

St. John Bosco's Parish

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

Mass Times

Wednesday – Friday: 9:30am
Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil
Sunday: 10:30am
The Rosary is recited before each weekday Mass.

First Fridays:

Reconciliation: 9am – 9:20am
Benediction after 9:30am Mass

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:30pm
Or any time by arrangement or request

Baptisms: 11:45am First Sunday of the month

St. John Bosco's School

6 Teague Street, Niddrie 3042

Principal: Peter Monaghan**Phone:** 9337 2314**Email:** principal@sjbennidrie.catholic.edu.au**Anniversary Mass**

The 5pm Mass this Saturday will be offered for the repose of the soul of Sam Casa whose one month anniversary occurs at this time. We pray for his soul and for his family and friends who are with us for this Mass. May he rest in peace and may his family know the peace of Christ.

Collections:

Presbytery: \$554
Thanksgiving: \$254
Loose: \$408

The 1st Collection is for the support of the Parish Priest, Retired and sick priests, priests in needy parishes and the Archbishop.
The 2nd Collection is for parish expenses such as wages, utilities, insurance, etc.

IN OUR PRAYERS

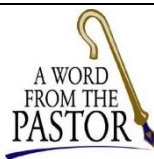
Sick:
We pray for all those who are sick in our parish community

Recently Deceased:

Pauline Farren;

Anniversaries and Remembrances:

Marina Costello; Angeline Cooke; Felicia Ragel



Dear friends,

Thank you for the warm welcome that I have received at the parish. I am very pleased to be here. Thank you to those who arranged the welcome morning tea after the 10.30am Mass last Sunday. I am looking forward to getting to know you all as time goes on.

In my first week we had a meeting of the joint meeting of the St Martin's and St John Bosco's Finance Committees and Pastoral Council. It was very good to meet the members of the committees.

I want to present a brief report on both meetings to you:

Finance Committee

On Wednesday 21 Aug we met at St Martin's to review the financial and property situations of the parishes. As you would be aware, the financial position of our parish is quite precarious at the moment. We have had some significant expenses with maintenance etc and are currently running at a loss. We also have some outstanding maintenance issues to be addressed. There was also some discussion of the parish properties and the best utilisation of our assets. At the meeting it was agreed to maintain the combined committee for the time being with the two parishes, and I am extremely grateful for the support of the St Martin's community and Fr Nhan.

In the coming weeks we will be introducing 'Tap and Go' machines for parish and presbytery contributions as these had been ordered a few months ago. We will also be trying to update our records with outdated credit card details.

I will be meeting with the parish accountant soon to review our situation and will keep you updated.

As a reminder for the two collections at Mass:

The First Collection is for the personal support of the parish clergy such as food and housekeeping expenses and personal stipend. It also supports retired priests, sick priests, priests in needy parishes and the Archbishop. The second collection is for church and parish expenses such as staff salaries, utility bills, liturgical needs, parish pastoral programs and insurances. I am very grateful for your continued support and invite anyone who does not yet contribute, I invite your participation in our Thanksgiving programs

Pastoral Council

On Thursday 22 August we met at St Martin's. We heard reports from the school principals and an update on Safeguarding requirements and the need for ongoing training. There is significant preparation and excitement for Deacon Cuong's ordination this month. Fr Nhan and I will be discussing the Pastoral Council and the best way to go forward as separate parishes now. Briefly, we will have a short time of Adoration and Benediction on the First Friday of each month at the end of the 9.30am Mass, and confessions available before First Friday Mass (9am-9.20am).

At the moment, I am doing some painting of the interior of the confessionals to cover the water leak marks and I have installed some soundproof foam over the above door vents.

This week we were able to get the central heating in the presbytery fixed. Thanks to a friend, I was able to get a secondhand unit for \$800 and get it installed for \$350.

The house is very warm now!

That is probably enough for the first two weeks!

Let us ask our patron St John Bosco to pray for us, as we pray for each other.

Fr David Cartwright
Parish Priest

Wanted

If anybody has a small bar fridge that they do not require, please let me know. We would like to have a small fridge for the church narthex for morning teas etc.

Also, if anybody has a small bookshelf (or two) that is not needed, please let me know- we would like to have a small bookshelf in the small meeting room in the presbytery.

