

St. John Bosco's Parish

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Mass Times

Wednesday – Friday: 9:30am
Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil
Sunday: 10:30am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:30pm
Or any time by arrangement or request

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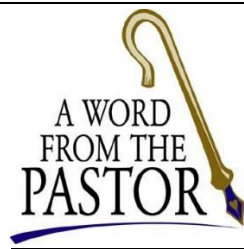
Presbytery: \$846
Thanksgiving: \$1,180
Loose: \$337
The 1st Collection is for the support of the Parish Priest, Retired and sick priests, priests in needy parishes and the Archbishop.
The 2nd Collection is for parish expenses such as wages, utilities, insurance, etc.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sick:
We pray for all those who are sick in our parish community

Recently Deceased:
Anthony Gracie; Kevin Connor

Anniversaries and Remembrances:
Norrie & Robert McKenzie; Christopher Danaher; Emilio Sessarego; Rocque Fonseca; Cassandra O'Keefe; Marina Costello; Michelina Basile; Gordon Windsor, Emmanuel Said



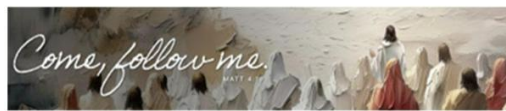
Dear friends,
It is a great joy for me to be with you as your new Parish Priest.

I must first express my most sincere thanks to Fr Nhan for looking after the parish so well, and to Fr Thomas who was here with you. They have left a good legacy. I thank those who have made me welcome so far and I look forward to meeting you all in the coming weeks.

Perhaps a little bit of information to introduce myself: I was born and raised in Richmond and Burwood and educated by the Dominican sisters and Marist brothers. My parents have both predeceased me and I have one sister, one niece and two nephews, and one great-niece and nephew (I think they are great anyway!).

After finishing year 12 I worked for a little while, travelled and went to university and I entered Corpus Christi College, Clayton in 1994. I was ordained on July 15, 2000 by then Archbishop Pell. I was appointed to the parish of Glenroy as Assistant Priest, then moved to St Patrick's Cathedral where I became the Prefect of Ceremonies and Youth Chaplain. After three years I moved to Mill Park as Assistant Priest and in 2006 became the Parish Priest of St Fidelis, Moreland for 14 years. During this time, I was also Vocations Director for the Archdiocese for seven years and I also completed a Master of Arts in Spirituality. In August 2020, I was asked to be the Moderator for the first 'Mission' of Melbourne - the 'Bayside Mission' consisting of the parishes of Gardenvale, Brighton, Hampton, Hampton East, Sandringham and Ricketts Point with care for six churches. After three years, this 'Mission' was reconfigured into three parishes and the Archbishop granted me a time of sabbatical leave and I have been undertaking supply ministry in parishes until now. In the past I have served on several committees: the Council of Priests, the Personnel Advisory Board and Advisory Committee for Evangelisation; I was National Chaplain to the Catholic Women's League and am currently a Chaplain to the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

As of last Wednesday, I am now Parish Priest of St John Bosco's, following some great men who were your pastors. I assure you of my prayers for you each day and would humbly ask that you might remember me in prayer. Fr David Cartwright
Parish Priest



The Archbishop's Campaign 2024

The theme is: Come Follow Me

One major collection for the Archdiocese of Melbourne:
This annual campaign, for the purposes of the Archdiocese, is a chance to thank those who have served God's people in the past and encourage those preparing to do so in the future.

- Corpus Christi College Building Fund
- Priests Retirement Foundation
- John Pierce Centre
- Melbourne Overseas Missions
- University of Divinity Building Fund
- Annual Grants to Catholic community agencies
- and community service organisations
- Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives
- Seminarian Education

Envelopes are on the seats & brochures regarding this campaign will be in the foyer for you to take home and consider your contribution to these worthwhile causes.

The combined Finance Committee & Pastoral Council met last week. A report will follow next week.

Mass Times

The interim Mass timetable for St John Bosco's will be:

Wed - Fri 9.30am
Sat Vigil Mass 5pm (Confessions at 4.30)
Sun 10.30am

In due course, we will have some discussion about what might be the best permanent Mass timetable for the parish.
Fr David.

This Sunday is Social Justice Sunday

In the 2024 – 2025 Social Justice Statement, "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World", Australia's Bishops scrutinise the signs of our own troubled times, observe the violence around us, and ask why it is so. They also ask what is needed if there is to be peace.

The full statement can be viewed at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>

Our Spiritual Life:

Here are 10 ways prayer can benefit us in our daily lives:

1. Prayer can help us focus on what is important.
2. Prayer can help us to stay hopeful in dark times.
3. Prayer can help us feel connected to God on a deeper level.
4. Prayer can help us deal with difficult emotions and situations.
5. Prayer can help us find comfort and peace.
6. Prayer can help us develop a stronger relationship with God.
7. Prayer can help us become more compassionate people.
8. Prayer can give us strength during difficult times.
9. Prayer can help keep our minds and thoughts clear.
10. Prayer is a way of communicating with Jesus and asking for guidance and support in our lives.

Our Liturgical Life:

How do we Prepare for Mass?

If we accept that the Sunday Mass is the highpoint of our week (and our lives!) then it is worth preparing for. As we would prepare to meet a VIP like the King, we would prepare for the meeting. In the Mass, we meet Jesus Christ, and our brothers and sisters, so it is worth preparing for. But how do we do it? Physically? Spiritually? Practically? Other ways? Over the coming weeks, we will explore some of the ways that we can prepare for the most important encounter of our week (and our life!).

Welcome

We welcome to our 5pm Mass this Saturday the Year 1 families from our school

PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAM

We encourage you to join our program.
Please ring the Parish Office or visit our website.

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

The Parish of St John Bosco's and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. Child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of everyone.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!*

Gospel John 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

*'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.*

*The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.*

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The decisions called for in today's readings are life decisions. The people at the time of Joshua had to decide which god they would worship. The disciples of Jesus had to decide if he was the one who would fulfill their messianic expectations. We have life decisions to make as well. How will we choose?

The choices we make determine the character of our union with God. God called us out of the slavery of sin and protected us throughout the journey of our lives. Jesus walked with us through the challenges of life and performed wonders for us. Why should we look elsewhere? Because we face new challenges. The new demands placed on us may be so great, or the commitment required of us may be so demanding that we feel that we can no longer walk with him. The church may be changing in ways we do not appreciate, or it may not be changing in the ways we believe it should, and so we may feel that we can walk with him no longer.

If we decide to commit ourselves, we will enter into a union with God that is deeper than anything we have previously known. However, this union will be based on faith. We may understand no more than we did in the past, things may be no more to our liking. But, 'to whom shall we go?' Jesus is God's holy one; he has the words of eternal life.



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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

25 August 2024

First Reading Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the
wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the
earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. (R.)
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R)

4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned. (R.)

Second Reading Ephesians 5:21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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