

St. John Bosco's Parish

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10am – 4pm

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Mass Times

Wednesday – Friday:

9:30am

Saturday:

5:00pm Vigil

Sunday:

10:30am

Prayer and Devotions

The Rosary is recited before weekday Mass

Benediction after 9.30am Mass First Fridays

Reconciliation

Saturday:

4:30pm

First Fridays

9 – 9:20am

Or any time by arrangement or request, please call Fr David

Baptisms

11:45am (after Mass) First Sunday of the month

Please contact the Parish Office

House Blessings

Please contact the Parish Office.

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Mass Offerings

Envelopes for Mass Offerings are available in the narthex of the church. These can be handed in to the presbytery, given to Fr David, or placed in the collection at Mass.

Stewardship

Presbytery: \$684

Thanksgiving: \$1,391

Loose: \$348

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.

With St John Bosco we pray for...

Sick:

Carl Pinto; Gerald Lopes

Recently Deceased:

We pray for all the recently deceased in our community

Anniversaries and Remembrances:

Bernard Cosgriff; Kathleen Feehan; Jim Cudmore; Pat Cooper; Hazel Monteiro; Clare Slattery; Blanche Mathews

All deceased mothers of our parish.

Year of Jubilee

In the coming weeks we will have details of some parish Jubilee celebrations.

Don't Forget to 'Like' us on Facebook!

St John Bosco's Catholic Church Niddrie

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends,

Each year on this Sunday the Church prays for vocations to the priesthood and religious life-the fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday.

As a Church and as a parish we have a responsibility to pray for vocations, and to encourage young people to consider what the Lord may be calling them to in His service; whether it be priesthood, religious life, marriage or in the single state. Whatever our vocation, service of the Lord and each other comes with it, by virtue of our Baptism. May the young people of our parish open their hearts to listen to the Lord and His plans for their lives. And may we pray for our young people to be open to the Lord's will for them. Our prayers do make a difference. In the foyer you will see a prayer calendar with the names of the current seminarians studying for the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

As I indicated last week, the children from St John Bosco's school will celebrate their First Holy Communion next Saturday at 3pm and 5pm. The 5pm Vigil Mass will be a First Communion Mass; the Sunday 10.30am Mass will be a normal parish Mass.

You will see the pictures and names of the children around the walls of the church. Please take a moment to pray for them, their families and their teachers. This moment of encounter with the Lord in the Blessed Eucharist should be one of profound intimacy with Jesus and spiritual growth, as it is for us each time we approach Holy Communion worthily and well.

The new Funeral Pall which I ordered has arrived, and was purchased with some of the funds of the Easter Raffle. It will be on display at the front of the church and used in funerals in our church in the future. I am not encouraging its regular use! But it is appropriate to have a worthy and noble item to use when we farewell our loved ones.

As we know, today is Mother's Day. It is a time for us all to give thanks for the extraordinary vocation of motherhood. The life of service, sacrifice and love that mothers live is worthy of our prayer, support and love. This day, let us all take a moment to pray for our mother, whether she be with us or has gone before us. As well as our prayer, a gesture of our love may also be appropriate in the form of words, cards, flowers, gift, service or visiting. In this time when traditional roles are somewhat undermined, let us exalt the vocation of mothers and give thanks for all they are and all they do.

Thank you for your continued support of the parish. May St John Bosco and Our Lady watch over and pray for us all.

Fr David Cartwright

Parish Priest

Happy Mother's Day

May Our Lady intercede for all mothers in their wonderful vocation

In the coming weeks we will be doing some carpentry works in the Presbytery. If there is a carpenter available to assist please contact the office.

DAILY MASS READINGS & VOTIVE MASS RESPONSES

All daily Mass readings & responses to votive Masses can now be accessed via this QR code.

Thanksgiving envelopes can be collected from the Church foyer. Please collect yours as soon as possible. They're in alphabetical order

Welcome

Today we welcome Alison, Allegra, Billy 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.

"Some people have only three occasions for attending church--when they are HATCHED, MATCHED and DISPATCHED."

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis told us: *There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.*

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

Pope Leo XIV

The Church & the world rejoice at the news of our new Pope. Let us pray that he will be a wise, faithful and holy leader for the Church and the world

Wisdom from the Saints

Saint Teresa of Avila: "Be joyful, for there is someone who loves you God as he deserves, who knows him as her only Son."

Please return any CatholicCare appeal envelopes by Sunday 18 May at the absolute latest.

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Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au

Bequests to the Parish

From time to time, parishes receive a bequest from a Will of a generous parishioner who wishes to remember the parish & help for the future. Perhaps this is something you may consider for St John Bosco's Parish in the future.

Would you like to receive the parish bulletin by email?

