

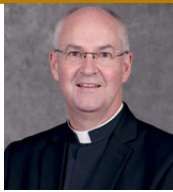
7 June 2026 St John Bosco Parish Niddrie

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, 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)
- 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!"

Corpus Christi

This 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 this 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 Humantatis

Next week and the week after we will publish a summary of the Pope's new Encyclical document. The full document can be accessed at www.vatican.va. Whilst the commentary about the document talks about AI, the document is much more than that. A deep reflection on the dignity of the human person and the need for communion. I am sure this will be a very valuable contribution to the Church's body of teaching on social justice and other areas of life.

Church Cleaning and Mowing

A few weeks ago, I wrote about the costs that we incur on a regular basis for cleaning and lawn mowing, and wanting to try to reduce these to help the financial situation of the parish. Thank you to the several people who have offered to help so far with a mowing roster and a cleaning roster. If we had a few more, it would make it feasible for us to have a roster for every couple of months to reduce the costs and involve more people in the life of the parish as well! Please think if you could spare an hour or two every couple of months for cleaning or mowing. Thank you!

Welcome!

Are you a visitor to our parish? Are you new here? Do you regularly worship with us? You are very welcome. If you would like to become involved in our parish, please speak to Fr David after Mass, or email us at niddrie@cam.org.au. You might like to assist with reading at Mass, helping with the music at Mass, cleaning the church, helping with hospitality, supporting the parish or other things? If you would like to contribute to the parish financially on a regular basis either by credit card or direct debit, please contact the parish office.

Ministry at our weekend Masses

We are blessed to have a good number of volunteers who assist at our Masses with reading, collecting etc. We would like to expand our ministries in the area of music and altar serving. Currently we have a fledgling music ministry at both Masses, which we are very keen to expand. If you would like to join with singing or playing an instrument, please see one of our musicians after Mass or speak to Fr David. You don't need to be an expert, just willing to learn. If you would like to assist with Altar Serving or music on Sundays (or any other ministry), please see Fr David.

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 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!



ONE IN CHRIST
UNITED IN
Mission
100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

catholic mission
Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/unity



For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility.

This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.

*Name changed for privacy

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: \$2,619

2nd collection: \$2,455

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

Kim Borg; Kathleen Wood; Gwen Carroll; Leo Gavin; Ralph Downes

Mass Intentions this week

Wednesday: Peace in the Middle East
Thursday: Robert D'Souza anniversary
Friday: for conversion of our families
Saturday: families in the parish
Sunday: *Pro populo*

Our Liturgical Life

Universal Prayer.

We offer prayers for the needs and the salvation of all the world. The petitions usually fall into four categories: the Church, nations and their leaders, people in special need, and the local needs of our parish.

sdcatholic.org

Our Spiritual Life

Why do people pray?

People pray because they recognise the internal, or spiritual, need to communicate their feelings, be they of thanks, desires, pleas for help and so on. Catholic prayer means communicating with the God we have been speaking about in the pages on this website.

From www.cathedralstm.org

Melbourne Catholic Digest

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

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

The parish office will be closed on Monday 8 June due to the public holiday. We will reopen on Wednesday 9 June.



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.

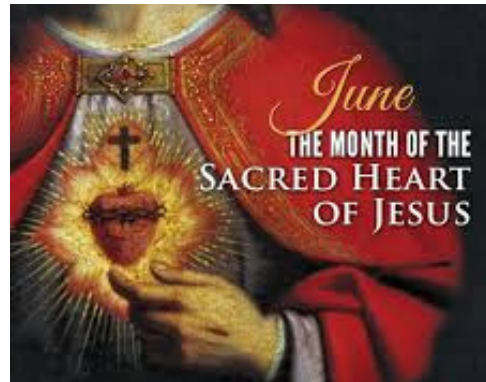
THINKING
ABOUT
JOINING THE
CATHOLIC
FAITH?

Wisdom of the Saints

Saint Alphonsus Liguori: "We must love God in the way that pleases him, and not just in a way that suits ourselves. God wishes people to empty themselves of everything and to be filled with his divine love."

Thought for the Week

There will be no disappointments to those whose wills are buried in the will of God.



Jesus said to the Jews:

‘I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.’

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ they said. Jesus replied:

‘I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.
As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.’

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 your Church, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace, whose signs are to be seen in mystery in the offerings we here present. 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 OR II OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

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

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may delight for all eternity in that share in your divine life, which is foreshadowed in the present age by our reception of your precious Body and Blood. Who live and reign 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 in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

THE LIVING BREAD

Have you ever sat at the deathbed of someone you love, or looked at media reports of destruction of people’s houses and living quarters in parts of the world dominated by violence, or realised the effects of global warming, or seen the tragedy of life in the faces of the young that flash across our TV screens? In our depths, we desire life; life for those who are dying, for those close to us, for those whose lives are tragically shortened by war, for our natural world, for the young. This very theme is the focus of today’s Gospel text from John 6. Called the ‘bread of life discourse’, this chapter unpacks John’s theology of the Eucharist. The final section of this long Chapter is about the life that Jesus offers. This life comes from the ‘living bread which has come down from heaven’. This is a rich theological symbol at many levels: it is the life, the ‘bread’, given to the Jews through God’s gift to them in the Torah (the first 5 books of the Bible). There they find how to live in covenantal partnership with God; it is the wisdom that comes from Jesus’ teaching; it is the Eucharistic bread received into the community in the celebration of the Lord’s Supper. The reality of this symbol is underscored using the word ‘flesh’—another rich symbol emphasising Jesus’ presence in its abundance. To eat this eucharistic bread and drink his blood offers communion with him in his fullness, and the promise of a life that will outlive the grave and any suffering and tragedy that confronts. Communion with him brings us true life.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST / A

7 JUNE 2026

FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD. When we eat the flesh of Jesus and drink his blood in Eucharistic communion, we share in his very life, a life poured out for all on the cross. As we gratefully receive this food of eternal life, we are called in turn to pour out our lives in loving service to our brothers and sisters.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 80:17
He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

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. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
P. You came to call sinners: Christ have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.
P. You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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. O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Deut 8:2-3, 14-16
A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Moses said to the people: ‘Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and to know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

‘Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.’

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

RESP PSALM Ps 147:12-15, 19-20. R. v. 12
R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. (or Alleluia!)

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! / Zion, praise your God! / He has strengthened the bars of your gates, / he has blessed the children within you. **R.**
2. He established peace on your borders, / he feeds you with finest wheat. / He sends out his word to the earth / and swiftly runs his command. **R.**
3. He makes his word known to Jacob, / to Israel his laws and decrees. / He has not dealt thus with other nations; / he has not taught them his decrees. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Cor 10:16-17
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

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



SEQUENCE

Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God’s true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:
Oft in the olden types foreshowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.
Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
In fields of immortality;
O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia! / I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; / whoever eats this bread will live for ever. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 6:51-58
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.
My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.