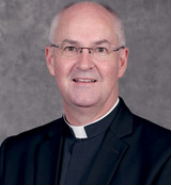


2 November 2025 St John Bosco Parish Niddrie

All Souls Day - Commemoration of the All the Faithful Departed



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR..



November

In our Catholic tradition, November is the month that we recall those who have died, and to pray for them to commend their soul to the mercy of God. An important part of our tradition is that of ‘November Masses’, where we offer Mass for the souls of our loved ones, as well as those who need our prayers. It is a great act of charity to offer Mass for them, as the Mass is the greatest prayer that we have. Attached to the bulletin this week is an envelope for November Masses, and more are available in the church foyer. You can write the names of your loved ones on the back of the envelope. These Masses will be offered during this month.

There is also the opportunity to record the names of your deceased relatives and friends in the parish Memorial Book at the front of the church. These names will be remembered at the parish Masses during this month.

It can be helpful to be reminded of the Church’s teaching on death and purgatory from time to time. Below are a couple of excerpts from the Catechism of the Catholic Church: *#1030 All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.*

#1031 The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned.

#1032.....the Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead....

#1472...every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the “temporal punishment” of sin.

The following quote from Pope Benedict XVI may also be helpful:

I would go so far as to say that if there was no purgatory, then we would have to invent it, for who would dare say of himself that he was able to stand directly before God? And yet we don’t want to be, to use an image from scripture, ‘a pot that turned out wrong’, that has to be thrown away; we want to be able to be put right. Purgatory basically means that God can put the pieces back together again. That he can cleanse us in such a way that we are able to be with him and can stand there in fulness of life. Purgatory strips off from one person what is unbearable and from another the inability to bear certain things, so that in each of them a pure heart is revealed, and we can see that all belong together in one enormous symphony of being. In light of this quote, the importance of our Masses and prayers for the souls in purgatory should not be underestimated.

Parish News

Congratulations to the Year 4 students who celebrated their first reconciliation this week. They were very well prepared by their teachers. Let us hope that this sacramental experience of God’s mercy stays with them and their families for the future.

Thank you to those who attended our first Young Adults Group last Sunday. It was a very encouraging gathering with some great discussion over lunch. Our next gathering will be on Sunday November 9, after the 10.30am Mass in the parish hall. Please pass this information along to others and invite them to join us.

I will be away from the parish for the next two weeks for a brief break in NSW. The Mass timetable will remain unchanged with help from some visiting priests.

Congratulations to Nicholas, our 10.30am cantor, who has been selected for the ‘Ten Tenors’ and will be touring internationally for several months next year. We would like to form a small schola or music group for the 10.30am Mass, to keep the momentum going. If you would like to be part of this, please see me or Nicholas after Mass. You don’t need to be a Pavarotti, just willing to try and learn !

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

Mass Times

Wednesday - Friday: 9.30am Mass
Saturday: 5pm Vigil Mass
Sunday: 10.30am Mass

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 enable us to continue the work of the Gospel.

“God loves a cheerful giver!”

Parish News

Social Media

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.

Participating in the Mass

The daily Mass readings and responses can be accessed with this QR Code. The Sunday readings and Mass responses are on the other side of the bulletin.

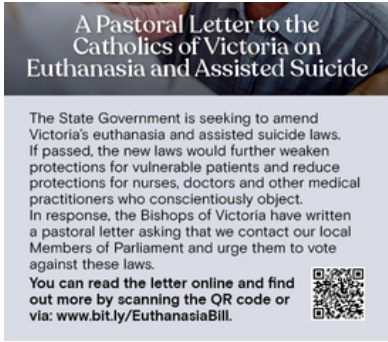
This weekend we welcome Archer Zoccali, who is to become a member of the Church through Baptism. Let us make him welcome and pray for him and his parents and Godparents.



This coming Friday, 7 November is the **First Friday** of the month. There will be Confessions available from 9am - 9.20am and Benediction after 9.30am Mass.

Parish Stewardship

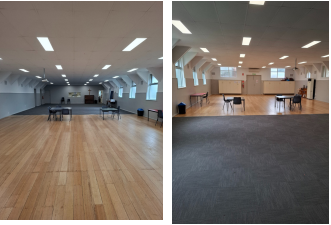
The new sets of Thanksgiving envelopes are in the church foyer, Please collect yours after Mass this weekend. If you would like to contribute regularly to the parish, or arrange a direct debit, please contact the parish office (email niddrie@cam.org.au) Current contributors who would like a statement for the past six months, please contact the Office and we will be happy to arrange one for you. Contributions are not tax deductible.



This week the Victorian Parliament will debate the proposed changes to the State Euthanasia laws. Your prayers are asked, and please read the Pastoral Letter of the Victorian Bishops and contact your local MP. **November Mass** envelopes can be placed in either collection at Mass during this month.

