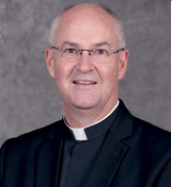


Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR..



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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.



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.

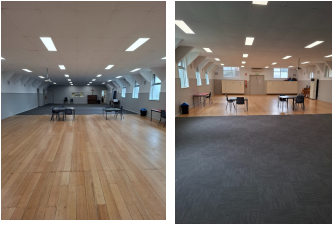


This Year of Jubilee is a time of mercy, forgiveness and healing to set right what has been broken in our relationships with God and one another. Through lament and repentance, we open ourselves to the transforming grace of God, trusting that even from the deepest wounds, new life and hope can emerge. Shaped by this ancient call of the Year of Jubilee, and in response to the profound suffering endured by survivors of abuse within the Church, an inaugural Service of Lament will be acknowledged in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and Archdiocesan leaders, clergy and lay, members of the wider Catholic community, will take part in this Service of Lament will be held on National Survivors Day (12 November 2025) at St Patrick’s Cathedral to acknowledge, remember and mark the fragile emergence of hope.

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: \$772
2nd collection: \$1,594
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
Marko Baljak; Sybil D’Cruze; Marina Costello; Peter & Anna Dinh-Bat Khoang;

Mass Intentions this week

Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday:
Sunday: *Pro populo* (for the people of the parish)

Our Liturgical Life

What is a Catholic Mass?

Mass is the central act of worship in the life of a Catholic. Going to Mass is about spending time with God, but also receiving his graces (inner strength to live the Christian life). The name 'Mass' comes from the final blessing said by the priest in Latin ‘Ite missa es’ meaning “to send out” as Jesus Christ sent his disciples out to the world to take his teaching to them.

From www.queenofangels.org

Our Spiritual Life

“May the witness of believers be for our world a leaven of authentic hope, a harbinger of new heavens and a new earth (cf. 2 Pet 3:13), where men and women will dwell in justice and harmony, in joyful expectation of the fulfilment of the Lord’s promises. Let us even now be drawn to this hope! Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it.”

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

The parish office will be closed on Monday 10 November due to planned renovations.

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?



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

Wisdom of the Saints

Saint Thomas Aquinas: “The life of man consists in the love that principally sustains him & in which he finds his greatest satisfaction.”

Thought for the Week

Truth does not need defenders; it only needs witnesses.



Praying for the Dead

The idea of a place between death and heaven, as well as the practice of praying for the dead, dates back to the earliest days of the Church. Words of hope and comfort appear on many early Christian monuments, especially in the catacombs. Believers gathered there on the anniversaries of the dead to ask for mercy for the departed souls. There is, for all practical purposes, no biblical basis for the doctrine of purgatory. This is not to say that there is no basis at all for the doctrine, but only that there is no clear biblical basis for it. In 2 Timothy 1:18, St Paul does offer prayers for Onesiphorus, who has died. The earliest mention of prayers for the dead in public Christian worship is by the writer Tertullian in 211 AD.

Purgatory and Becoming One With God

The Catholic teaching about Purgatory (Catechism of the Catholic Church), says that all sin, unfortunately, has a life of its own and may have bad effects even after the sinner repents. Sincere repentance includes a desire to repair the damage done by one's sins. That may or may not be complete before the person dies. The idea is that the souls in purgatory died in the mercy of God, which is why they are called Holy Souls. However, because they still had attachment to sin at the time of their death, they must undergo a spiritual purification of their souls before they are able to fully love God with their whole heart, mind, and soul for all eternity. Therefore, purgatory is probably best understood as a process by which we are cleansed (purged) of our residual selfishness, so that we can really become one with God, who is totally oriented to others.

November, the Month of the Holy Souls

It is appropriate that the Catholic Church sets aside November which begins with All Saints Day and All Souls Day, as the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory - those who died in grace but who failed in this life to make satisfaction for all their sins. The Roman Catholic teaching on purgatory reflects its understanding of the communion of saints. We are connected to the saints in heaven, the saints-in-waiting in purgatory and other believers here on earth.

In November we are encouraged to pray for those who have gone before us, family and friends. However, it does not end there for we are asked also to pray for those who may have no one to pray for them. In this way we are joined to others in the Christian family and reminded that we are a wide community united in our belief in Jesus and his Resurrection. Those in purgatory cannot pray for themselves but one day they may be able to pray for us when we are in the same position. Perhaps this is why Pope St John XXIII wrote "The devotion to the memory of the dead is one of the most beautiful expressions of the Catholic spirit".
During November, Mass will be offered each day for those whose names have been written on special “**November Mass Envelopes**” and in the Book of Remembrance.

www.bbcatholic.org.au

Parish Safeguarding

As previously mentioned, we are in the process of ensuring our compliance with Safeguarding regulations. All volunteers need a valid WWC Card, a signed Code of Conduct and regular training modules completed. We will be contacting our volunteers soon to follow up any outstanding information.

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.

GOSPEL Jn 2: 13-22

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.

He spoke about the temple of his own body.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers’ coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, ‘Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father’s house into a market.’ Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, ‘What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?’ Jesus answered, ‘Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.’ The Jews replied, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?’ But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

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. Accept, we pray, O Lord, the offering made here and grant that by it those who seek your favour may receive in this place the power of the Sacraments and the answer to their prayers. 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 II FOR THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

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 1 Pet 2: 5

Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. O God, who chose to foreshadow for us the heavenly Jerusalem through the sign of your Church on earth, grant, we pray, that, by our partaking of this Sacrament, we may be made the temple of your grace and may enter the dwelling place of your glory.

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

SACRED SPACE

Frequently while celebrating Sunday Eucharist, the Sacrament of Marriage or a funeral, I am touched by those present. While some are perhaps not regular church goers, something happens among them within the setting of the church. Besides the liturgical rite and the readings of Scripture, the church building, its DNA, can touch them. It is a sacred space, blessed by people of faith over the decades.

The *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica* is a celebration of the importance of place and the environment in which people of faith gather. Rather than St Peter’s Basilica, this Basilica in Rome is the Pope’s church, the ‘mother’ of all churches throughout the world. It symbolises holiness and communion. Today’s commemoration also links to the Gospel. Jesus acts definitively against the traders and sellers to renew the Temple and its precincts in its sacredness. Rather than a marketplace, the Temple is the place of divine presence. In John, it further symbolises and anticipates what happens to the body of Jesus, the abode of God’s holiness, in his passion, death and resurrection.

Our own parish churches and parishes need ongoing renewal and purification, in the spirit of Jesus’ renewal of the Temple in John’s Gospel story. They are places where we gather to celebrate the Eucharist each Sunday and our local sacred spaces where holiness and communion are experienced. We celebrate our communion with the Bishop of Rome and allow our local parish church to be the palpable expression of the universal Church—of outreach, openness and hospitality.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

9 NOVEMBER 2025

YOU ARE GOD’S TEMPLE. We have great respect for a church building and are horrified when we hear of one being desecrated by vandals. Do we also appreciate that the Christian community is God’s temple, built on the foundation of Jesus Christ? Let us pray that our respect for the sacred building in which we gather for worship is reflected in the respect and reverence we have for all who make up the Body of Christ.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Apoc 21: 2

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

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 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 from living and chosen stones prepare an eternal dwelling for your majesty, increase in your Church the spirit of grace you have bestowed, so that by new growth your faithful people may build up the heavenly Jerusalem. 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 Ezek 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
I saw water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved.

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, ‘Do you see, son of man?’ He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, ‘This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails, they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from

the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.

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

RESP PSALM Ps 45: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9. R. v. 5

R. The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

- God is for us a refuge and strength, / a helper close at hand, in time of distress: / so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, / though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. **R.**
- The waters of a river give joy to God’s city, / the holy place where the Most High dwells. / God is within, it cannot be shaken; / God will help it at the dawning of the day. **R.**
- The Lord of hosts is with us: / the God of Jacob is our stronghold. / Come, consider the works of the Lord / the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. **R.**

SECOND READING Cor 3: 9-11, 16-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
You are the temple of God.

You are God’s building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is, Jesus Christ.

Didn’t you realise that you were God’s temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 2 Chron 7: 16

Alleluia, alleluia! I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time. Alleluia!