it make of us an eternal offering to
you.
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 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
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 Gal 4:6
**Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit
of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
P. May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord
our God, bring us health of body and soul,
as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and
undivided Unity. 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, glorifying the Lord by your
life.
R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

WE ARE GOD’S BELOVED
In a world of unrest and at a time when
many of us could be struggling with
uncertainty and loneliness, the readings
for this Feast offer us a soulful soothing
balm. Each of the readings celebrate God
(first reading), the Holy Spirit (second
reading) and Jesus (our Gospel); our focus
is on the Gospel. The passage’s context
is about Nicodemus, a Jewish leader,
coming to Jesus ‘by night’, seeking to
understand Jesus’ relationship with God.
Jesus speaks of the importance of being
born ‘from above’.

In typical Johannine misunderstanding—
Nicodemus doesn’t understand how
we can be born ‘again’ (a confusion
with Jesus’ word ‘above’ and a play on
the Greek)—John invites the audience
(and us) to come to the heart of God’s
agenda: God is in absolute love with the
world; his Son, Jesus, becomes the fruit
of that love through whom believers, even
the searching Nicodemus, will be found
and have life eternal. This is a powerful
witness and clear statement of God’s
intention for our world. We, too, need
to hear this when there seem to be many
contrary and conflicting voices.

John’s Gospel is important for us to
know that no matter what, we are God’s
beloved; God does not judge or condemn
us. This flies in the face of those who
think, wrongly, that God is ‘out to get us’
and awaits to chalk up our misdeeds. This
is so contradictory to the God revealed
to us in Jesus. We, like Nicodemus, find
ourselves at times stumbling around ‘by
night’ as we seek to come into the light.
This is God’s gift to us on this feast as we
celebrate God’s beloved intent for us and
our world.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY / A

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A GOD OF TENDERNESS. God did not wreak vengeance on the Israelites in the wilderness when they began to worship a golden calf. Rather, God came among them in tenderness and compassion, forgave their sin and restored the covenant. This God became incarnate in Jesus and dwells among us in the Spirit. As we marvel at the unconditional love of God we exclaim: Glory and praise forever!

INTRODUCTORY RITES

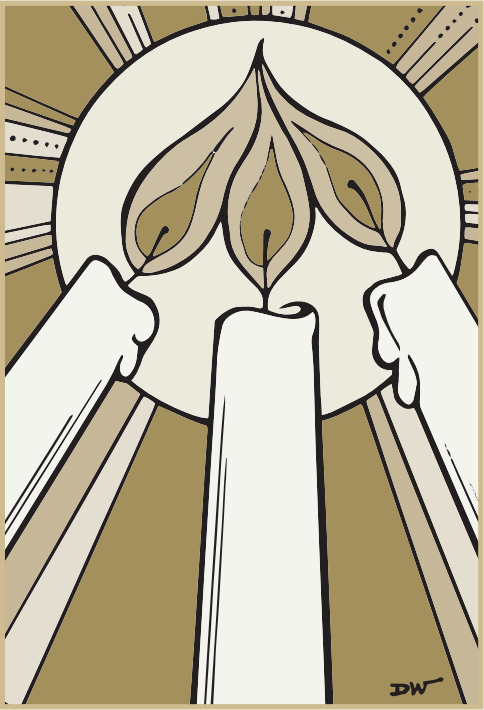
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
**Blest be God the Father, and the Only
Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy
Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful
love.**

GREETING
P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and
the love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.
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. God our Father, who by sending into the
world the Word of truth and the Spirit of
sanctification made known to the human
race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we
pray, that in professing the true faith, we
may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory
and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty.
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 Ex 34:4-6, 8-9
A reading from the book of Exodus
The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.
With the two tablets of stone in his hands,
Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the
early morning as the Lord had commanded
him. And the Lord descended in the form of a
cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The
Lord passed before him and proclaimed,
‘Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and
compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness
and faithfulness.’ And Moses bowed down to
the ground at once and worshipped. ‘If I have
indeed won your favour, Lord,’ he said ‘let
my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are
a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults
and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.’

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

RESP PSALM Dan 3:52-56. R. v. 52
1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.
R. Glory and praise for ever!
Blest your glorious holy name.
R. Glory and praise for ever!

2. You are blest in the temple of your glory.
R. Glory and praise for ever!
You are blest on the throne of your
kingdom.
R. Glory and praise for ever!
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths.
R. Glory and praise for ever!
You are blest in the firmament of heaven.
R. Glory and praise for ever!

SECOND READING 2 Cor 13:11-13
**A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to the Corinthians**
*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love
of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be
with you all.*

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow
perfect; help one another. Be united; live in
peace, and the God of love and peace will be
with you.
Greet one another with the holy kiss. All
the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love
of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.
The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Apoc 1:8
**Alleluia, alleluia! / Glory to the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit: / to God
who is, who was, and who is to come. /
Alleluia!**