

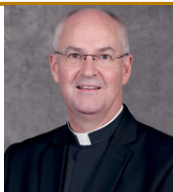
4 October 2026 St John Bosco Parish Niddrie

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Green is the colour of hope and growth



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR..



60th Anniversary Mass

On Sunday 18th October, the high point of this year's celebrations will be the 10.30am Mass celebrating the 60th year, to the day, that our church was Blessed and Opened. After Mass we will have a celebratory morning tea in the hall with a video display celebrating the occasion and a celebratory cake for the occasion. I warmly invite you to join us, and to extend the invitation to anyone whom you think would like to join us. There are sign up sheets in the church foyer for those joining us for the morning tea to help with catering purposes. Please RSVP by writing your name and number of people attending.

I have written to Fr Browne and Fr Cosgriff to invite them, and have tried to find any relatives of Fr McQuillan. If anyone knows of them, please let me know- it would be a fitting tribute to invite the relatives of our first Parish Priest. If you know of any former parishioners who would be interested, please pass the word on to them. It would be wonderful to have a full church for the occasion!

Mini Mission

Thank you to those who joined us for the Mission last week, and to those who helped with the suppers. All of the items for the suppers were donated by parishioners! Thank you! I hope that it was a time for you to reflect on the importance of the Mass and Confession in your life, and in the life of the parish and the Church.

Thank you to those who delivered flyers to letterboxes in the area. I printed over 1,500 flyers and they were all taken to be delivered, so thank you to those who helped spread the word!

Blessing of Animals

This Sunday is the Feast of St Francis of Assisi - we will have the blessing of animals this Sunday morning. If you would like your pet blessed, or would like to join us, we will do this at 9am on Sunday October 4 in front of the church. The ceremony will last about 15-20 minutes and you can return your pets to home and return in time for 10.30am Mass!

The parish has been awarded a Community Grant of \$1,000 which I applied for a few months ago, from the Federal Government. The Grant is for the purchase of a new computer which will be used in the church to replace the existing old computer which is beginning to malfunction! The parish Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday 7 October at 7pm.

Pope Leo in Lourdes

The Holy Father spoke strongly and eloquently in defence of human life in France last week. May these sentiments inspire us to protect human life at all costs and stand against government interference in the work of God.

"I know that for some of you, because of particular illnesses and, at times, terrible pain, your horizon may appear dark, uncertain and without hope. But no human law should ever make you lose the certainty of your dignity. On the contrary, it is precisely in the name of this inalienable dignity of the human person that we must reject the temptation to cause death under the guise of false compassion. It is impossible to regard causing death as something normal. What is legal is not necessarily moral.

Here in Lourdes, the city of the sick and of hope, I appeal to the entire healthcare community to remember the profound meaning of your vocation, which is to care for a suffering person, not to eliminate that person. Yes, dear friends, be passionate servants of life. No one ever has the right "on the basis of laboratory algorithms, to decide the life of a given embryo or elderly person! Medicine must never become the servant of programmed death! ... I urge you to accompany the sick with the tenderness that we see here in Lourdes, where doctors, nurses, stretcher-bearers, chaplains, pastoral teams serving the sick, and so many others live out their vocation in the service of the dignity of the human person, so that the world may have life. In caring for bodies, you also bind up wounded souls."

A reminder that Daylight Savings starts this weekend. Don't forget to put your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night. Mass will still be at 10.30am!

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.

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Pray With Us

Holy Mass Times

Wednesday - Friday: 9.30am Mass
Saturday: 5pm Vigil Mass
Sunday: 10.30am Mass
Holy Days and Feast Days as announced

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

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.



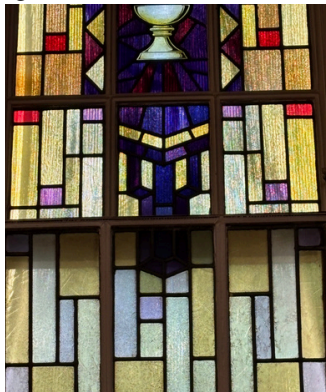
Do you know someone who would like to become Catholic? Ask them? Invite them to talk to Fr David. We would love to welcome new members into the Church and our parish.

St John Bosco's 60th Anniversary of the Opening of the Church October

18 October 10.30am: Anniversary Mass and morning tea

Take a look at the windows!

Our stained glass windows in the church all have a name and/or a dedication on them. You might take a moment to look at these over the next few weeks and give thanks and spare a prayer for the generous donors.



These windows were in memory of Catherine Cleary RIP and Patrick and Mary McQuillan RIP

Wisdom of the Saints

Saint Justin Martyr: "We expect that our own bodies, even though they should be dead and buried in the earth, will be revived; for we claim that nothing is impossible with God."

Sometimes the question is asked what to do if you are not Catholic or not able to receive Holy Communion at Mass for various reasons. You have the option to remain prayerfully in your seat or to come forward to receive a Blessing from the minister. Please place your hands across your chest to indicate that you are not receiving Holy Communion if you come forward.



Don't forget 'Frank and Joan', our friendly Tap and Go machines in the church foyer!



