

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends,

I wish to say a very sincere ‘thank you’ from the bottom of my heart to this wonderful parish for the tribute that it paid me last Sunday as I celebrated my Silver Jubilee of Ordination. I was very humbled by your generosity and care. Thank you for your generous gift; thank you for coming to the Mass and thank you to those who provided the most extraordinary afternoon tea. It was a great credit to this parish to welcome a lot of visitors and to provide such wonderful hospitality. It was certainly a day that I will never forget. Again, thank you to everyone!

Fr David Cartwright

Jubilee of Families

At the 10.30am Mass today we will celebrate the Jubilee of Families for this Jubilee Year. Families present will receive a Blessing and Jubilee Certificate. We could do well to recall the words of St John Paul II, one of the great modern champions of the family. In his ‘Letter to Families’, he said:

“...family is a community of persons and the smallest social unit. As such it is an institution fundamental to the life of every society”. Indeed, families are the building blocks of a good society and we need to do everything we can to support and strengthen good Catholic families.

May God bless the families of our parish!

Press Conference of the Patriarch of Jerusalem 22 July 2025

Dear brothers and sisters,

Patriarch Theophilus III and myself, have returned from Gaza with broken hearts. We entered a place of devastation, but also of wonderful humanity. We walked through the dust of ruins, past collapsed buildings and tents everywhere: in courtyards, alleyways, on the streets and on the beach — tents that have become homes for those who have lost everything.

The dignity of the human spirit that refuses to be extinguished. Christ is not absent from Gaza. He is there — crucified in the wounded, buried under rubble and yet present in every act of mercy The Church, the entire Christian community, will never abandon them.

It is important to emphasize and repeat that our mission is not for a specific group, but for all: Christians, Muslims, believers, doubters, refugees, children. Humanitarian aid is not only necessary — it is a matter of life and death.

And today we raise our voices in an appeal to the leaders of this region and the world:

It is time to end this nonsense, end the war and put the common good of people as the top priority.

We pray — and call — for the release of all those deprived of freedom, for the return of the missing, the hostages and for the healing of long-suffering families on all sides.

As shepherds of the Church in the Holy Land, we renew our commitment to a just peace, to unconditional dignity and to a love that transcends all borders.

Let us not turn peace into a slogan, while war remains the daily bread of the poor.

From Fr David: Can I make a plea to all of you? Pray at least one prayer each day for the Christians of Gaza and for true and lasting peace in the Middle East. May Our Lady, Queen of Palestine and Queen of Peace hear our prayers.

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

Mass Times

Wednesday - Friday: 9.30am Mass

Saturday: 5pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 10.30am Mass

Reconciliation

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 Acct No.: 6616 52479

Parish Account (2nd collection, for parish expenses)

-BSB:083 - 347 Acct No.: 6568 74974

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Parish News

First Friday

This coming Friday, 1 August is the First Friday of the month. There will be Confessions available from 9am - 9.20am and Benediction after 9.30am Mass.

Thanksgiving Envelopes

The new sets of envelopes are available in the narthex. Please collect yours this weekend.

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. Copies of the Nicene Creed are available under the offertory table, as the Apostles Creed is printed in the bulletin.



There are some prayer cards for Fr David's Jubilee and booklets from the Mass in the narthex, which you are free to take.

Congratulations to Fr Nhan Le on his appointment as Parish Priest of St Monica's Moonee Ponds and St Vincent de Paul Strathmore. Fr Paul Tru, currently PP of Altona North will become the new Parish Priest of St Martin de Porres.

Alpha

What: Explore life's BIG questions

When: Tuesdays 22nd July – 9th September 2025

Time: 7:00pm-9.00pm

Where: St. Peter's Parish Centre, Keilor East (parking and entry via Bellarine Avenue-gate next to tennis court)

Why: Opportunity to explore life's BIG questions in a safe and welcoming space. At Alpha we share a meal, watch a short film and have a conversation. You can ask questions and share your THOUGHTS in an open, friendly environment. This is also an opportunity to know more about our God and faith. Come make new friends or bring one.

Enquiries and Enrolments: St Peter's Parish Office: phone: 9337 4141; keiloreast@cam.org.au



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: \$534

2nd collection: \$1,334

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

We pray for all the recently deceased in our community and those who have passed away from our families or friends

Anniversaries and Remembrances

Hilary Mongey; Berna & Leslie Bronkhurst; Suzanne Edwards; Margaret O'Meagher; Margaret Arundell; Margaret Brereton; Palma Maria Toppi; Gwen Jacquet; Ivor Pereira; Lucy McDonald



Baptisms

This weekend we welcome Frankie, Rafaela & Mae, who are to become members of the Church through Baptism. Let us make them welcome and pray for them and their parents & godparents.