St John Bosco's Parish Hall Hire

Available weekends
Kitchen, stove & oven
Tables & chairs available to seat 42
Bathrooms. Up to 5 hours
Please contact the parish office
2 weeks notice preferred



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: \$812

2nd collection: \$1,599

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



We recall in Prayer

Those who are sick

We pray for all the sick in our parish community

Recently Deceased

All the recently deceased in our community

Anniversaries and Remembrances

Kim Borg; Mario Tilocca; Terry Sheehan, Lucy Kavanagh; Francesco & Catena Zampogna; Margaret Downes; Camilla Allen; Cyril DeMonte

Mass Intentions this week

Wednesday: Year 4 children

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday: Lucy Kavanagh 7th anniversary

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

Our Liturgical Life

What’s in a Creed ?

The Nicene Creed contains the heart of our dogmatic beliefs as Catholic Christians. Much has changed about the life of the church in the past 1,700 years, but the creed the council fathers fashioned is still recited by us, it still shapes and defines us as a church. It is an astounding thing. From ‘the Far East’

Our Spiritual Life

“The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God’s gift of creation.”

From Pope Francis’ letter, *Spes Non Confundit* (Hope does not disappoint) which proclaimed the Jubilee Year.

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, cleaning the church, helping with hospitality, supporting the parish or other things?

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST:
YOUNG ADULTS GROUP
AGES 18-35

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER:

CONNECT WITH US!
Instagram: [sjbya_niddrie](https://www.instagram.com/sjbya_niddrie)
Facebook: ‘St John Bosco Young Adults’
Email: stjohnbosconiddrieaya@gmail.com
Chat to Fr David Cartwright

The next SJB Young Adults Group meeting will be on **Sunday 9 November**, after the 10.30am Mass in the parish hall

Wisdom of the Saints

Saint Francis of Assisi: “May I feel in my heart, as far as possible, that abundance of love with which you, Son of God, were inflamed.”

Thought for the Week

Courage is fear that has said its prayers.



GOSPEL Lk 7: 11-17
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.
Young man, I say to you, get up.

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. ‘Do not cry,’ he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, ‘Young man, I tell you to get up’. And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, ‘A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people’. And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

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 he 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. Look favourably on our offerings, O Lord, so that your departed servants may be taken up into glory with your Son, in whose great mystery of love we are all united. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
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 FOR THE DEAD

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 cf. Jn 11: 25-26
I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord. Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant we pray, O Lord, that your departed servants, for whom we have celebrated this paschal Sacrament, may pass over to a dwelling place of light and peace. 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

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Today we remember our Beloved Dead. We also carry them into today’s liturgy, just as the widow’s son in today’s Gospel is carried into the presence of Jesus. The story begins with Jesus gathering near the gate of Nain with his disciples and others. This happens at the same time as a ‘the only son of his mother’ is being carried out on a bier for burial. We note two things about the situation: The deceased is an only son and she is widowed. These two facts elevate the story’s tragedy. The woman is domestically and economically abandoned; her tears palpable. At the gate of the town, life and death meet.

Jesus, the agent of healing and life, responds to her: ‘When the Lord *saw* her he felt sorry for her.’ Jesus’ *seeing* impels him to act. In an earlier Lukan parable (Lk 10), a Samaritan ‘sees’ a half-dead robbery victim. Unlike the other characters in the parable who pass by and look sideways, the Samaritan is impelled to act. In today’s Gospel, Jesus responds similarly.

The title ‘Lord’ suggests that this is the act of God’s emissary. The translation, ‘felt sorry’, robs the power of the Greek which literally means, ‘felt his innards respond’. This visceral response brings Jesus to restore the young man to life, an act acclaimed as God’s ‘visitation’ of the people. Like the woman, we carry our dead before Jesus today. He responds deeply to our sadness. Through him God also ‘visits’ us.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION LUKE

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY) / C 2 NOVEMBER 2025

REMEMBERING ALL WHO HAVE DIED. Today we are reminded of our unity with all who have died. They are our ‘brothers and sisters’ and we express our unity with them by praying for the eternal repose of their souls. Encouraged by the words of the prophet Isaiah, that God is preparing a banquet for all peoples, we pray on this day not only for our loved ones and the members of the Christian community who have died but for all the departed.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. 1 Thess 4: 14; 1 Cor 15: 22

Just as Jesus died and has risen again, so through Jesus God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep; and as in Adam all die, so also in Christ will all be brought to life.

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



2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, / for this I long, / to live in the house of the Lord, / all the days of my life, / to savour the sweetness of the Lord, / to behold his temple. **R.**
3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; / have mercy and answer. / It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; / hide not your face. **R.**
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord’s goodness / in the land of the living. / Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. / Hope in the Lord! **R.**

SECOND READING Rom 5: 5-11
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God’s anger through him.

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God’s anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 6: 39

Alleluia, alleluia! / This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, / that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, / and that I should raise it up on the last day. / Alleluia!

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. Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord, and, as our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened, so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength. 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 Isa 25: 6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.
The Lord will destroy Death for ever.
On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food.
On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people’s shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 26: 1, 4, 7-9, 13-14. R. v. 1 Alt. R. V. 3
R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; / whom shall I fear? / The Lord is the stronghold of my life; / before whom shall I shrink? **R.**