

St. John Bosco's Parish 29 Muriel Street, Niddrie 3042 Parish Priest: Fr David Cartwright Phone: 9337 9994 Email: niddrie@cam.org.au Website: https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/niddrie Parish Secretary: Charles Meneze Office Hours: 10am – 4pm Monday, Tuesday, 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 House Blessings Please contact the Parish Office	
St. John Bosco's School 6 Teague Street, Niddrie 3042 Principal: Peter Monaghan Phone: 9337 2314 Email: principal@sibniddrie.catholic.edu.au	
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: \$1,321 Thanksgiving: \$1,527 Loose: \$447 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: We pray for all the sick in our community Recently Deceased: Fr Peter Carrucan Anniversaries and Remembrances: Antony Maugeri; Sam Cimino; Bridget Johnson; Maureene Thompson; Kenneth Pinto	

 Dear friends, As we begin the Season of Lent, it was very encouraging to see the number of people at Mass on Ash Wednesday. Although it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, it is good to see many people wanting to begin Lent well. The Lenten timetable is in the bulletin, and I would encourage you to participate in some spiritual activity with the parish this Lent. It could be an extra Mass during the week (we have a Tuesday evening Mass in Lent), or the Stations of the Cross or using the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As well as our personal Lenten practices, coming together as a community strengthens and encourages each other during this Season. The timetable for the Easter Ceremonies will be published next week, and the board advertising the times will go up outside the church soon. The details of the Divine Mercy Novena will also be in the bulletin next weekend. You will notice that the new framed tapestry of our Patron has been hung in the wall near the statue of Our Lady. Thank you to those who contributed towards the cost of the framing. Thank you also to those who have donated towards the Easter Raffle. We hope to have the tickets on sale next weekend. Our Jubilee Prayer Campaign commences this Sunday and will continue until Divine Mercy Sunday. We are invited to hold a particular person in our prayers and heart and spiritually bring them to Mass each week where we will pray for them, and to offer a small spiritual sacrifice for them. It is a small tangible way of being a Jubilee Pilgrim of Hope for another. Our Finance Committee met on Thursday night, and details of this will be in the bulletin next weekend. I am very grateful for the support of Fr Nhan and St Martin's parish who help us in our Finance Committee discussions and decisions. The Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent is similar each year- we hear about the temptations of Jesus in the desert. It reminds us that we are presented with temptations and choices that are very enticing and look good on a human or worldly level. Our time in the 'desert' or Lent is designed to help us to resist these temptations and strengthen ourselves spiritually. Let us continue to pray for each other this Lent, and to ask our patron, St John Bosco, to pray for all of us. <i>Fr David Cartwright</i> <i>Parish Priest</i>	
Next weekend we will welcome our Year 2 families at the 5pm Saturday Mass.	

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Jubilee Prayer Campaign Prayer God our loving Father, In this Jubilee year we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope. Together we pray for those whom we especially commend to you in this Jubilee Prayer Campaign. <i>(pause for silent prayer)</i> Lord, we ask you to touch their hearts with your grace and love and peace. May each our us continue to be Pilgrims of Hope to all those we meet and bring your Good News to the world in this Jubilee Year, especially those most in need at this time. We ask you to hear these prayers, in union with St John Bosco and all the saints. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.	
Jubilee Prayer Campaign <u>1st Sunday of Lent</u> - Pray a decade of the Rosary for the person or intention who you are including in the Jubilee Prayer Campaign	
Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available in the church foyer.	
Lenten Timetable <u>Fridays of Lent:</u> - 7pm: Stations of the Cross (in the church) <u>Tuesdays of Lent</u> - 6.30pm to 6.50pm: Adoration and confessions - 7pm: Mass <u>Confessions during Lent</u> - Wed — Fri: 9am — 9.20am - Saturdays: 4.30pm — 4.50pm - Sundays: 10am — 10.20am	
Easter Raffle We are planning to have an Easter Raffle, which will be drawn after Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter). If anyone has anything to donate as prizes, we would be very happy to hear from you. Please see Fr David or contact the Parish Office. Thank you!	
Anniversary Mass The 10.30am Mass this Sunday will be offered for the repose of the soul of Antony Maugeri whose one year 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.	
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.	
Mass Intentions this week Wednesday 9.30am: <i>for the volunteers of our parish</i> Thursday 9.30am: <i>Thanksgiving</i> Friday 9.30am: Sat 5pm: <i>Jubilee Prayer campaign intentions</i> Sunday: <i>Pro populo (for the people of the parish)</i>	
<i>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.</i>	

