

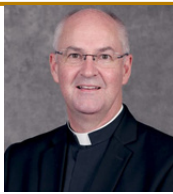
27 September 2026 St John Bosco Parish Niddrie

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Green is the colour of hope and growth



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR..



Parish Mini Mission

This weekend we will spend some time in prayer together for our Parish Mini Mission as part of our 60th birthday celebrations. The timetable is below. Please join us. This is a spiritual preparation for our parish for the 60th birthday of our church next month. The Church offers a Plenary Indulgence for those who participate in a parish mission. The usual conditions of confession within 20 days; Holy Communion and Prayer for the Pope's Intentions (usually Apostles' Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be). An added incentive for you to attend!

Parish Mini Mission Timetable

Sunday 27 September

7pm -7.30pm: Quiet Adoration & Confessions

7.30pm Talk: "Mass is Boring!" Or is it? (Fr David)

7.50pm: Benediction

8pm: Coffee, Port and Chocolates

Monday 28 September

7pm-7.30pm: Quiet Adoration and Confessions

7.30pm Talk: "I Don't Need Confession" Or Do I? (Fr David)

7.50pm: Benediction

8pm: Coffee, Port and Chocolates

Blessing of Animals

Next Sunday is the Feast of St Francis of Assisi - we will have the blessing of animals next Sunday morning. If you would like your pet blessed, or would like to join us, we will do this at 9am on Sunday October 4 in front of the church. The ceremony will last about 15-20 minutes and you can return your pets to home and return in time for 10.30am Mass!

If anybody would like to donate a bottle of port or some chocolates for the Mission suppers, this would be much appreciated!!

The parish has been awarded a Community Grant of \$1,000 which I applied for a few months ago, from the Federal Government. The Grant is for the purchase of a new computer which will be used in the church to replace the existing old computer which is beginning to malfunction!

The parish Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday 7 October at 7pm in the presbytery.

The works on the new meeting room are now almost complete. The interior has been completed with carpeting and painting. The exterior requires some minor works such as handrails and painting. The parish office is almost now complete as well with a new desk and furniture this week. These renovations have been possible because of the Grant from the Archdiocese for presbytery works. We have been able to complete these works only because of the generosity of our parish volunteers. I am especially grateful to Pan, Jeff, Peter and Tony Juric for their generosity and time.

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

Holy Mass Times

Wednesday - Friday: 9.30am Mass

Saturday: 5pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 10.30am Mass

Holy Days and Feast Days as announced

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

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.



Do you know someone who would like to become Catholic? Ask them? Invite them to talk to Fr David. We would love to welcome new members into the Church and our parish.

St John Bosco's 60th Anniversary of the Opening of the Church October

18 October 10.30am: Anniversary Mass and morning tea

Take a look at the windows!

Our stained glass windows in the church all have a name and/or a dedication on them. You might take a moment to look at these over the next few weeks and give thanks and spare a prayer for the generous donors.



These windows were the gifts of the Polish People and in memory of Jadwiga Czararno RIP

Sometimes the question is asked what to do if you are not Catholic or not able to receive Holy Communion at Mass for various reasons. You have the option to remain prayerfully in your seat or to come forward to receive a Blessing from the minister. Please place your hands across your chest to indicate that you are not receiving Holy Communion if you come forward.



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: \$807

2nd collection: \$1,304

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



We recall in Prayer

Those who are sick

Maurice & Loretta; Javier Dillon

Recently Deceased

All the recently deceased in our community

Anniversaries and Remembrances

Maureen Windsor; Thomas Gavin; Antoinette Cooley; Jan Niemiec; Frank Green; Gloria Pinto

Mass Intentions this week

Wednesday: for our parish mission

Thursday: for our parish mission

Friday: for our parish mission

Saturday: for our parish mission

Sunday: *Pro populo*

Thought for the Week

God keeps us, not because we are faithful but because He is.

Our Liturgical Life

From Pope Leo's Wednesday Audiences.

The words of the Lord Jesus that we have recalled – "I have called you friends" – are reprised in the Constitution Dei Verbum, which affirms: "Through this revelation, therefore, the invisible God (see Col 1:15; 1 Tim 1:17) out of the abundance of His love speaks to men as friends (see Ex 33:11; Jn 15:14-15) and lives among them (see Bar 3:38), so that He may invite and take them into fellowship with Himself" (no. 2). The God of Genesis already conversed with our first parents, engaging in dialogue with them (cf. Dei Verbum, 3); and when this dialogue was interrupted by sin, the Creator did not cease to seek an encounter with his creatures and to establish a covenant with them.