Please email the parish office (Niddrie@cam.org.au) your full name and we will add you to our subscription list. You can also subscribe via this QR code:

Mass Intentions this week

Wednesday 9.30am:

Thursday 9.30am:

Friday 9.30am: Yr 4 children of SJB school

Sat 5pm:

Sunday: *Pro populo (for the people of the parish)*

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. Protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of everyone.

Our Spiritual Life

"The Holy Year will conclude in the particular Churches on Sunday, 28 December 2025; in the course of the year, every effort should be made to enable the People of God to participate fully in its proclamation of hope in God's grace and in the signs that attest to its efficacy."

Our Liturgical Life

The Liturgy of the Word

The priest or deacon begins the reading with 'The Lord be with you', and we respond, 'And with your spirit', which reminds that Jesus is speaking to us through the minister. The reader then traces the sign of the cross on the book, on his forehead, lips and chest while proclaiming, 'A reading from the holy Gospel according to N', to which we all respond, 'Glory to you O Lord', while tracing the cross on our forehead, lips and chest. A silent prayer can accompany this action, perhaps saying to ourselves, 'May the words of the Gospel be in my mind, on my lips and in my heart'. We desire the Gospel to penetrate us and illuminate our thoughts, words and actions.

Bible Study Group

The St John Bosco's Bible Study Group has monthly meetings in the church. All that wish to be enlightened by the scripture that represents the word of God are welcome.

The next meeting will be on Saturday 31 May at 2.30 pm.

A prayer request

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the alter at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

Stewardship Corner

Thank you for your generosity towards our parish - spiritually, physically and financially. If you are not a current contributor, we invite your participation: please visit our website or contact the parish office.

Direct credits can also be made:

Parish Account (for the parish expenses, our 2nd collection)

- BSB: 083 - 347

- Acct No.: 6568 74974

Presbytery Account (for clergy & presbytery support, our 1st collection)

- BSB: 083 - 347

- Acct No.: 6616 52479

An option is now available for electronic card contributions to the Parish & Presbytery accounts. These terminals are available for use in the Church foyer before & after weekend Mass & electronic receipts are available via QR code.

You can also donate to our Presbytery & Parish accounts using this QR code:

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10:14
Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 10:27-30
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.
I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:
‘The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.’
The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY
PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES’ CREED
Or the Nicene Creed may be said.
I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

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, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us

may be the cause of our unending joy. 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-V OF EASTER
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 cf. Jn 20:27
The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
P. Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns 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 forth, the Mass is ended.
R. Thanks be to God.
BREAKING OPEN THE WORD
CLAIMED BY THE FATHER
On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, our Gospel attention turns traditionally to John’s ‘parable’ of the Good Shepherd. Each of the lines in today’s Gospel deserves special and lingering attention. ‘The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice’: The sheep are the members of John’s Gospel household. Listening to the voice of Jesus is what links to the next line: Jesus ‘knows’ those who listen to him. ‘Know’ refers not to information about, but an intimate link with. Jesus ‘knows’ with a depth of intimate love. This intimacy flows over into the experience of ‘eternal life’ (the next line). It also brings about a communion that leads to identity and ‘being found’. If you have ever felt lost, either personally or in life direction, Jesus offers a centre, an eternal promise of identity that will never be taken away. This is the sense behind Jesus’ reassurance to John’s audience of never ‘being stolen’. Those who follow Jesus are claimed by the Father. They will always be found, and are one with Jesus’ God because, as John asserts at the Gospel’s conclusion, Jesus and the Father are ‘one’. Today’s Gospel is rich and powerful. We celebrate Jesus’ love of us, his desire that we ‘know’ our communion with him and his Father. Through Jesus we are one, eternally, with the Father. He continues to shepherd us.
FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / C 11 MAY 2025
I KNOW MY SHEEP. The apostles faced much opposition as they proclaimed the Good News of Christ. Since then, many Christians have suffered martyrdom in great persecutions. Today’s Scripture readings make reference to such difficulties but they also offer a firm message of hope and consolation. The faithful followers of Jesus, those who listen to his voice, will have eternal life. They will never be lost forever or destroyed by evil forces. May these words console us as we strive to follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd, through the joys and struggles of life.
INTRODUCTORY RITES
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 32:5-6
The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.
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 have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.
P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: 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. Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. 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 Acts 13:14,43-52
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
We are now turning to the gentiles.
Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.
When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.
The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, ‘We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:
I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.’
It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.
But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.
The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 99:1-3.5
R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (or Alleluia!)
1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. / Come before him, singing for joy. R.
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. / He made us, we belong to him, / we are his people, the sheep of his flock. R.
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, / eternal his merciful love. / He is faithful from age to age. R.
SECOND READING Apoc 7:9,14-17
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.
I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, ‘These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God’s throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.’
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