 Our Spiritual Life Over the next few weeks we will have extracts from the Pope's letter, 'Spes Non Confundit (Hope does not disappoint)' which proclaimed the Jubilee Year. <i>"1. SPES NON CONFUNDIT. "Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5). In the spirit of hope, the Apostle Paul addressed these words of encouragement to the Christian community of Rome. Hope is also the central message of the coming Jubilee that, in accordance with an ancient tradition, the Pope proclaims every twenty-five years."</i> <i>"Never give the devil a ride. He will always want to drive."</i>	
Our Liturgical Life The Liturgy of the Word  We sit for the readings, a posture of receptivity. The readings from the Sacred Scriptures are proclaimed by a Lector (Reader). On Sundays and Solemnities, there are three readings and a Psalm. The First Reading is usually from the Old Testament (except during the Easter Season); the Second Reading is from the New Testament and the Gospel. The Responsorial Psalm divides the First and Second Readings, and is sung where possible, as the Psalms were written to be sung. The Sunday readings are based on a three year cycle (A, B, C), beginning on the First Sunday of Advent and concluding on the Solemnity of Christ the King.	
Wisdom from the Saints Saint Mary Mackillop: "Never see a need without doing something about it."	
Welcome Today we welcome Emma, Maggie and their family 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.	
 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. <i>Direct credits can also be made:</i> 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: 	

God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.’ But Jesus replied, ‘Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.’

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, ‘I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.’ But Jesus answered him. ‘Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.’

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. ‘If you are the Son of God’, he said to him ‘throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.’ But Jesus answered him, ‘It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.’

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

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. Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them

we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. 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 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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 Mt 4:4
One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth. 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

FIDELITY TESTED

Today we begin our journey through Lent, the liturgical season leading to the holiest week of the Church’s year and Easter. We begin with Luke’s story of Jesus’ temptation initiated by the Holy Spirit. Jesus is in the wilderness, the place of solitude, the place of ‘no place’. Jesus is here for forty days, alone with God.

The scene is reminiscent of Israel’s 40-year wilderness sojourn in which its own covenant fidelity to God is tested. The parallel between Israel and Jesus is unmistakable. Moreso, given the three encounters with Satan that Jesus has. Each is found in Deuteronomy in which Israel fails in its covenantal loyalty and trust in God. By contrast, Jesus is not seduced by food, power or status. He remains loyal to God despite Satan’s best efforts to seduce, tempt and manipulate Scripture to woo him into reconfiguring his loyalty away from God.

Satan was originally a member of the heavenly court (as, for example, in the Book of Job) whose principal task was to test the loyalty of God’s people. Later, under the influence of Near Eastern myths and traditions about winged beings separate from and warring against the gods, Gospel writers have Satan take on a more sinister mission—to tempt people away from God. Jesus is Satan’s focus here and, though he leaves the scene completely disempowered by Jesus’ commitment to God, will return at the time of Jesus’ passion and death. Lent becomes our time to be with Jesus, to enter our Lenten wilderness, to identify what seduces and draws us away from God.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / C

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TEMPTED BY THE DEVIL. The temptations experienced by Jesus in the wilderness were not temptations to moral evil as we usually understand it. They were not temptations to steal or murder or commit adultery. They were far more subtle: to give priority to material comfort, to have power over others, to test God. During Lent, let us take some time to examine our own attitudes: are we giving priority to God or in subtle ways putting ourselves first and God second?

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 90:15-16
When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

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.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT

P. Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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.



SECOND READING

Rom 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.
Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Lk 4:1-13

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of