

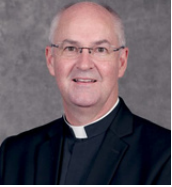
14 September 2025 St John Bosco Parish Niddrie

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Red is the colour of martyrdom, blood and life.



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
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.



The parish office will be closed on **Wednesday 17 September**
Safeguarding Sunday

As 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.

Today we welcome Oliver, Riley 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.

Do You Have a Moment, Father ?
I will be available in the Church, without appointment at the following times: *Wednesday 24 Sept 5-6pm & Saturday 27 Sept 10-11am*. The church will be open for private prayer during these times also. I will be in the foyer of the church during these times for anyone who wants to see me. You may want to ask a question, have items blessed, seek prayers, have documents certified, celebrate reconciliation or just say hello. No need to make an appointment, just call in. Fr David.

Local Jubilee of Grandparents
Our next local Jubilee celebration will be on Sunday September 21 when we will celebrate the Jubilee of Grandparents. At the 10.30am Mass on this day we will celebrate the important role of grandparents and give a Jubilee Blessing to them. Please invite them to join us.

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: \$607
2nd collection: \$1,637
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
Robert 'Bob' Hagan; Carlo Massimino; Carmel Heenan
Anniversaries and Remembrances
Isabella Sinopoli; John Hogan; Frank Muscat; Hector Barra; Joan Clancy; Diana De Maio; Edward Myszka; Pat Torr; Connie Paten
Mass Intentions this week
Wednesday: For peace in the Middle East
Thursday: Thanksgiving
Friday: private intention
Saturday: for all parish volunteers
Sunday: *Pro populo* (for the people of the parish)

Our Liturgical Life

What's in a Creed ?
This year marks the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. Every Sunday we recite the creedal formula the bishops devised and approved at Nicaea. The words have great staying power, still affecting our existence in such a palpable way. "Let us stand and recite our Creed" or "the Creed," the celebrant says, not "their Creed." Adherence to the Nicene Creed remains a necessary marker of orthodoxy. From 'the Far East'

Our Spiritual Life

"The sacrament of Reconciliation is not only a magnificent spiritual gift, but also a decisive, essential and fundamental step on our journey of faith. There, we allow the Lord to erase our sins, to heal our hearts, to raise us up, to embrace us..."
"There is no better way to know God than to let him reconcile us to himself (cf. 2 Cor 5:20)"
"Let us not neglect Confession, but rediscover the beauty of this sacrament of healing and joy, the beauty of God's forgiveness of our sins!"
From Pope Francis' letter, *Spes Non Confundit* (Hope does not disappoint) which proclaimed the Jubilee Year.

The parish Bible Study Group is a long-standing group which meets regularly for prayer and discussion, in the church. All are welcome to join. The next meeting will be Saturday 20 September at 2.30pm. Please join us. No prior knowledge is necessary. Beginners welcome!

Ireland Pilgrimage - St John Bosco's school staff
St John Bosco's Deputy Principal Sommer Azzopardi and Religious Education Leader Sue Carey will be embarking on a 13 day pilgrimage to Ireland on the 20th September. The Mission and Identity team from the Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic Schools are coordinating the pilgrimage to Ireland. It is tradition for a pilgrim to carry special intentions of others with them on their journey. We would love to take your prayer intentions with us, and throughout the pilgrimage we will take time to pray these intentions at sacred sites and churches along the way. A prayer book will be placed in the foyer of the church for you to enter your special intentions.
Sommer Azzopardi & Sue Carey

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.



Wisdom of the Saints

Saint Columba: "Loving Saviour, inspire in us the depth of love that is fitting for you to receive as God."

Thought for the Week

The most deadly sins do not leap upon us; they creep upon us.

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 3: 13-17

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.