From The Documents of Vatican Council II. I. Dogmatic Constitution Dei Verbum. 1. God speaks to men as to friends (Reading: Jn 15:15)

Our Spiritual Life

One could make the argument that the only wrong way to pray is when we don't pray at all. In a sense, I tend to agree with that statement. No matter how flawed our prayers are, conversing with God is certainly better than ignoring him. On the other hand, Jesus offered some helpful advice about prayer and it would probably be a good idea to listen to him.

From www.catholicdigest.com

Welcome

Today we welcome Arielle, Nathaniel, Leni, Sophie, and their families as they receive a Welcome and Blessing in preparation for their Baptism in our parish. You might like to accompany them in prayer by offering one 'Hail Mary' for each child and their family.

First Friday

This coming Friday, 2 October 2026 is the First Friday of the month. There will be Confessions available from 9am - 9.20am and Benediction after 9.30am Mass.

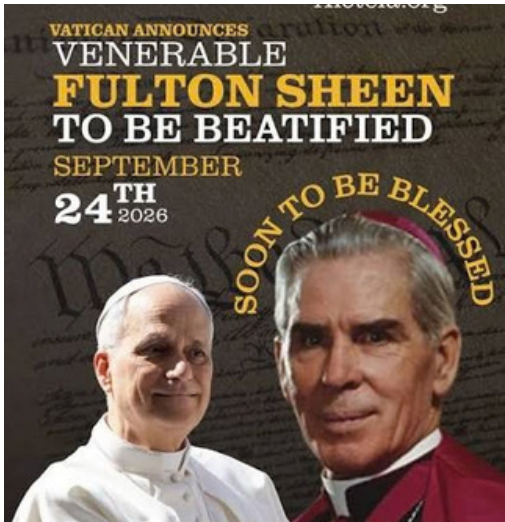
The parish Bible Study Group is a long-term group which meets regularly for prayer and discussion. All are welcome to join. The next meeting will be **Saturday 3 October at 3.30pm in the Presbytery meeting room**. Please join us. No prior knowledge is necessary. Beginners welcome!

Don't forget 'Frank and Joan', our friendly Tap and Go machines in the church foyer!



Wisdom of the Saints

Saint Ignatius of Antioch: "There is water living and speaking in me, saying from within me, 'Come to the Father.'"



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10:27
Alleluia, alleluia! / My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; / I know them, and they follow me. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 21:28-32
P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.
He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go”, but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir”, but did not go. Which of the two did the father’s will?” ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’

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 merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. 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 cf. Ps 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we

proclaim his Death. 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

CHANGE OF ATTITUDE

Remaining in the agricultural world from last Sunday and the hiring practice of a landowner, we are now inside the landowner’s family and its two sons. The landowner requests both sons to go to work in the vineyard. Such a request would have been unnecessary, given that there would have been hired labourers in the vineyard – information learnt from last Sunday’s Gospel.

A deeper intent lies behind the owner’s request: Are the sons’ committed to the family’s enterprise? Perhaps, too, this reflects what is occurring with the Gospel household, the inner relationship and ethical practice of its members. The main issue concerns integrity of word and openness of heart. The first son is asked to work in the vineyard but refuses the request. Later, he thinks about it, changes his mind and goes. The second promises to go the vineyard but doesn’t. There is no further comment about the request or change of heart. Jesus asks the religious leaders, ‘Which of the two did the father’s will?’ They respond, ‘The first.’ This son, at first resistant, changes his mind and responds to the father’s request.

The parable is obviously directed to Jesus’ audience and religious leaders, to recognise their need to change attitudes that exclude certain types of people. Surprisingly, those judged as social reprobates, the ‘tax collectors and prostitutes’, are given preferential acceptance into God’s Kingdom. The parable overturns conventional expectations in Matthew’s day and in ours!

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

27 SEPTEMBER 2026

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY. We cannot spend all of our lives blaming others for what has happened to us. At a certain stage we must accept responsibility for our own lives and deeds. Sometimes we need to admit, ‘I have done wrong. I am sorry. God, help me to do right in future.’ Change is always possible. If we have the desire, God will guide us in the right path.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Dan 3:31, 29, 30, 43, 42
All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

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. O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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 Ezek 18:25-28
A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 24:4-9. R. v. 6
R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. / Lord, teach me your paths. / Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: / for you are God my saviour. R.
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, / and the love you have shown from of old. / Do not remember the sins of my youth. / In your love remember me, / because of your goodness, O Lord. R.
3. The Lord is good and upright. / He shows the path to those who stray, / he guides the humble in the right path / he teaches his way to the poor. R.



SECOND READING

Phil 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people’s interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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