

12 October 2025 St John Bosco Parish Niddrie

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Month of the Rosary - Green is the colour of hope and growth.



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR..



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Dear friends,
Last Monday, on the Vigil of the Feast of the Holy Rosary, the Holy Father made a surprise visit to Domus Australia, the Australian pilgrim house in Rome. The visit was only confirmed by the Vatican several days earlier. The Report from **Vatican Media** is below:

On the eve of the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary, Pope Leo XIV celebrated Vespers at the Domus Australia in Rome, a church guesthouse that primarily accommodates Australian and English-speaking pilgrims and tourists. Originally established as a Marist Fathers’ residence, the Domus Australia was acquired in the late 2000s by the Archdiocese of Sydney with support from other Australian dioceses. It was officially inaugurated in 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI as a spiritual home for Australian pilgrims in Rome. The celebration in Rome drew a significant crowd of faithful who greeted Pope Leo XIV with chants of "Viva il Papa!" and applause. Many gathered with their children at windows along the streets. Inside the chapel of Domus Australia — dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii — members of Rome’s Australian Catholic community assembled, joined by Cardinal Raymond Leo Burke. For the Vespers service, Pope Leo XIV entered the church and paused silently before the Blessed Sacrament.

In his homily, Pope Leo XIV reflected on the role of the Virgin Mary in the context of the Jubilee Year, which he described as a time marked by hope. "In a particular way, Mary embodied [hope] through her trust that God would fulfil his promises," the Pope said. “This hope, in turn, gave her the strength and courage to spend her life willingly for the sake of the Gospel and abandon herself entirely to God’s will.”

Pope Leo reminded the faithful that the Incarnation first took place “in Mary’s heart” before it occurred in her womb. God never delays, the Pope stated; rather, people are called to learn patience and trust: "God's time is always perfect."

Pope Leo XIV emphasized that God not only frees humanity from sin but also opens hearts, enabling us — like Mary — to say “yes” to His calling. Through baptism, all are made children of God. Quoting St. Augustine, the Pope said: “God created us without us, but He will not save us without us.” He called on believers to take an active role in God’s plan of salvation with fidelity, trust, and gratitude.

He concluded by inviting the faithful to pray the Magnificat with Mary. “In doing so” he said, “let us reflect on how Mary, the true Daughter of Zion, rejoiced in God, her Savior, because she saw the graces bestowed on her and how God has always been faithful to Abraham and his descendants.”

A spiritual home for Australians
Since its opening, Domus Australia has offered daily Mass in English, along with Eucharistic Adoration and sacred music. At its dedication in 2011, Pope Benedict XVI expressed hope that Australian pilgrims “would return home with a strengthened faith, a more joyful hope, and a more fervent love.”



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.

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 5pm Mass this Saturday will be offered for the repose of the soul of Sarina Adorno whose one month anniversary occurs at this time. We pray for her soul and for her family and friends who are with us for this Mass. May she rest in peace and may her family know the peace of Christ.

This week we will welcome the **Year 5 students** & their families to the Saturday 5pm Mass
Next week we will welcome the **Prep students** & their families to the Saturday 5pm Mass

Funeral Notice

The funeral for Margherita ‘Rita’ Princi will take place on Wednesday 15 October at 11am in the Church.

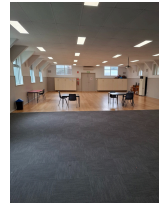
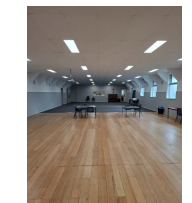
I will be away this Sunday morning as I will be at St Patrick’s Cathedral for the Investiture Mass for the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. I am a Chaplain of this Order and will be present at the 11am Mass. One of the priests from St Dominic’s East Camberwell will supply for the 10.30am Mass.

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 18 October 9.00 am – 2.30 pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will be forwarded to the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales for their boys’ home in the Diocese of Doba, Chad, Africa. Enquiries: Phone 9817 3715

Today we welcome Eliza, Skylar, 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.

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: \$766
2nd collection: \$1,749
You can also donate to our Presbytery & Parish accounts using this QR code:



We recall in Prayer

Those who are sick
Jim Noonan
Recently Deceased
Maureen Windsor; Margherita Princi
Anniversaries and Remembrances
Francina Verasinghe; Maria Asunta Foti; Ann Ciampa; Elsie Kelly

Thought for the Week
You cannot break God's promises by leaning upon them!

