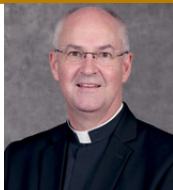


31 August 2025 St John Bosco Parish Niddrie

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Green is the colour of hope and growth.



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR..



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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/ Visits / 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 Acc No.: 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.

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.

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.



We welcome the Year 1 students & their families to this Saturday's 5pm Mass. We welcome any visitors who are with us this weekend also. The doors are always open for you !

First Friday

This coming Friday, 5 September is the First Friday of the month. There will be Confessions available from 9am - 9.20am and Benediction after 9.30am Mass.

Local Jubilee of Grandparents

Our next local Jubilee celebration will be on Sunday September 21 when we will celebrate the Jubilee of Grandparents. At the 10.30am Mass on this day we will celebrate the important role of grandparents and give a Jubilee Blessing to them. Please invite them to join us.

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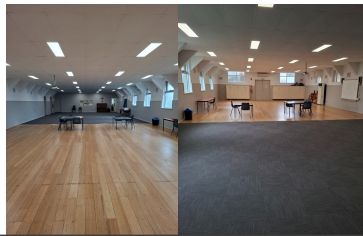
Thank you.



This campaign combines several previous separate collections into one appeal. The appeal envelopes are on the seats and can be completed today and placed in either collection at Mass this weekend. More details are available at www.melbournecatholic.org.au/archbishopscampaign Thank you for your support!

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: \$746

2nd collection: \$1,761

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



We recall in Prayer

Those who are sick

Gerald Lopes

Recently Deceased

Josh Lee, and all the recently deceased in our community

Anniversaries and Remembrances

Lourecina Dias; Cassandra O'Keefe; Rocque & Patrick Fonseca; Michelina Basile; Marina Costello; Gordon Windsor; Caterina Ortisi; Angeline Cooke; Peter Steel; John Greene



Our Liturgical Life

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Before the chalice is offered, a small drop of water is placed in the wine, as the celebrant says silently, 'By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity'. This signifies the two natures of Christ: human and divine. In ancient times, wine was always diluted with water before it was drunk. This became part of the Passover meal, as it was a Greek custom, gradually adopted by the Jews. As the wine and water cannot now be separated, humanity can never now be separated from God.

Our Spiritual Life

"Indeed, the indulgence is a way of discovering the unlimited nature of God's mercy. Not by chance, for the ancients, the terms "mercy" and "indulgence" were interchangeable, as expressions of the fullness of God's forgiveness, which knows no bounds."

Next Sunday 7 September is Father's Day

Caritas Australia: Gaza Pledge (closes this Sunday 31 August 2025)

By September 9, changes to registration processes for international NGOs threaten to drastically reduce the already insufficient flow of food, water, and medicine into Gaza. While Caritas Australia's locally embedded partners remain unaffected, Caritas Australia has launched a pledge to acknowledge the devastating impact of any further reduction in aid to Gaza. To learn more and sign the pledge: caritas.org.au/gaza. Support through signing and sharing the pledge - closes this Sunday 31 August 2025.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2025
FINAL WEEKEND

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Upcoming Jubilee Celebrations in Rome



- Jubilee of Consolation (15 September)
- Jubilee of Justice (20 September)
- Jubilee of Catechists (26-28 September)
- Jubilee of the Missions (4-5 October)
- Jubilee of Migrants (4-5 October)
- Jubilee of Consecrated Life (8-9 October)
- Jubilee of Marian Spirituality (11-12 October)

Mass Intentions this week

Wednesday:

Thursday: for all school children

Friday: For those who serve in the police forces

Saturday: For the Fathers of our parish

Sunday: *Pro populo* (for the people of the parish)

Wisdom of the Saints

Saint Peter Chrysologus: "Peace is the plenitude that fulfils our desires. As Christ left the world, he wished to leave the gift he wanted to find when he returned."

Thought for the Week

Grace is everything given to someone who deserves nothing.

FAITHFULNESS TO CHURCH IS AN AMAZING GIFT TO GIVE YOUR FAMILY.

how they picked the places of honour. He said this, ‘When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, “Give up your place to this man.” And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, “My friend, move up higher.” In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.’

Then he said to his host, ‘When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.’

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. May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power.
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 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbour.
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

MEAL-TEACHINGS

Today’s opening Gospel verse sets the scene for what will unfold. It is a Sabbath, a day of rest when Israelites emulate the action of God in the creation story in Genesis 1. A meal now provides this for Jesus. What follows is in two parts. The first is an analysis of social structure and hierarchy in Luke’s day. Jesus notices how some presume to sit in the places of honour. They presume entitlement. We are in a world where one of the most important social dynamics concerns the importance of ‘honour’ and ‘shame.’ Honour is a publicly recognised value by which people are confirmed or grow in their social standing; shame is its antithesis. Honour is a limited commodity which is either inherited or acquired. Those who ‘shame’ another grow in honour. Luke’s Jesus uses this social dynamic to reflect on self-exaltation and humility: ‘Those who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted’.

The second part of today’s Gospel further explores what happens at meals. The common expectation would be to host a meal with one’s friends and people of similar social standing. Jesus upends such meal etiquette. Rather than inviting social equals he encourages meal invitees to be the poor and those from the lower echelons. Payment for such graciousness will occur in the time of resurrection. These meal-teachings from Luke’s day, of humility and welcoming of the poor, continue to speak to us today.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

31 AUGUST 2025

TAKING THE LOWER PLACE. In today’s Gospel Jesus offers some wise advice on table etiquette. For Luke, the story has implications for the relationship of the rich to the poor who gather for the Eucharistic banquet. Only if all members are treated with equal dignity can it truly be called the Lord’s Supper. Parishes prosper when all are treated equally regardless of how much each can put on the collection plate.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 85:3, 5
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

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 are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
P. Your are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.
P. You are the head of the body, the Church: 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. God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Sirach
Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.
My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.
The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man’s malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage’s dream.

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

RESP PSALM Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. cf. v. 11

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.
1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, / they shall exult and dance for joy. / O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; / rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. R.
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, / such is God in his holy place. / God gives the lonely a home to live in; / he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. R.
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: / when your people were starved you gave them new life. / It was there that your people found a home, / prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. R.



SECOND READING Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.
What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a ‘first-born son’ and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 14:1, 7-14

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.
All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.
On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed