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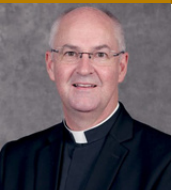
St John Bosco Parish Niddrie

2nd Sunday of Lent, Year A

Violet is the colour of repentance



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 enables us to continue the work of the Gospel.

“God loves a cheerful giver!”

Parish News

The Daily readings for Mass are now accessible on the parish website.
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.

Lenten Timetable

Tuesdays of Lent: (3.3; 10.3; 17.3; 24.3; 31.3)
- Adoration and Confessions 6.30pm-6.50pm, Mass 7pm
Thursdays of Lent: Adoration 8.30am- 9.20am
Fridays of Lent:
- Stations of the Cross 7pm in the church
Sundays of Lent:
- Confessions 10-10.20am

Easter Raffle

Tickets for our Easter Raffle are now on sale:

\$2 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5

We are still accepting donations for the raffle. Please see Geraldine or Fr David, or email the parish office. Thank you for the support of the Easter Raffle. this will enable us to cover the expenses of Easter (holy water bottles, candle cups etc) as well as the two new Bay trees outside the main doors of the church.

Lenten Prayer Campaign

This week you are invited to spiritually adopt a person for the season of Lent to bring to Mass in your heart and prayer each weekend for a particular purpose. This week, pray a decade of the Rosary for them.

Anniversary Mass

The 5pm Mass this Saturday will be offered for the repose of the soul of Carmelo Alesci 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.

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome Brooks, Edie, Rafael & Ryan, who are to become members of the Church through Baptism. Let us make them welcome and pray for them and their parents and godparents.
First Friday This coming Friday, 6 March is the First Friday of the month. There will be Confessions available from 9am - 9.20am and Benediction after 9.30am Mass.

Holy Hour this Sunday 1 March As part of the preparation phase for the International Eucharistic Congress to be held in Sydney in 2028, each parish in Australia has been asked to have an hour of Eucharistic Adoration today. **We will have a time of silent Eucharistic Adoration in the church from 9.30am, leading up to the 10.30am Mass.**

Confessions will also be available from 10-10.20am.

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: \$788

2nd collection: \$1,436

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

Albert Michael Griffiths

Anniversaries and Remembrances

Kim Borg; Graeme Duggan; Carmelo Alesci; Allan Ferrari; Francis Xavier Bugeja; Rita Cabral; Ellen Duffy; Stefan Hodor; Alice Da Costa; Basil O'Rourke; Joan Cate; Beatrice Holmes

Mass Intentions this week

Wednesday: Intentions of Project Compassion
Thursday: those with birthdays this month
Friday: For a holy Lent for our parish
Saturday: Lenten prayer campaign
Sunday: *Pro populo* (for the people of the parish)

Our Liturgical Life

What is the Mass

A good way to describe the Mass is to say that it is Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday made sacramentally present today in ritual. It is not merely a meal which reminds us of the Last Supper, or a Passion play which helps recall Good Friday, or a Sunrise Service which celebrates the Lord's Resurrection. The Mass is, therefore, our opportunity as Catholics to praise and thank God for the gift of our salvation in Christ Jesus. In short, the Mass is one way in which we share in the Paschal Mystery (the Passion, Death and Resurrection) of Christ.

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Our Spiritual Life

What is prayer?

Prayer lies at the very heart of the life of the Church and is the foundation of Christian discipleship. In prayer we relate to God with the whole of our being: with heart, mind, body and soul. Prayer will always be a journey of discovery where we continue to be surprised by God.

From www.rcsouthwark.co.uk

The Parish Mission Team (Pastoral Council) will meet on March 4 at 7pm to start some planning for the 60th anniversary of our church and to discuss other parish matters. If you would like to be part of this, please see Fr David or contact the Parish Office.
Thank you to those who took the time to call in on Thursday afternoon and Saturday morning when I was available in the church. I will do this again later in the year.

Fr David.

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW PARISIONERS

Please let us know that you have joined our community and if there is anything we can do for you.

Are you new to our Parish? _____

Need Thanksgiving envelopes? _____

Would like a home visit and house blessing? _____

Please complete the details below and place in the collection plate at Mass or send to the Parish office.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

To existing parishioners: if you would like to contribute on a regular basis using the envelopes, please complete the above. Thank you.

Wisdom of the Saints

Saint John Chrysostom: "Jesus Christ gave you all; he left nothing for himself."



Our new Bay trees outside the church. Thanks to Pan and Jeff for arranging this and potting them this week !

Thought for the Week

What is the greatest error a person can make in his life? See Matthew 22:29

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.

fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. ‘Stand up,’ he said ‘do not be afraid.’ And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. ‘Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.’

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. May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities.
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 2ND 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: 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 Mt 17:5
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
P. As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.
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 in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

GOD’S BELOVED

On the Second Sunday of Lent the focus is on Jesus’ transfiguration. This speaks into the experience in Matthew’s audience of suffering and even death. With Jerusalem and Jesus’ imminent suffering looming, he takes Peter, James and John on to a ‘high’ mountain, the place of divine encounter. The reference to ‘high’ celebrates the mountains’ divine closeness. Here, alone, they are in the presence of God who comforts Jesus before what will shortly unfold in the Sacred City.

Two Old Testament figures appear, Moses (the traditional author of the Torah—the first five books of the Bible) and Elijah (the first recognised prophet of the Old Testament). Their appearance confirms that what is about to take place for Jesus will reveal God’s protective presence. That presence is confirmed by the ‘cloud [that] covered them with shadow’ and the heavenly voice that attests that Jesus will always be God’s Beloved and delightful One. The disciples’ response to this experience is palpable. They are overcome with ‘fear’ – a deep sense of reverential awe in what they have just witnessed and experienced with Jesus, even though Peter earlier wanted to capture it by building three tents.

The scene is not a literal ‘twitter-feed’ of what actually or historically happened to Jesus. It is a story of theology and religious meaning for disciples aligned with Jesus who know the experience of suffering and death in their own day. At those times, we, too, must go up on to our ‘high’ mountain, accompanied by faithful friends, and allow God’s presence and word to accompany us. We, too, need to hear that we are God’s Beloved and delightful Ones.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

1 MARCH 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / A

OASES ON THE JOURNEY. As followers of Jesus, we have nowhere to pitch our tents. We must journey with Jesus through the hardships of life to glory. There will be oases along the way – moments of consolation which reveal the presence of God among us. We cannot remain in these moments for ever, but they give us refreshment. Remembering them will sustain us on our pilgrim way.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 26:8-9
Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

GREETING
P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
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. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT
P. O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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 Gen 12:1-4
A reading from the book of Genesis
The call of Abraham, the father of God’s people.
The Lord said to Abram, ‘Leave your country, your family and your father’s house, for the



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 17:5
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father’s voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Mt 17:1-9
P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.
His face shone like the sun.
Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.’ When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with