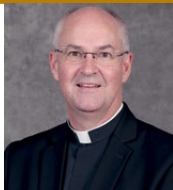




A WORD FROM THE PASTOR..



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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

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.



Advent Timetable

Tuesdays of Advent (2 Dec, 9 Dec, 16 Dec, 23 Dec)
• 6.30pm - 6.50pm: Adoration & Confessions
• 7pm: Mass each Tuesday of Advent
Saturdays of Advent (6 Dec, 13 Dec, 20 Dec)
• 10am - 10.30am: Confessions
Sundays of Advent (30 Nov, 7 Dec, 14 Dec, 21 Dec)
• 10am - 10.20am: Confessions (before 10.30am Mass)
Thursday 11 December
• 6.30pm-7.15pm: Adoration and Confessions (2 priests available)
Friday 12 December
• 9.30am Mass: Anointing of Sick Mass
For your Diary: Sunday 14 December '**Bambinelli Sunday**' Blessing of
home Christmas cribs and coffee and Panettone after 10.30am Mass.
Please bring along the baby Jesus figures from your Christmas cribs
to be blessed at Mass this Sunday.



Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve- Wednesday 24 December
- 5.00pm- Christmas Family Mass
- 9.00pm- Christmas Solemn Vigil Mass
Christmas Day- Thursday 25 December
- 9.30pm- Christmas Day Mass

Ministry at our weekend Masses

We are blessed to have a good number of volunteers who assist at our
Masses with reading, collecting etc.
We would like to expand our ministries in the area of music and altar
serving. Currently we have a fledgling music ministry at both Masses,
which we are very keen to expand. If you would like to join with
singing or playing an instrument, please see one of our musicians
after Mass or speak to Fr David. Your don't need to be an expert, just
willing to learn.
If you would like to assist with Altar Serving on Sundays, please see
Fr David.

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: \$1,010
2nd collection: \$1,851
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
We pray for all the recently deceased in our
community
Anniversaries and Remembrances
Concetta De Vincentis; Lesley Wilson; Kevin
Robinett; Clyde Moon; Anthony Cabral;
Thomas Hancock; Giovanni Ortisi; Salvatore De
Lucia, parents and family; Salvatore Renga;
Antonio and Elisabetta Renga and family

Mass Intentions this week

Wednesday: Remembrance book
Thursday:
Friday: for the souls in purgatory
Saturday: for the sick
Sunday: *Pro popolo* (for the people of the
parish)

Our Liturgical Life

What is a Catholic Mass?

The second part of Mass is called the 'Liturgy of the Word.' Liturgy is an
ancient word, which came from the ancient Greeks meaning 'official
work,' so Mass is part of the official prayer of the Church. In the liturgy
of the Word, everyone listens to readings from the Bible; first, a story
from the Old Testament which is completed by what Jesus Christ did,
e.g. the story of the Israelites being fed on manna in the desert (Exodus
chapter 16), is completed when Jesus Christ said 'I am the bread of life'
(John chapter 6).

From www.queenofangels.org

Our Spiritual Life

Expressions of Prayer

As in human communication, our communication with God can
be expressed in a variety of ways. We communicate with God
using words and songs, in imagination and silence, and ritually
or spontaneously. We can pray in church, our gardens, our cars,
or while in the shower. We can also pray lying in bed, as the first
thing we do when we awake, and as the last thing we do as we
drift off to sleep. One of the characteristics of prayer we as
Catholics believe is that with the right intention every moment
of the day—all our hopes, works, joys, and sufferings—can
become our prayer.

From www.loyolapress.com

SJB young adults group will meet next on **Sunday 7 December**
after the 10.30 Mass in the Parish Hall. All young people
welcome. See our Facebook or Instagram Pages ! Contact the
parish for more details.

First Friday

This coming Friday, 5 December is the First Friday of the month.
There will be Confessions available from 9am - 9.20am and
Benediction after 9.30am Mass.

A reminder that **November Mass** offering envelopes are
available at the back of the church and can be placed in the
collection at Mass. The parish Memorial Book is also at the front
of the church to place the names of your deceased loved ones
in, and these will be prayed for at the Masses in the month of
November.

Welcome

Today we welcome Finley, Oliver, Jackson, Madeleine and their
families 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.

Wisdom of the Saints

Saint John of the Cross: “You considered that
one hair fluttering at my neck; You gazed at it
upon my neck and it captivated You.”

Thought for the Week

Joy is the by-product of obedience.



Major step in a new saint for Australia from Melbourne: Pope raises Mary Glowrey to Venerable

Australian woman's cause towards sainthood advances

The cause for sainthood for Australian-born doctor and missionary in India Mary
Glowrey has advanced after Pope Leo XIV recognised her 'heroic virtues' on 21
November 2025. Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart Glowrey, as she will now be
titled, is just the second Australian, after St Mary Mackillop, to be accorded this
status.

