

St. John Bosco's Parish 29 Muriel Street, Niddrie 3042 Parish Priest: Fr David Cartwright Phone: 9337 9994 Email: niddrie@cam.org.au Website: https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/niddrie Parish Secretary: Charles Meneze Office Hours: 10am – 4pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday	Mass Times Wednesday – Friday: 9:30am Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Sunday: 10:30am Prayer and Devotions The Rosary is recited before weekday Mass Benediction after 9.30am Mass First Fridays Reconciliation Saturday: 4:30pm First Fridays 9 – 9:20am Or any time by arrangement or request, please call Fr David Baptisms 11:45am (after Mass) First Sunday of the month Please contact the Parish Office House Blessings Please contact the Parish Office.
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With St John Bosco we pray for... Sick: Carl Pinto; Gerald Lopes Recently Deceased: Matteo Ciavarella Anniversaries and Remembrances: Marguerita Barra; Joe D’Cunha; Vince Rinaldis; Tony Villanti; Gerald Kavanagh; Marie D’Mello; Fran Neagle; Evelyn Keown; Blossom D’Souza; George La Fontaine; Vincenza Pilla; Paul Duffy	
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Sacred Silence: The Role of Stillness in Meeting Christ in the Eucharist More than one philosopher has observed that since men have two ears but only one mouth, we ought to listen twice as much as we speak. And while the Blessed Trinity may not have ears and a mouth as you and I do, Christianity is a relationship “with a God who speaks and listens” (Pope Benedict XVI, <i>Verbum Domini</i>, 24). But preliminary to any speaking and listening that happens—be it from us to God or God to us—is silence. Any fruitful (or at least accurate) conversation must take place in relative silence. We can all attest to the frustration of talking to another person while a television is blaring, smartphones are scrolling, or a room is filled with a deluge of other voices: what results is more confusion than conversation. True conversation needs a canvas of silence from which to work. Silence is the necessary precondition by which we can successfully relate to another person—and especially if that other person is God. Silence, Creation—and the Sounds of Death When the Father first said, “Let there be light,” he did so out of the silence, the void, the abyss. Silence sets the stage for all of creation, light, and life. Cardinal Robert Sarah, who wrote a 250-page book on silence (!), <i>The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise</i>, says that “God is silence, and the devil is noisy. From the beginning, Satan has sought to mask his lies beneath a deceptive, resonant agitation” (<i>Cardinal Sarah, Catholic World Report, October 2, 2016</i>). Man was meant to dialogue with the God who speaks and listens, but tempted by the Father of Lies has decided not to listen (literally, he is “disobedient”), nor to speak the truth. Harmony has turned to cacophony, consonance to dissonance—and silence to “resonant agitation.” But man—who was originally called forth from this holy silence into a being made in God’s image and likeness—has become a chatty monster. On a visit to Carthusian monks—a significant part of whose life is spent in silence—Pope Benedict XVI once remarked Some people are no longer able to remain for long periods in silence and solitude” (October 9, 2011). Surely, each of us today has encountered a kind of “spiritual tinnitus,” that tinny ringing of the world that besets our hearts and suffocates our attempts to hear the Word of the Father. The Silent Word But God will not be deterred. From the seeming silence of an Egyptian Passover night to a quiet night outside the little town of Bethlehem, God continues to act and speak out of silence. The prophet Elijah had a most memorable mountaintop encounter with the silent God. Here, “There was a strong and violent wind rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the Lord—but the Lord was not in the wind; after the wind, an earthquake—but the Lord was not in the earthquake; after the earthquake, fire—but the Lord was not in the fire; after the fire, a light silent sound” (1 Kings 19:11-12). From 'Adoremus Bulletin', 2025	<i>To be continued...</i>
In the coming weeks we will be doing some carpentry works in the Presbytery. If there is a carpenter available to assist please contact the office.	

DAILY MASS READINGS & VOTIVE MASS RESPONSES All daily Mass readings & responses to votive Masses can now be accessed via this QR code. 	Nicene Creed Copies of the Nicene Creed are available on the ledge under the offertory table in the church. At present the printed bulletin contains the Apostles’ Creed- which we will use in Advent, Lent & Easter seasons. Next week we’ll have a special collection for the SVP Winter Appeal. Coming Up Sunday 22 June: Corpus Christi Friday 27 June: Sacred Heart Sunday 29 June: Saints Peter & Paul SVP Winter Appeal Sunday 6 June: ATSI Sunday Peter’s Pence collection
Local Jubilee Celebrations In this year of Jubilee, many groups & people celebrate the Jubilee in Rome with a special gathering or pilgrimage. We will have several local celebrations in our parish to express our prayer and appreciation of particular groups & vocations. Local Jubilee of Families - Sunday 27 July at 10.30am Mass At this Mass all families will receive a Jubilee blessing. If you would like a commemorative certificate, please send your family details to: niddrie@cam.org.au Local Jubilee of Marriage - Sunday 10 August at 10.30am Mass At this Mass we will invite all married couples to renew their marriage vows. If you would like a commemorative certificate, please send your names to niddrie@cam.org.au With Praise and Thanksgiving to God You are warmly invited to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Ordination of Rev Father David Cartwright To be celebrated with Mass at St John Bosco Church 29 Muriel Street Niddrie Victoria On Sunday 20 July 2025 at 2pm Followed by afternoon tea in the parish hall. To assist with catering, please RSVP to niddrie@cam.org.au Priests are invited to concelebrate (white vestments) or Choir Dress Would you like to receive the parish bulletin by email? Please email the parish office (Niddrie@cam.org.au) your full name and we will add you to our subscription list. You can also subscribe via this QR code: 	Mass Intentions this week Wednesday 9.30am: Thursday 9.30am: Friday 9.30am: Sat 5pm: Sunday: <i>Pro populo (for the people of the parish)</i> 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. Protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of everyone.

