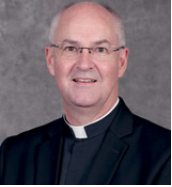


25 December 2025 St John Bosco Parish Niddrie

Nativity of the Lord, Year A



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 enables 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.



Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve- Wednesday 24 December
- 9.30am Mass of 24 December, followed by confessions at 10am
- 5.00pm- Christmas Family Mass
- 9.00pm- Christmas Solemn Vigil Mass
Christmas Day- Thursday 25 December
- 9.30am- Christmas Day Mass
Boxing Day Friday 26 December
- no Mass
Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th December 2025:
- 5pm Saturday 27 December Mass
- 10.30am Sunday 28 December Mass
New Year's Day- Thursday 1 January 2026:
- 10.00am- New Year's Day Mass
Friday 2 January 2026:
- Normal Mass schedule resumes



The parish office will be closed on Thursday 25 December 2025 & will reopen on Monday 5 January 2026

Christmas Offering

The Christmas Offering envelopes are available in the church and can be placed in either collection at Mass. These provide necessary help for the support of the priests of the parish, as well as the sick and retired priests in Melbourne. Thank you for your generosity.

60th Anniversary of the Opening of our parish church.

Next year, 2026, 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.

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: \$707

2nd collection: \$1,598

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

All the recently deceased in our community

Anniversaries and Remembrances

Xavier Krikori; May Longley

Mass Intentions this week

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday: for the sick

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

Wisdom of the Saints

Saint Vincent de Paul: “But for divine grace I would be in temper hard and repellent, rough and crabbed.”

Our Liturgical Life

What is a Catholic Mass?

The final part of Mass, the concluding rite is quite short – after some time to reflect on the Eucharist (Holy Communion) everyone stands and the priest says a final short prayer, asking God for help to use the graces we have received in Mass to help us in our daily lives. He then blesses everyone in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, so we all leave knowing we have worshipped the Triune God, and strengthened by him to live our lives in the world. To the priest's final words, ‘The Mass is ended. Go in the peace of Christ, to love and serve the Lord’ the congregation reply ‘Thanks be to God.’

From www.queenofangels.org

Our Spiritual Life

Expressions of Prayer

Vocal Prayer

Though we might say the same prayers over the course of our lives, their meaning grows and changes with our life experiences. Surely, the Lord's Prayer means something vastly different to a person who has just buried his or her father than it does to a child who still has only vague notions about God. Our vocal prayers are not just “going through the motions,” they are the expression of a living faith. At Mass the presider invites each one of us to “Lift up your hearts.” When we honestly say “We lift them up to the Lord,” we know we are truly praying, for that is what prayer is—lifting our hearts to God.

From www.loyolapress.com

Profession of Faith

During the Advent and Christmas seasons we will use the Apostle's Creed at Mass in place of the Nicene Creed



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.

Thought for the Week

The doctrine of grace humbles man without degrading him and exalts him without inflating him.



Plenary Indulgence for New Years Eve. Jubilee Year of Hope

The Church offers a Plenary Indulgence on New Years Eve for those who fulfil the usual conditions (Confession, reception of Holy Communion, prayers for the Holy Father's intentions) to those who recite the Te Deum (Solemn Prayer of Thanksgiving) publicly in church. We will do this after the 9.30am Mass on Wednesday 31 December.

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.

VIGIL MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ex 16:6-7
Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us, and in the morning you will see his glory.
Greeting, Penitential Act, Gloria – see front page

COLLECT
O God, who gladden us year by year as we wait in hope for our redemption, grant that, just as we joyfully welcome your Only Begotten Son as our Redeemer, we may also merit to face him confidently when he comes again as our Judge. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isa 62:1-5
RESP PSALM Ps 88: 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25

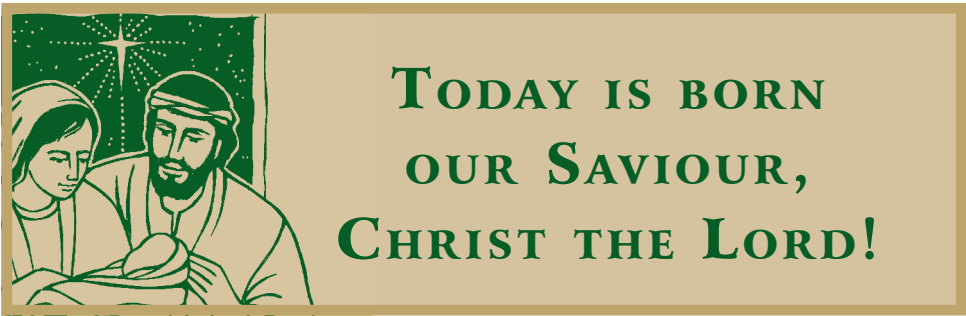
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia Alleluia!
Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed:
The Saviour of the world will be our king.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 1:1-25 (Shorter form, 1:18-25)
Profession of Faith – see front page

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
As we look forward, O Lord, to the coming festivities, may we serve you all the more eagerly for knowing that in them you make manifest the beginnings of our redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Isa 40:5
The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may draw new vigour from celebrating the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son, by whose heavenly mystery we receive both food and drink. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Solemn Blessing – see front page



MASS DURING THE NIGHT

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 2:7
The Lord said to me: You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day.
or
Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born in the world.
Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.
Greeting, Penitential Act, Gloria – see front page

COLLECT
O God, who have made this most sacred night radiant with the splendour of the true light, grant, we pray, that we, who have known the mysteries of his light on earth, may also delight in his gladness in heaven. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isa 9:1-7
RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 95: 1-3, 11-13
R. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

SECOND READING Titus 2:11-14
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 2:10-11
Alleluia Alleluia!
Good news and great joy to all the world:
Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 2:1-14
Profession of Faith – see front page

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
May the oblation of this day’s feast be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we may be found in the likeness of Christ, in whom our nature is united to you. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Jn 1:14
The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, that we, who are gladdened by participation in the feast of our Redeemer’s Nativity, may through an honourable way of life become worthy of union with him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Solemn Blessing – see front page

DAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Isa 9:5
A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.
Greeting, Penitential Act, Gloria – see front page

COLLECT
O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and still more wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isa 52:7-10
RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97:1-6
R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

SECOND READING Heb 1:1-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia Alleluia!
A holy day has dawned upon us.
Come you nations and adore the Lord.
Today a great light has come upon the earth.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 1:1-18
Profession of Faith – see front page

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
Make acceptable, O Lord, our oblation on this solemn day, when you manifested the reconciliation that makes us wholly pleasing in your sight and inaugurated for us the fullness of divine worship. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Ps 97:3
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Grant, O merciful God, that, just as the Saviour of the world, born this day, is the author of divine generation for us, so he may be the giver even of immortality. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Solemn Blessing – see front page

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD / A
25 DECEMBER 2025

INTRODUCTORY RITES
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON see back page for relevant Mass

GREETING
P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
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 mighty God and Prince of Peace: Lord have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the Son of God and the Son of Mary: Christ have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Word made Flesh, the splendour of the Father: 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 see back page for relevant Mass
LITURGY OF THE WORD
see back page for relevant Mass

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
PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS: see back page for relevant Mass

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, II OR III OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
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
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 see back page for relevant Mass
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION see back page for relevant Mass

THE CONCLUDING RITES
P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

SOLEMN BLESSING
P. May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night (day), drive far from you the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.
R. Amen.

P. May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son’s saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel.
R. Amen.

P. And may God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favour and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.
R. Amen.

P. And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.
P. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
R. Thanks be to God.