Born in the Victorian town of Birregurra in 1887, Glowrey was an experienced doctor in
Melbourne hospitals and private practice when she travelled to India, aged 32, and
entered religious life in Guntur, located in present day Andhra Pradesh. She spent 37
years in service to marginalised women and children.

Glowrey completed her secondary and tertiary education in Melbourne through
scholarships, graduating from the University of Melbourne in 1910 and 1919 (MD).
She joined a Dutch religious congregation in India in 1920. Known as Sr Mary of the
Sacred Heart JMJ, she dedicated her life to caring for marginalised women and
children in India by providing medical treatment and establishing healthcare facilities,
training programs, and support networks.

Pope Leo's decree marks the second major step in the formal process toward
sainthood, signifying that the Church has officially found evidence of a life marked by
extraordinary virtue. The next phase, beatification, will require the approval of a
miracle attributed to her intercession.

Glowrey's story has been remembered and shared in Australia by her family and by
members of the organisation of which she was the first president when it was formed
in Melbourne in 1916, now known as the Catholic Women's League of Victoria and
Wagga Wagga. All are invited to view the Archdiocesan webpage about Mary Glowrey
or arrange to visit the Mary Glowrey Museum in Fitzroy.
Archbishop Comensoli encouraged the faithful across Australia and beyond to keep
her cause for canonisation in prayer. 'May the day come when the Church names her
Saint Mary of the Sacred Heart,' he said. 'May she pray for us and help us walk ever
more closely with Christ.'

The Archdiocese of Melbourne extends heartfelt thanks for your generosity and support.
Together, parishes across the Archdiocese have raised over \$1.1 million, including
\$661.00 contributed by St John Bosco's Parish, Niddrie to the Archbishop's Campaign.
These funds will strengthen key mission areas across our Archdiocese, including the
Priests Retirement Foundation, the John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission,
Corpus Christi College, Catholic Theological College, and the Archbishop's
Evangelisation Initiatives.
Thank you for your commitment to this important mission and for expressing your faith
through your generous response.

The Christmas Seniors Lunch will take place on Thursday 4 December at 12pm in
the Parish Hall.

Cost is \$15 per head. Sign-up sheets are in the church foyer. Please join us !

Profession of Faith

During the Advent and Christmas seasons we will use the Apostle's Creed at Mass in
place of the Nicene Creed

*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.*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

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. Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. 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 OF ADVENT
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 Ps 84: 13
The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
P. May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. 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

STAY AWAKE!
Happy New Year! Today we listen to the Gospel according to Matthew for the first time on this first day of the new liturgical year, Year A. Matthew writes for Jewish followers of Jesus living in the mid-80s of the first century. We shall listen to this Gospel aware that Israelite-Jewish concepts permeate its presentation of the Jewish Jesus, so different from Mark or Luke.
The language of today’s Gospel is very Jewish. It is drawn from imagery of the Old Testament—typical, as we shall see, of Matthew—and from a particular style of biblical writing called ‘apocalyptic’. Tempted to take our selection literally, it is better and to think of it as ‘theological-poetry’. The evangelist uses a familiar Jewish literary style of writing. Its basic theme is that, despite the evil and tragedies that surround people, God will save and protect those who are faithful, especially at that definitive moment of divine judgement at the end of time.
Jesus’ injunction is to ‘stay awake’ to this moment—not to fall asleep or become disheartened by its delay. God will definitively act against evil and vindicate the faithful. Today’s Gospel is a sobering reminder. We, too, must ‘stay awake’ and ‘stand ready’ to what will unfold in the year ahead and not be dispirited by all that seems negative, fruitless and disheartening. God’s presence, the God who ‘will be with us’ will be revealed in the figure of the ‘Son of Man’. This is a recurring theme in the Gospel and throughout this new liturgical year.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR
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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / A 30 NOVEMBER 2025

WALK IN GOD’S LIGHT. We do not know when Christ will come again in glory. Nor do we know the day of our death. This should not worry us. What is important is to live this day well by being respectful and loving towards each other and seeking to walk in God’s light. If we do this, we will be ready whenever God calls us to eternal life.

INTRODUCTORY RITES
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 24:1-3
To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.
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, through my fault, through my fault, (striking the breast) 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 Advent.

COLLECT
P. Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom. 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 2:1-5
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.
The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:
‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’
He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.
The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9. R. cf. v. 1
R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.



SECOND READING Rom 13:11-14
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
The time has come, our salvation is near.
You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.
The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Ps 84:8
Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!
GOSPEL Mt 24:37-44
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.
Stay awake, you must be ready.