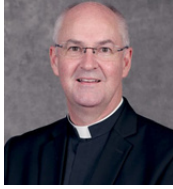


23 November 2025 St John Bosco Parish Niddrie

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe White is the colour of rejoicing



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/ 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 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.



Advent Timetable

Tuesdays of Advent (2 Dec, 9 Dec, 16 Dec, 23 Dec)

- 6.30pm - 6.50pm: Adoration & Confessions
- 7pm: Mass each Tuesday of Advent

Wednesday 11 December

- 6.30pm-7.15pm: Adoration and Confessions (2 priests available)

Saturdays of Advent (6 Dec, 13 Dec, 20 Dec)

- 10am - 10.30am: Confessions

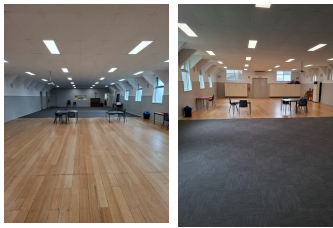
Sundays of Advent

- 10am - 10.20am: Confessions (before 10.30am Mass)
- For your Diary: Sunday 14 December **'Bambinelli Sunday'**
Blessing of home Christmas cribs and coffee and Panettone after 10.30am Mass. Please bring along the baby Jesus figures from your Christmas cribs to be blessed at Mass this Sunday.

A reminder that **November Mass** offering envelopes are available at the back of the church and can be placed in the collection at Mass. The parish Memorial Book is also at the front of the church to place the names of your deceased loved ones in, and these will be prayed for at the Masses in the month of November.

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: \$700

2nd collection: \$1,866

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



We recall in Prayer

Those who are sick

We pray for all the sick in our parish community

Recently Deceased

We pray for all the recently deceased in our community

Anniversaries and Remembrances

Patricia Mary O'Halloran; Charlie Massimino; Kitty Seymour; Beryl Peart

Mass Intentions this week

Wednesday: Remembrance book

Thursday:

Friday: for the souls in purgatory

Saturday: for St John Bosco school

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

Our Liturgical Life

What is a Catholic Mass?

The Introductory Rite

This short prayer means that everyone is reminded that they are baptised into the One God in three persons, and so puts themselves into his protection. Then the congregation are given a few moments to reflect upon the things they have done or not done which hurt other people, and are invited to repent, or say sorry to God. This is because not being sorry for sins (when we have hurt other people or disobeyed God,) can be a barrier to being given the graces God wants to give us.

From www.queenofangels.org

Our Spiritual Life

Expressions of Prayer

Many years ago a group of seminarians were gathered and their Novice Master instructed them, "Now remember, you are not allowed to chew gum while you are praying."

One of the seminarians asked, "But, Father, is it okay to pray while we're chewing gum?" "Of course," the Novice Master replied, leaving them wondering just how to follow these contradictory instructions. This story illustrates that prayer is both an activity on its own as well as a way of living out one's entire life. Prayer can be formal or informal, verbal or nonverbal, active or contemplative. Prayer is communicating with God. Just as we talk and share with our best friends what is happening in our lives, so we talk and share with God. Just as we listen to our friends, so we listen to God. From www.loyolapress.com

The **Parish Bible Study Group** is a long-term group which meets regularly for prayer and discussion, in the church. All are welcome to join. The final meeting of 2025 will be Saturday 29 November at 2.30pm. Please join us. No prior knowledge is necessary. Beginners welcome!

The Christmas Seniors Lunch will take place on Thursday 4 December at 12pm in the Parish Hall.

Cost is \$15 per head. Sign-up sheets are in the church foyer. Please join us !

In **Melbourne Catholic** this week: Jubilee of the Poor with Pope Leo; Liturgy of Lament at St Patrick's cathedral; St Vincent's hospital and Caritas; Australian Bishops release report on wellbeing of Australian clergy. Go to

www.melbournecatholic.org.au

Wisdom of the Saints

Saint Catherine da Ricci: "You have been reborn with him through a holy desire to live a new life, looking at yourselves as reflected in his life."

Thought for the Week

Reformation can put a new coat on a man; regeneration alone can put a new man in the coat.



This Saturday we welcome the school students & their parents to our 5pm Mass as we give thanks for 70 years of St John Bosco school. It is a time to give thanks to God for this time and for those who built and established the school from their generosity.

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.

GOSPEL Lk 23:35-43
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.

Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. ‘He saved others’, they said ‘let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One’. The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, ‘If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself’. Above him there was an inscription: ‘This is the King of the Jews.’

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. ‘Are you not the Christ?’ he said. ‘Save yourself and us as well.’ But the other spoke up and rebuked him. ‘Have you no fear of God at all?’ he said, ‘You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,’ he said ‘remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ ‘Indeed, I promise you,’ he replied ‘today you will be with me in paradise.’

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

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES’ CREED
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. As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray
that your Son himself may bestow on all nations

the gifts of unity and peace.
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 OF CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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 Ps 28:10-11
The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. 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 forth, the Mass is ended.
R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

JESUS, REMEMBER ME

Today is the final Sunday of the present Liturgical Year, Year C, the year of Luke’s Gospel. We anticipate the new liturgical year commencing next Sunday and look back over the year that has been. What emerges is the recognition that, throughout each Sunday of the past year, God has been present, revealed to us through Luke’s portrait of Jesus and teaching us the essence of discipleship. Today’s final liturgical selection from Luke’s Gospel sums up what those essentials are. In a scene from the passion narrative, Jesus is ironically declared ‘king’ by those who jeer at him. But his kingship is not about self-salvation, as the evangelist frequently indicates, but about the salvation of humanity and creation. In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus seeks to bring wholeness to divided humanity and struggling creation. This is exemplified in the final scene of today’s Gospel. Two criminals with Jesus are in their final moments of life before death finally occurs through Rome’s torturous and totally debasing act of crucifixion. One of the criminals publicly declares Jesus’ innocence and then asks, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ This desire to be ‘remembered’ by Jesus is the desire of all of us, to be re-*membered*, to be re-connected to God’s life through one’s communion with Jesus, especially in the moment of death. This final Gospel scene from Luke for this liturgical year invites each of us to hear Jesus’ promise to the repentant one, that we shall be with Jesus in eternal paradise. It is the comforting word we and our world need to hear.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE / C

23 NOVEMBER 2025

BEARING WITNESS TO THE TRUTH. With a wooden cross for a throne, at a place where thieves were crucified, the king of the Jews meted out a judgement to a common thief: ‘this day you will be with me in paradise’. This king can still be found among the criminals and outcasts of our society, in the worst parts of our cities and towns. Worshipping him in the least of our brothers and sisters, we too will experience his compassionate judgement.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Apoc 5:12; 1:6
How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

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. Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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 Sam 5:1-3
A reading from the second book of Samuel
They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. ‘Look’ they said ‘we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, “You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.”’ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

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

RESP PSALM Ps 121:1-5. R. cf. v. 2
R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: / ‘Let us go to God’s house.’ / And now our feet are standing / within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**
2. Jerusalem is built as a city / strongly compact. / It is there that the tribes go up, / the tribes of the Lord. **R.**
3. For Israel’s law it is, / there to praise the Lord’s name. / There were set the thrones of judgement / of the house of David. **R.**

SECOND READING Col 1:12-20
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers — all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mk 11:9, 10
Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!