

3 August 2025 St John Bosco Parish Niddrie

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Green is the colour of hope and growth.



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

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/ Visits / 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 Acc No.: 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.

Parish News

Thanksgiving Envelopes

The sets of Thanksgiving envelopes are still available in the narthex. Please collect yours this weekend. **Social Media**
Don't forget to 'Like' and Follow us on Facebook:
St John Bosco's Catholic Church Niddrie

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. Copies of the Nicene Creed are available under the offertory table, as the Apostles Creed is printed in the bulletin.

Lost outside church: Gold brooch with red roses, 1.5inch long. If found, contact parish office

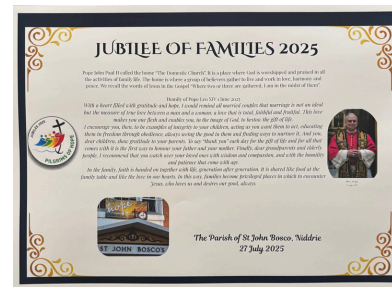


Anniversary Mass

The 5pm Mass this Saturday will be offered for the repose of the soul of Sam Simon Casa whose one year anniversary occurs at this time.

National Vocations Awareness Week

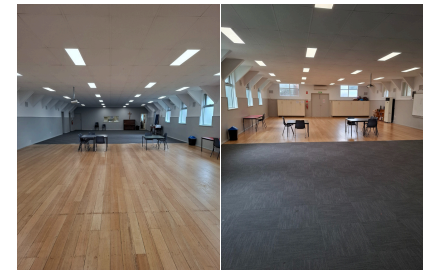
Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.



Thank you to those who participated in the local Jubilee of families last week at the 10.30am Mass and received a commemorative certificate. There are some certificates left, so please contact the parish office if you would like one. Our next local Jubilee will be on August 10 for all married couples

St John Bosco's Parish Hall Hire

Available weekends
Kitchen, stove & oven
Tables & chairs available to seat 42
Bathrooms
Up to 5 hours
9-33 Muriel St, Niddrie 3042
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: \$732

2nd collection: \$1,794

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



We recall in Prayer

Those who are sick

Gerald Lopes

Recently Deceased

We pray for all the recently deceased in our community

Anniversaries and Remembrances

Kim Borg; Sam Casa; Joyce Romeo;
Laurie Cloonan; Peggy Athaide;
John McDowell; John Hayes;
Melinda Powell



Our Liturgical Life

The General Intercessions

The Intentions are not meant to be complex or wordy, so as to maintain the attention of the assembly and to clearly express the need. The General Instruction to the Roman Missal (GIRM) summarises this well:
The intentions announced should be sober, be composed with a wise liberty and in few words, and they should be expressive of the prayer of the entire community. They are announced from the ambo or from another suitable place, by the Deacon or by a cantor, a reader, or one of the lay faithful. The people, for their part, stand and give expression to their prayer either by an invocation said in common after each intention or by praying in silence. GIRM 71

Our Spiritual Life

"But what is happiness? What is the happiness that we await and desire? Not some fleeting pleasure, a momentary satisfaction that, once experienced, keeps us longing for more, in a desperate quest that leaves our hearts unsated and increasingly empty. We aspire to a happiness that is definitively found in the one thing that can bring us fulfilment, which is love. Thus, we will be able to say even now: I am loved; therefore I exist; and I will live forever in the love that does not disappoint, the love from which nothing can ever separate me." (Pope Francis)

Solemnity of the Assumption

The Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady is on Friday 15 August The Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 9.30am (with the school) and 7pm, preceded by confessions at 6.30pm



Local Jubilee Celebrations

In this Year of the Jubilee of Hope, many groups and people celebrate the Jubilee in Rome with a pilgrimage. We will have several local celebrations in our parish to express our support and prayer and appreciation of particular groups and vocations.

Local Jubilee of Marriage

Sunday 10 August at 10.30am Mass At this Mass, all married couples will be invited to renew their marriage vows and receive a commemorative certificate. To register for a certificate, please email the parish office at Niddrie@cam.org.au

NEW PARISHIONERS

We warmly welcome you and ask that you make yourself known to us by completing the below details and placing this form in the collection basket at Mass or emailing us at Niddrie@cam.org.au

Full name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

You can also email us at niddrie@cam.org.au if you would like Thanksgiving envelopes, a house blessing or more information.

Mass Intentions this week

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: for the people of Australia

Saturday:

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

Wisdom of the Saints

Saint Bede the Venerable: "We should rejoice that the Lord deigns to visit our hearts, & that he deigns to illumine this Passover of our good actions by his benevolent presence."

Thought for the Week

When God measures a man, He puts the tape around his heart, not his head.



"Growth is the only evidence of life" St John Henry Newman

STOP PRESS- The Holy Father announced on Thursday evening that he will name Cardinal Newman, St John Henry Newman as a Doctor of the Church. Newman is one of the great scholars of recent times- there will be more about him next week.

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 Lk 12:13-21

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.

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.’ ‘My friend,’ he replied ‘who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?’ Then he said to them, ‘Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man’s life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, “What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops.” Then he said, “This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.” But God said to him, “Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?” So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.’

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. Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray, and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice, make of us an eternal offering to you. 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-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

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 Wis 16:20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Accompany with constant protection, O Lord, those you renew with these heavenly gifts and, in your never-failing care for them,

make them worthy of eternal redemption. 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

WHAT IS TRULY IMPORTANT

Unfortunately, arguments do sometimes happen within families on the death of a family member. These often revolve around property, ownership and how the Will is divided. Family disputes are not unknown. The same occurred in Luke’s day.

Today’s Gospel begins with the dispute between two brothers over an inheritance claim. One of them wants Jesus to arbitrate. But Jesus moves the issue to the deeper level of encounter. He names it as greed. The wisdom that emerges is that human security is never guaranteed by property ownership or possessions. This is a familiar theme in Luke’s Gospel. It is an issue among those whom Luke addresses. Reading behind the lines of today’s Gospel, the evangelist responds to concerns about wealth, greed, inheritance disputes and inner tensions.

The second part of the Gospel explores these issues further: A farmer decides to build bigger barns to store his harvest. But what he has forgotten is that he is not the one responsible for the bumper harvest. It is the earth. In his avariciousness he has lost his ecological connectedness. Greed blurs his spiritual vision and sensitivity to God’s earth. The farmer seeks rather a life of ease and comfort. The evangelist reminds the Gospel’s audience to keep things in perspective. The disciple’s real focus is on one’s soul and relationship with God. Today’s Gospel is a sobering reminder of what is truly important.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C 3 AUGUST 2025

BECOME RICH IN THE SIGHT OF GOD. Today we reflect on the call we all have to love God by sharing what we have with others. The rich man in today’s Gospel chose foolishly to hoard his possessions. If we are prepared to risk putting what we have at the service of others, we may find ourselves poor in material terms but rich in the eyes of God. A treasure awaits us in heaven, along with many blessings in this life.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 69:2, 6

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

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 are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. Your are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: 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. Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,

that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 1

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust / and say: ‘Go back, sons of men.’ / To your eyes a thousand years / are like yesterday, come and gone, / no more than a watch in the night. **R.**
2. You sweep men away like a dream, / like grass which springs up in the morning. / In the morning it springs up and flowers: / by evening it withers and fades. **R.**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life / that we may gain wisdom of heart. / Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? / Show pity to your servants. **R.**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; / we shall exult and rejoice all our days. / Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: / give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

SECOND READING Col 3:1-5,9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true



life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!