Our Spiritual Life “Inclusive attention should also be given to all those in particularly difficult situations, who experience their own weaknesses and limitations, especially those affected by illnesses or disabilities that severely restrict their personal independence and freedom.” Wisdom from the Saints Saint Ephrem the Syrian: “O Jesus, in that hour when darkness like a cloak shall be spread over all things, may your grace shine on us in place of the earthly sun.” This weekend there’ll be a special collection for Fr David to help him celebrate his 25th Anniversary of Ordination. <i>“TODAY is the TOMORROW you worried about YESTERDAY.”</i>	Our Liturgical Life The Profession of Faith The Apostles Creed may also be used in place of the Nicene Creed. This is more appropriate during Lent and Easter seasons because of its close connection to Baptism. The Apostles are baptised, and by the assembly at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday. Again, this Creed recommends a bow during the words, ‘...who was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary...’, for the same reasons as the Nicene Creed.
Bible Study Group The St John Bosco’s Bible Study Group has monthly meetings in the church. All that wish to be enlightened by the scripture that represents the word of God are welcome. The next meeting will be on <u>Saturday 28 June</u> at 2.30 pm.	Stewardship Corner Thank you for your generosity towards our parish - spiritually, physically and financially. If you are not a current contributor, we invite your participation: please visit our website or contact the parish office. <i>Direct credits can also be made:</i> <u>Parish Account</u> (for the parish expenses, our 2nd collection) - BSB: 083 - 347 - Acct No.: 6568 74974 <u>Presbytery Account</u> (for clergy & presbytery support, our 1st collection) - BSB: 083 - 347 - Acct No.: 6616 52479 An option is now available for electronic card contributions to the Parish & Presbytery accounts. These terminals are available for use in the Church foyer before & after weekend Mass & electronic receipts are available via QR code. You can also donate to our Presbytery & Parish accounts using this QR code: 

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing. It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, ‘Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.’ He replied, ‘Give them something to eat yourselves.’ But they said, ‘We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.’ For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, ‘Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.’ They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

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. Grant your Church, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace, whose signs are to be seen in mystery in the offerings we here present. 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 OR II OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST
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 Jn 6:57
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
P. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may delight for all eternity in that share in your divine life, which is foreshadowed in the present age by our reception of your precious Body and Blood. 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, glorifying the Lord by your life.
R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD
‘GIVE THEM YOURSELVES TO EAT!’

For today’s Feast we return to the Gospel of Luke. It is about food. The evangelist frequently presents Jesus eating and feasting. In fact, one scholar (Robert Karris) has said that Jesus got himself killed by the way he ate! This is not about the quantity of food or the menu, but the kind of people with whom Jesus ate. The scurrilous and social pariahs were his meal guests, frowned upon by the religious officials.
Today’s Gospel is about food, so appropriate for our Feast. While space prevents a full exposé of the story, the disciples see a pastoral problem: they have a hungry crowd before them and want Jesus to deal with it. Jesus responds, ‘Give them something to eat yourselves.’ This could also be translated ‘You give them *yourselves* to eat!’
The disciples lament that they are incapable and have only five loaves and two fish—the average daily size of a meal for a family—for such a large crowd. And how many? 5000 males. Each male representing the head of a household in the Greco-Roman world which would (according to some scholars) have around 50 members. Luke is imagining 250,000 people present, the size of an ancient city! Jesus gets the disciples to form the crowd into household groups and then, after a eucharistic act of blessing, has the food distributed. It satisfies. This symbolically loaded story affirms the power of the Eucharist for a household-gathering of those seeking nourishment, including ourselves.
FR MICHAEL TRAINOR
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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST / C 22 JUNE 2025

FOOD FOR THE MULTITUDES. After feeding the crowds with the loaves and fishes blessed by Jesus, his disciples gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. Jesus, the generous giver, always provides too much, a sign that his gifts are never meant to be hoarded but to be shared with others. Seeing the poor and hungry of our world, he says to us what he said to his disciples, ‘give them something to eat yourselves’. Nourished by his body and blood in the Eucharist, let us go out and generously share our gifts with others.

INTRODUCTORY RITES
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 80:17
He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

GREETING
P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
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.

P. 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 in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD
FIRST READING Gen 14:18-20
A reading from the book of Genesis
Melchizedek brought bread and wine.
Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing: ‘Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.’ And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.
The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 109:1-4. R. v. 4
R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.
1. The Lord’s revelation to my Master: / ‘Sit on my right: / I will put your foes beneath your feet.’ R.
2. The Lord will send from Zion / your sceptre of power: / rule in the midst of all your foes. R.
3. A prince from the day of your birth / on the holy mountains; / from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. R.
4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. / ‘You are a priest for ever, / a priest like Melchizedek of old.’ R.

SECOND READING 1 Cor 11:23-26
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.
This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, ‘This is my body, which



is for you; do this as a memorial of me.’ In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.’ Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.
The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God
SEQUENCE
Behold the bread of angels, sent For pilgrims in their banishment, The bread for God’s true children meant, That may not unto dogs be given: Oft in the olden types foreshadowed; In Isaac on the altar bowed, And in the ancient paschal food, And in the manna sent from heaven. Come then, good shepherd, bread divine, Still show to us thy mercy sign; Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine; So may we see thy glories shine In fields of immortality; O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best, Our present food, our future rest, Come, make us each thy chosen guest, Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 6:51-52
Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!
GOSPEL Lk 9:11-17
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.
They all ate and were filled.