Local Jubilee Celebrations

In this Year of the Jubilee of Hope, many groups and people celebrate the Jubilee in Rome with a pilgrimage. We will have several local celebrations in our parish to express our support and prayer and appreciation of particular groups and vocations.

Local Jubilee of Marriage

Sunday 10 August at 10.30am Mass

At this Mass, all married couples will be invited to renew their marriage vows and receive a commemorative certificate.

To register for a certificate, please email the parish office at Niddrie@cam.org.au

Mass Intentions this week

Wednesday:

Thursday: deceased pastors of SJB

Friday: private intention

Saturday:

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

Wisdom of the Saints

Saint Gregory of Nyssa: “Ideas create idols; only wonder leads to knowing.”

Thought for the Week

"I never saw a useful Christian who was not a student of the Bible" (D. L. Moody).



Ask, and it will be given to you.
Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.’ He said to them, ‘Say this when you pray:

“Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test.” ’

He also said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, “My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him”; and the man answers from inside the house, “Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you.” I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship’s sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

‘So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

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. Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the powerful working of your grace these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness. 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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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 102:2
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
P. We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that this gift, which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation. 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

DO NOT PUT US TO THE TEST
With the ending from last Sunday’s Gospel still reverberating in our ears (‘Mary has chosen the good part which should not be taken away from her’), Luke moves next to see how Mary’s focus on Jesus and his word finds its expression. In today’s Gospel which follows immediately on from last week’s, disciples come to Jesus requesting that he teach them to pray. This is an important moment, instructive for Luke’s audience and us.
What follows is the Lord’s Prayer. We note it is slightly shorter (and perhaps more original) than the ‘Our Father’ we pray each Sunday. This comes from Matthew and the Sermon on the Mount. Luke’s version offers the essence of Jesus’ prayer: It is an affirmation of God’s holiness, a request that God’s Kingdom come, for daily bread and forgiveness, especially of others who transgress, and not to be put to the test. This ‘testing’ about discipleship and fidelity to God is what Luke’s listeners (and us) experience. Later, in Gethsemane, Jesus reminds his disciples to pray not to be ‘tested’ (Luke 22:40, 46).
A parable about persistence follows next. It unpacks further the meaning of Jesus’ prayer: God, like parents who respond to requests made of them by their children, will always offer that which is good to those who ask, especially the gift of the Holy Spirit—a divine agent present in Jesus from the beginning of the Gospel story. God’s gift to Jesus is now God’s gift to us, confirmed through prayer.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C 27 JULY 2025

YOU ANSWERED ME. From Abraham’s example and Jesus’ teaching, we learn much about prayer in today’s readings. Truly persevering prayer implies more than mere persistence on our part; it should combine peaceful expectation with humble acceptance of God’s will. If we are too busy to pray, we are busier than God wants us to be.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 67:6-7, 36
God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

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. Have mercy on us, O Lord.
R. For we have sinned against you.
P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
R. And grant us your salvation.
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. O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your

mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. 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 Gen 18:20-32
A reading from the book of Genesis
Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, ‘How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.’
The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, ‘Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?’ The Lord replied, ‘If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.’
Abraham replied, ‘I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?’ ‘No’, he replied, ‘I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.’ Again Abraham said to him, ‘Perhaps there will only be forty there.’ ‘I will not do it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the forty.’
Abraham said, ‘I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.’ ‘I will not do it’ he replied ‘if I find thirty there.’ He said, ‘I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.’ ‘I will not destroy it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the twenty.’ He said, ‘I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.’ ‘I will not destroy it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the ten.’

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



RESP PSALM Ps 137:1-3, 6-8. R. v. 3
R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, / you have heard the words of my mouth. / Before the angels I will bless you. / I will adore before your holy temple. R.
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love / which excel all we ever knew of you. / On the day I called, you answered; / you increased the strength of my soul. R.
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly / and the haughty he knows from afar. / Though I walk in the midst of affliction / you give me life and frustrate my foes. R.
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, / your hand will do all things for me. / Your love, O Lord, is eternal, / discard not the work of your hands. R.

SECOND READING Col 2:12-14
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Rom 8:15
Alleluia, alleluia!
You have received the Spirit which makes us God’s children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 11:1-13
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.