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: \$752

2nd collection: \$1,335

You can also donate to our Presbytery & Parish accounts using this QR code:



We recall in Prayer

Those who are sick

Maurice & Loretta; Javier Dillon

Recently Deceased

Allan Rogers; Ness Lynch, Tony Grech

Anniversaries and Remembrances

Kim Borg; Margherita Princi; Joyce Hamilton; Fr Frank Murphy; Fr Vincent Curran; Brian Taylor; Margaret Willmott; Rose Bugeja; Maria Binkowski; Birdy Allen; Gwen McAllister

Mass Intentions this week

Wednesday: for our parish mission
Thursday: for our parish mission
Friday: for our parish mission
Saturday: for our parish mission
Sunday: Pro populo

Thought for the Week

Witnessing is simply "show and tell."

Our Liturgical Life

From Pope Leo's Wednesday Audiences.

In the Christian Revelation, that is, when God became man in his Son in order to seek us out, the dialogue that had been interrupted is restored in a definitive manner: the Covenant is new and eternal, nothing can separate us from his love. The Revelation of God, then, has the dialogical nature of friendship and, as in the experience of human friendship, it does not tolerate silence, but is nurtured by the exchange of true words. *From The Documents of Vatican Council II. I. Dogmatic Constitution Dei Verbum. 1. God speaks to men as to friends (Reading: Jn 15:15)*

Our Spiritual Life

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus highlighted a few things that should be avoided when we pray:

"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you." (Matthew 6:5-6)

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Welcome

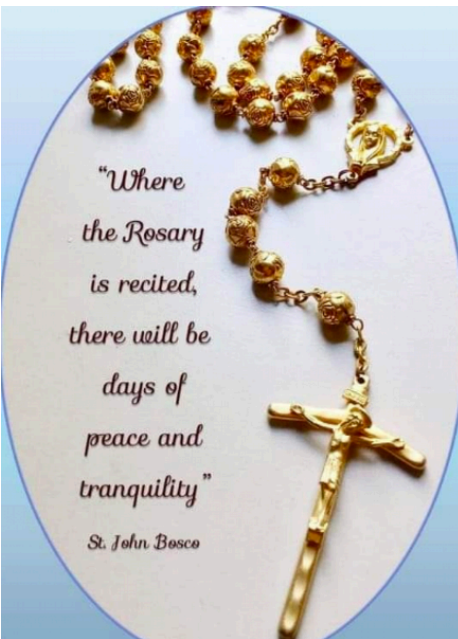
Today we welcome George and his families as he receives a Welcome and Blessing in preparation for his Baptism in our parish. You might like to accompany them in prayer by offering one 'Hail Mary'.

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome Leni, Sophie, Arielle & Nathaniel, who are to become members of the Church through Baptism. Let us make them welcome and pray for them and their parents and godparents.

Pray with Pope Leo XIV: One Million Children Praying the Rosary

From 1-7 October, Aid to the Church in Need invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the One Million Children Praying the Rosary prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world. All are encouraged to take part. For free Rosary resources and to register, please visit: www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying



GOSPEL Mt 21:33-43
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.

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.
Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son” he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance.” So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They answered, ‘He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.
This was the Lord’s doing and it is wonderful to see?

‘I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.’

The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY
I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is adored and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins,
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

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, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. 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: 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 Lam 3:25
The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
P. Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished

by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. 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 in peace.
R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

A RICH ALLEGORY
Jesus continues from last Sunday to question the attitudes of religious leaders of his day and, by inference, those who assume religious leadership and authority in Matthew’s day.

Jesus’ teaching looks like a parable, but it is an allegory, where each element of the story represents historical events or figures. Its focus is another landowner (God) who plants a vineyard (the image of Israel), cares for it and leases it to tenants. At vintage time his servants (the prophets) go to collect the produce. But the tenants maltreat all those sent to collect the produce, even to the point of finally killing the son of the viticulturalist (Jesus), the last emissary sent.

The parable is an allegory of salvation history, the story of Israel, the action of God to cultivate Israel’s goodness with the eventual rejection of God’s final emissary, Jesus. The allegory is not anti-Jewish. Matthew writes for a Jewish audience. The evangelist reflects on the mystery of Israel’s history and the failure of the Jewish leaders’ intent to do away with God’s final prophet and emissary, Jesus. To repeat, Jesus’ death was the action of the religious leaders of his day and not the deed of the Jewish people. What happened to Jesus finds its parallel in the way the prophets of the Old Testament were treated. The key point of the story comes at the end: the Kin-dom of God will be ‘given to a people who will produce its fruits.’ That people is us.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A 4 OCTOBER 2026

THE FRUITS OF THE KINGDOM. The tenants in today’s Gospel had received much from the landowner who had established the vineyard. It was only fair that he should receive a share of the fruits of the crop. Likewise, we have received much from Christ whose grace produces in us the fruits of truth, goodness, purity, love, honour and virtue. We pay our dues to Christ when we share these fruits with others.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Esth 4:17
Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

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.

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.



RESP PSALM Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20. R. Isa 5:7
R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; / to plant it you drove out the nations. / It stretched out its branches to the sea, / to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R.**
2. Then why have you broken down its walls? / It is plucked by all who pass by. / It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, / devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, / look down from heaven and see. / Visit this vine and protect it, / the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**
4. And we shall never forsake you again: / give us life that we may call upon your name. / God of hosts, bring us back; / let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R.**

SECOND READING Phil 4:6-9
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Jn 15:15
Alleluia, alleluia! / I call you friends, says the Lord, / because I have made known to you / everything I have learnt from my Father. / Alleluia!

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