

St John Bosco Parish Niddrie

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18 JANUARY 2026

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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

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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 and St John Bosco Young Adults

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.



60th Anniversary of the Opening of our parish church.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the opening of St John Bosco's current church.
It will be an occasion for us to celebrate and give thanks to God. If anyone has any
suggestions about how we should celebrate this as a parish, please see Fr David.

Ministry at our weekend Masses

We are blessed to have a good number of volunteers who assist at our Masses with
reading, collecting etc.

We would like to expand our ministries in the area of music and altar serving.
Currently we have a fledgling music ministry at both Masses, which we are very keen
to expand. If you would like to join with singing or playing an instrument, please see
one of our musicians after Mass or speak to Fr David. Your don't need to be an
expert, just willing to learn.

If you would like to assist with Altar Serving on Sundays, please see Fr David.

Sick:

Ralph Fernandes

Recently Deceased:

All the recently deceased in our community

Anniversaries:

Grace Fernandez; Warwick Ackland; Theesam Veera Singham

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.

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



Welcome

Today we welcome Jason and his family 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 a 'Hail Mary'.

Dear friends,

At this time of the year it can seem like things are starting to gradually awaken after the Christmas and holiday break.
Although it has not been a quiet time for the people in our State and nation who have been battling bushfires and
other natural disasters. Let us continue to keep them in our thoughts, and above all, in our prayers.

This week we return to the usual parish bulletin cycle, and I hope that the articles over the past few weeks have been
interesting and helpful for you to learn a bit more about our faith. Many of us will recall the days when we had Catholic
newspapers and magazines which would be read in every household. Sadly, these things do not seem to exist much
anymore, and sadly putting Catholic material into people's hands to read and be formed does not happen as much as
it used to. It is a sad reality that for many, our Catholic education stopped at school, and our ongoing formation in faith
is limited to a few minutes of a homily on the weekend. I would encourage you to keep growing in faith with reading
good books, magazines, websites etc. Our faith is very rich and deep and we sell it (and ourselves) short if we don't
keep learning about the riches of our Catholic faith and our Church.

A few weeks ago I was approached by a location scout for a new series that SBS are filming, based on an airport
chaplain. They have asked if they might use our church for some brief filming, probably this week. There won't be any
disruption to the Mass schedule (I hope!) and they will make a contribution to the parish for the use of the church
building. So if you see movie vans outside the church this week, this will explain why.

Next weekend will be the last Sunday that Nicholas, our 10.30am cantor will be with us before he leaves on his world
tour with the 'Ten Tenors'. We have been blessed to have him with us. If anyone wants to join our music groups (Sat
night or Sun morning) you are warmly encouraged to do so, that we may continue to grow our music ministry here at
SJB.

On the Feast of the Epiphany (Jan 6) Pope Leo closed the Holy Door in Rome. In his homily, he reminds us of the
importance of continuing the spirit of pilgrimage:

*The Holy Door of this Basilica, which today is the last to be closed, has seen a stream of innumerable men and women,
pilgrims of hope... How important it is that those who pass through the doors of the Church perceive therein that the Messiah
has just been born, that a community gathers in which hope springs forth, and that a story of life is unfolding! After this year,
will we be better able to recognize a pilgrim in the visitor, a seeker in the stranger, a neighbour in the foreigner, and fellow
travellers in those who are different?*

*Yes, the Lord still surprises us! He reveals himself and lets himself be found. Thus, dear brothers and sisters, it is wonderful to
become pilgrims of hope. It is wonderful for us to continue to be pilgrims together! The faithfulness of God continues to
amaze us. If we do not reduce our churches to monuments, if our communities are homes, if we stand united and resist the
flattery and seduction of those in power, then we will be the generation of a new dawn.*

Upcoming Pilgrimages

FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL (5th - 20th May 2026)

Fr. Sebastian A.M invites you to a journey in the footsteps of St. Paul, reliving the Acts of the Apostles and exploring the letters of the
New Testament. Explore Greece and Turkey with a 3-night Greek Islands cruise in this 14-day pilgrimage for an all-inclusive price of
\$9790+ tips (25+ pilgrims). The early bird price expires on January 30th.

SAINTS OF ITALY (8th - 21st June 2026)

Fr. Franco Filippetto invites you to a 14-day journey to Italy, visiting Milan, Padua, Siena, Assisi, Rotondo, Sorrento, and Rome, with an
all-inclusive price of \$ 9,290 + tips (for 30+ pilgrims). The early bird price expires on January 30th.

The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in 4-star Premium Hotels, Meals + English
speaking professional guides + Entrances as per itinerary and more. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or email us
pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

*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.*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, ‘Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.’ John also declared, ‘I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, “The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit.” Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.’

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. Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. 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 Ps 22:5
You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. 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 forth, the Mass is ended.
R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

THE LAMB OF GOD

The historical memory between John the Baptist and Jesus identified in last Sunday’s Gospel from Matthew continues in today’s Gospel from John. Themes from last week continue: John the Baptist declares Jesus’ pre-existence (1:30), a central theological motif in the Gospel, as God’s chosen one, and as the bearer of God’s Spirit (1:33). The Baptist also publicly attests to Jesus’ holiness using Jewish expressions drawn out of the Passover and Exodus story. Jesus is called ‘the lamb of God’ (1:29). This evokes the memory of the Passover lamb. This was the lamb sacrificed in the Exodus event (Exodus 12:1-13) whose blood daubed the lintels of the doors identifying its Jewish residents as God’s protected ones as the Angel of Death passed over them.

In John’s Gospel, Jesus’ blood will also become the life-giving and liberating agent that creates the new community formed around the Mother of Jesus and the Beloved Disciple at Jesus’ death (19:26-35). At the beginning of this Gospel and in today’s reading, John the Baptist becomes the Gospel’s witness to the holy and elevated status of Jesus as God’s representative who can ‘take away the sin of the world’ (1:29). In other words and again drawing on a Jewish atonement ritual performed on one of the holiest days in the Jewish Calendar, *Yom Kippur* (literally, ‘the Day of Atonement’), Jesus becomes the scapegoat for people’s sins to release them from the burdens they carry and bring them to life and freedom—another theme of John’s Gospel. All these insights associated with today’s Gospel are key for us: we look to one who can represent us before God, release us of sins that weigh us down, and offer us life and spiritual agency.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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THE LAMB OF GOD. Jesus is the servant of God who brings salvation to the ends of the earth. He is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He reveals the compassion of God who stoops down to hear the cries of those in distress.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 65:4
All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

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.
All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
R. Amen.
V. Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
V. Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.
V. Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

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. Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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 Isa 49: 3, 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.
I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.
The Lord said to me, ‘You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified’; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

‘It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.’
The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 39: 2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8, 9

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.
1. I waited, I waited for the Lord / and he stooped down to me; / he heard my cry. / He put a new song into my mouth, / praise of our God. R.
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, / but an open ear. / You do not ask for holocaust and victim. / Instead, here am I. R.
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written / that I should do your will. / My God, I delight in your law / in the depth of my heart. R.



4. Your justice I have proclaimed / in the great assembly. / My lips I have not sealed; / you know it, O Lord. R.

SECOND READING 1 Cor 1: 1-3

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.
The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 1: 14, 12

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 1: 29-34

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.
This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.