Fr David Cartwright

Funeral Notice

The funeral prayers for Pauline Farren will take place on Friday 6 September at 1pm in the Church.

The Archbishop's Campaign 2024**The theme is: Come Follow Me**

One major collection for the Archdiocese of Melbourne

This annual campaign, for the purposes of the Archdiocese, is a chance to thank those who have served God's people in the past and encourage those preparing to do so in the future.

Thank you for your generosity.

Please return your envelopes by Sunday 8 September at the latest.

Father's Day

A happy Father's Day to all our fathers. May St Joseph intercede for you all.

Found

An empty brown spectacle case has been found and handed to the Parish Office. Please contact us if this is yours.

Ordination of Cuong Dang

The Ordination of Cuong Dang will take place on Sunday 8 September at St Martin de Porres Church, Avondale Heights during the 10am Mass. All welcome to attend.

Our Spiritual Life: Part 1

"Listen to what the Spirit is saying"

It is sometimes said that listening is a lost art. At least listening with real intent. For many, listening must have a purpose – to find out some information, to know something, to achieve some goal or purpose. Listening can become a means to obtain information, a bit like doing a 'Google search'.

Listening for the sake of listening- just 'wasting time' with another – is less common these days. Perhaps our frenetic life style mitigates against this; perhaps the '24 hour news cycle', maybe other things make us 'purpose driven' when it comes to listening.

Ponder for a moment the quieter holiday times; the times spent on the beach with family and friends; the time spent sitting on the porch or looking over the ocean and passing time with others without the need to achieve anything except to be nourished by the presence and conversation with others. 'Wasting time' with others.

These times can seem the most rewarding and fulfilling and enjoyable, even though they seem to serve no 'purpose'. There is no 'Agenda' put on the conversation or the results. Conversation is allowed to move freely and a sense of freedom is experienced by those who are participating and listening. Listening becomes an essential part of the equation. We can apply this to our spiritual life very easily.

To be continued.

Our Liturgical Life:**Preparing for Mass – Physically**

Many of us grew up wearing school uniforms, and encouraged to wear them well as we were representing our school or institution. As we took pride in our appearance, and still do, the same can apply to our attendance at Mass. Whilst the concept of 'Sunday Best' seems to have faded from society, we can personally adopt a standard of dress when we come to Mass. As the saying goes, 'The Exterior reflects the Interior'. Our appearance reflects the importance we put on the place and the event. Our dress for Mass is different to our dress for the beach. Whilst there is no 'dress code' for Mass, like other places (race tracks, clubs etc.) we take pride in our appearance to reflect the importance we place on the encounter with Jesus Christ and our neighbours.

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

The Parish of St John Bosco's and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. Child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of everyone.

PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAM

We encourage you to join our program.

Please ring the Parish Office or visit our website.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Many religious leaders have thought that some foods or some people are such a threat to the holiness of their followers that contact with 'unclean', 'defiling' foods or people must be avoided. Our Lord was totally opposed to the idea that holiness was something secured or gained by being quarantined or separated from anything or any-person.

On the contrary, he could touch a leper or have a meal with a prostitute. Rather than defilement flowing from the leper or prostitute to Jesus, his life flowed into them repairing their broken humanity, healing them bodymindspirit, holistically, making them holy.

The fact is that God, embodied in Jesus Christ, is contagious. The contagion of Divine Life is meant to flow into the inner depths of personality, into the heart. When this occurs, the Divine Life in the human person causes 'holiness'.

We have to strive to put ourselves in the way of this contagion. We become holy when we allow ourselves to be touched by our Lord Jesus Christ. How do we do this?

By hearing of His life in the Gospel, by being nourished by His life in Holy Communion, by being touched by the plight of those in whom He is to be found. St James in the second reading describes some who are particularly vulnerable in a patriarchal society with no social security system: the widows and orphans. No doubt, we can identify equivalent groups in our own society and overseas.

We could take a moment to pray that we might be more conscious of the Holy Spirit germinating something in our hearts, making us holy from the inside out, that our holiness be authenticated by good works so that we may be holy as the Lord our God is holy.



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Catholic Parish
29 Muriel St, Niddrie**



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

1 September 2024

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Second Reading James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St James

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!**

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