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

‘No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven; the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

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. May this oblation, O Lord, which on the altar of the Cross cancelled the offence of the whole world, cleanse us, we pray, of all our sins. 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 THE VICTORY OF THE GLORIOUS CROSS

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 Jn 12: 32

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having been nourished by your holy banquet, we beseech you, Lord Jesus Christ, to bring those you have redeemed by the wood of your life-giving Cross to the glory of the resurrection. Who live and reign for ever and ever.
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.
R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

LIFTED UP

Today’s Feast moves us away from our usual journey through Luke’s Gospel. Instead, our focus is with John’s Gospel. We are in a different world. John 3 concerns the engagement which Jesus has with Nicodemus, a Jewish leader and, as we learn at the Gospel’s end, a potential disciple. In this chapter, the evangelist seeks to reflect upon Jesus’ origins. John affirms that Jesus, God’s Word and source of Wisdom, is from God. He ‘came down from Heaven’. Jesus is God’s exalted heavenly and human presence. He will be ‘lifted up’, that is, in John’s story of Jesus’ passion and death, he will be ‘lifted up’ on the cross and will be ‘lifted up’ in exaltation by the Father in resurrection. Jesus’ death is also his exaltation.

In today’s Gospel, the evangelist draws on the imagery of the fashioned bronze serpent that Moses ‘lifts up’, that we hear today in the first reading from the *Book of Numbers*. The serpent figure rescues the suffering Israelites. For John, this, too, is Jesus’ quest: to rescue and bring eternal life to suffering humanity. John’s passage exudes hope and divine communion with humanity and creation. God loves the ‘cosmos’ so much that God’s very being and expression in the Word, Jesus, suffers for it. This word, ‘cosmos’, comprises the whole of creation, including humanity. Palpable optimism permeates this Gospel passage. For John, God wants nothing or anyone to be ‘lost’. All are found in the Word enfleshed in Jesus. God’s community with creation and humanity is sealed and eternal. This is such a rich Gospel for today’s Feast. Every line deserves meditation.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

LUKE

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS / C 14 SEPTEMBER 2025

HEALING FROM THE CROSS. The bronze serpent on a standard is a well known symbol of the medical profession. Its origins go back to the time when God healed the repentant Israelites in the wilderness through a bronze serpent that Moses fashioned and placed on a standard. In today’s Gospel, Jesus applies this image to his own crucifixion. By being lifted up on the cross he will bring healing and eternal life to all who believe in him.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 65: 4

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, / in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, / through whom we are saved and delivered.

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.

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.
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. O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. 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 Num 21: 4-9

A reading from the book of Numbers.
When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.

On the way through the wilderness, the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, ‘Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here: we are sick of this unsatisfying food.’

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, ‘We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.’ Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, ‘Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.’ So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

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

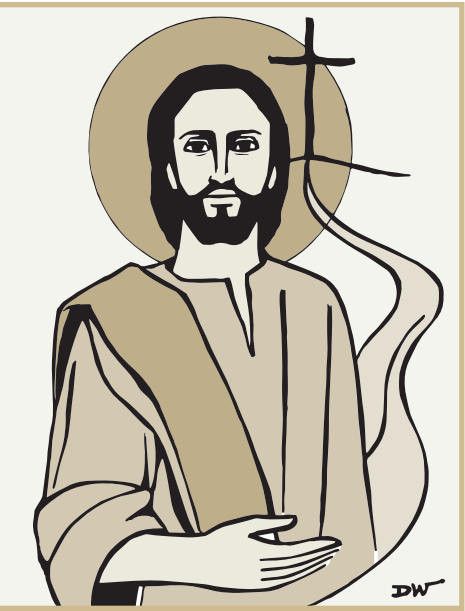
RESP PSALM Ps 77: 1-2, 34-38. R. v. 7

R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

1. Give heed, my people, to my teaching; / turn your ear to the words of my mouth / I will open my mouth in a parable / and reveal hidden lessons of the past. **R.**

2. When he slew them then they would seek him, / return and seek him in earnest. / They would remember that God was their rock, / God the Most High their redeemer. **R.**

3. But the words they spoke were mere flattery; / they lied to him with their lips. / For their hearts were not truly with him; / they were not faithful to his covenant. **R.**



4. Yet he who is full of compassion / forgave their sin and spared them. / So often he held back his anger / when he might have stirred up his rage. **R.**

SECOND READING Phil 2: 6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.
He humbled himself, therefore God has exalted him.

The state of Jesus Christ was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world.
Alleluia!