Mass Intentions this week
Wednesday:
Thursday: for special intention
Friday:
Saturday: devotion to the Rosary
Sunday: *Pro populo* (for the people of the parish)

Our Liturgical Life

What’s in a Creed ?

It is interesting to note that there is something you won't find in the Nicene Creed: There is no ethical statement. Indeed, the entire earthly life of Jesus is passed over. We go directly from "incarnate of the Virgin Mary" to "crucified under Pontius Pilate." There is no reference to any parable, no Sermon on the Mount. In our time and place, when the reduction of religion to ethics is the norm, the Creed is a startling reminder that our contemporary norm is wrong.

From ‘the Far East’

Our Spiritual Life

“Hope finds its supreme witness in the Mother of God. In the Blessed Virgin, we see that hope is not naive optimism but a gift of grace amid the realities of life. Like every mother, whenever Mary looked at her Son, she thought of his future.”
From Pope Francis’ letter, Spes Non Confundit (Hope does not disappoint) which proclaimed the Jubilee Year.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: YOUNG ADULTS GROUP AGES 18-35

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Facebook: 'St John Bosco Young Adults'
Email: stjohnbosconiddrieys@gmail.com
Chat to Fr David Cartwright



Sunday 26 October, after the 10.30am Mass, we plan to have our first SJB Young Adults gathering in the parish hall. Please sign up to register your interest, and invite others along !

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 Ignatius of Loyola: “As long as obedience is flourishing, all the other virtues will be seen to flourish & to bear fruit.”



<https://catholic-link.org/7-surprising-things-happen-rosary-often/>

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, ‘Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.’ When he saw them he said, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, ‘Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.’ And he said to the man, ‘Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.’

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, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven.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: 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 cf. Ps 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. Who lives and reigns 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

THE CRY OF THE ABANDONED

In this very familiar Gospel story, often titled ‘the healing of the ten lepers’, Jesus is in an unholy and impure setting. He is travelling, as Luke notes, between the borders of Samaria and Galilee. In technical terms, this is a ‘liminal’ place. It is ‘on the edge’ between an area familiar to Jesus (Galilee) and one that is unfamiliar and even potentially dangerous (Samaria).

He enters a village. Jesus’ generic placement (it is ‘a’ village, not a definitively named location) allows Luke’s audience to see themselves in this situation. It is us as we move through life not knowing what awaits us. Jesus is approached by ten contaminating and impure characters. They are called ‘lepers’; their leprosy is not our traditional Hansen’s disease but a contagious skin condition. It has the potential to disrupt and contaminate the community.

As they distance themselves from Jesus they appeal: “Jesus, Master, have pity on us.” The Greek literally reads, ‘...have mercy on us’. This is the cry of the abandoned who seek God’s comforting presence. It is also our cry in desperate times. Jesus tells the ten to go to the priests, the officials that can declare their healed cleanliness. Only one returns to thank God’s healing work revealed in Jesus. It is the unexpected one, the ‘foreigner’ that recognises God’s action through Jesus, a theme that echoes throughout Luke. Today’s Gospel invites us to look for God’s actions in the most surprising places among God’s most unexpected people. These become the sources of eucharistic thanksgiving.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

12 OCTOBER 2025

WE COME TO GIVE THANKS. After being cured by Jesus, nine lepers went immediately to show themselves to the temple priests in fulfilment of the law. Their primary concern was to satisfy legal requirements. Only one, a foreigner, thought first of thanking Jesus. Hopefully our primary purpose in coming to Sunday Mass is not to meet some legal requirement but to give thanks to God for the many blessings we have received in Christ and in the community.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

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 have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.
P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: 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. May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. 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 2 Kings 5:14-17

A reading from the second book of the Kings
Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. ‘Now I know’ he said ‘that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.’ But Elisha replied, ‘As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.’ Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, ‘Since your answer is “No,” allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.’

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

RESP PSALM Ps 97:1-4. R. cf. v. 2

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord / for he has worked wonders. / His right hand and his holy arm / have brought salvation. R.
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; / has shown his justice to the nations. / He has remembered his truth and love / for the house of Israel. R.
3. All the ends of the earth have seen / the salvation of our God. / Shout to the Lord all the earth, / ring out your joy. R.



SECOND READING

2 Tim 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.
Remember the Good News that I carry, ‘Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David’; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God’s news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:
If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.
If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.
If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.
The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Thess 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 17:11-19

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.
It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.