

St. John Bosco's Parish

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Office Hours: 10am – 4pm
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

Mass Times

Wednesday – Friday: 9:30am
Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil
Sunday: 10:30am

Prayer and Devotions

The Rosary is recited before weekday Mass
Benediction after 9.30am Mass First Fridays

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:30pm
First Fridays 9 – 9:20am
Or any time by arrangement or request

Baptisms

11:45am (after Mass) First Sunday of the month

House Blessings

Please contact the Parish Office

St. John Bosco's School

6 Teague Street, Niddrie 3042

Principal: Peter Monaghan
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Mass Offerings

Envelopes for Mass Offerings are available in the narthex of the church. These can be handed in to the presbytery or given to Fr David or placed in the collection at Mass or handed in at the presbytery.

Collections

Presbytery: \$738
Thanksgiving: \$1,671
Loose: \$1,045

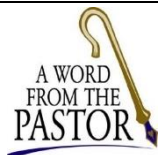
The 1st Collection is for the support of the Parish Priest, Retired and sick priests, priests in needy parishes and the Archbishop.
The 2nd Collection is for parish expenses such as wages, utilities, insurance, etc.

With St John Bosco we pray for...

Sick:
Carl Pinto

Recently Deceased:
Glenn Rawlins; Frank Muscat; Diana De Maio

Anniversaries and Remembrances:
Cajetan D'Souza; Sylvia Cengia; Ivan Silverman; Thomas Gavin; Jan Niemiec; Graham Fosdick; Lucy McDonald; Gloria Pinto



Dear friends

Ordination to the Priesthood

This Saturday the Archbishop ordained Deacon Jean-Sebastien Gery as a priest for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Let us keep him, and our seminarians in our prayers. We are blessed at this time to have twenty-one men in formation for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. It is a great thing that we pray for vocations at the end of the Rosary before weekday Mass.

School

I was welcomed to the school this week with morning tea on Thursday morning. I am looking forward to a close relationship with the primary school and our students and families and teachers.

I wish our school families and teachers a restful and enjoyable holiday time.

The parish welcomed newly ordained Fr Cuong back to celebrate Mass last Tuesday morning. Thank you to those who organised the celebratory morning tea. We wish Fr Cuong well in his travels back to Vietnam to see his family and for his future missionary work in Angola.

We continue to listen to the Letter of St James in the second reading at Mass this Sunday. This Book of the Bible was written about 47AD, not long after the death and resurrection of the Lord. St James was the first Bishop of Jerusalem, and as such was writing as a pastor to teach and encourage his flock of early Christians. He often writes in a very direct way to his nascent community, and today's passage is no exception. He exhorts his community to self-reflection and prayer. I would encourage you to read the passage yourselves this week, and perhaps ponder some of it in prayer.

Thank you to those who have welcomed me into their homes so far and for those who have invited me. I very much enjoy visiting and look forward to doing more of it as time goes on.

Someone reminded me this week that it has been a month since I started here. As the saying goes, 'time flies when you are having fun', and I am very much enjoying my time among you.

Let's continue to pray for each other and to ask St John Bosco to pray for us.

Fr David Cartwright

Parish Priest

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

Parish Life

Over the past few weeks some parishioners have spoken to me about ideas and suggestions for the parish going forward. I am very pleased to hear your thoughts and suggestions.

Some things so far that have been put to me:

- St John Bosco Parish Council established
- Social events (morning teas, suppers, BBQ etc)
- Holy Hour and Devotions
- Faith Formation

I am very happy to hear your thoughts, and anything else you might like to suggest. There is much we can do together to help our parish grow.



Catholic Mission thanks the parish of St John Bosco for your support of this year's Propagation of the Faith Appeal. Your generosity has empowered Church workers across 1047 mission dioceses, allowing them to spread the message of hope and love within their local communities. Your contribution has been most gratefully received. Through your partnership with Catholic Mission, Cardinal Giorgio Marengo from Mongolia can continue providing life-saving treatment and essential resources for health, education, as well as spiritual and physical well-being. Your gift not only transforms individual lives but also fuels mission programs globally, reaching out to those in need. Many thanks!

As the 53rd International Eucharistic Congress came to an end in Quito, Ecuador in September, the Vatican named Sydney as the host of the next International Eucharistic Congress to be held in 2028. Melbourne was the last city in Australia to host an International Eucharistic Congress, in 1973. Held every four years, the event is expected to draw tens of thousands of pilgrims from all over the world to Sydney.

Mass Intentions this week

Wednesday 9.30am: Private intention
Thursday 9.30am: For the souls in purgatory
Friday 9.30am:
Sat 5pm: Gloria Pinto
Sunday: *Pro populo (for the people of the parish)*

Would you like to receive the parish bulletin by email? Please email the parish office (Niddrie@cam.org.au) and we will add you to the distribution list. We will commence this in a few weeks' time.

The Parish of St John Bosco's and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. Protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of everyone.

Our Spiritual Life

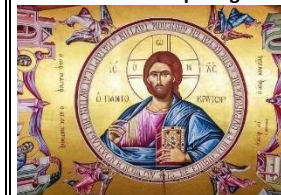
The Jubilee will involve not only the city of Rome, but will extend far beyond, as God's mercy is proclaimed to the whole world, thus becoming a great opportunity for evangelization. As Christians, we are invited to bear witness as authentic "Pilgrims of Hope" walking toward the Lord, who



opens his merciful and forgiving arms to us, as well as to our brothers and sisters who are still waiting for the Gospel to be proclaimed to them. It is an invitation to intensify prayer as a personal dialogue with God. It summons us to reflect on our faith, on our commitment in today's world in the different spheres in which we are called to live, in order to foster a renewed ardor for the Evangelization of modern man.
To be continued

Our Liturgical Life

Preparing for Mass – Spiritually



The Eucharist is the high point of our week, and our life. In fact, all of our life, and the other sacraments flow to, and from the Eucharist. With this in mind, it can be helpful to see our use of the other

sacraments in relation to the Mass. For example, the use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation helps us to prepare for the Eucharist, particularly when we are conscious of serious sin. Whilst the Mass itself does forgive less serious sins (venial sins, through the Penitential Act), the regular use of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession) does help us to review our lives, and spiritually dispose us more to receive the fruits of the Eucharist in our lives.

Stewardship Corner



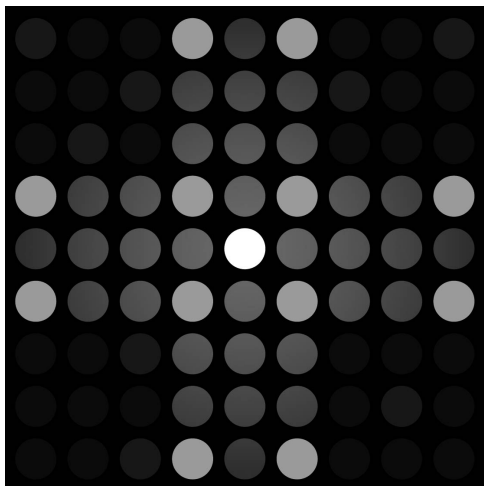
Thank you for your generosity towards our parish - spiritually, physically and financially. If you are not a current contributor, we invite your participation: please visit our website or call the parish office.

Direct credits can also be made:

Parish Account (for the parish expenses, our 2nd collection)
BSB: 083 - 347
Acct No.: 6568 74974

Presbytery Account (for clergy & presbytery support, our 1st collection)
BSB: 083 - 347
Acct No.: 6616 52479

An option is now available for card contributions at the front of the church; this terminal is for contributions to the Church account (parish expenses) only.



Gospel Mk 9:30-37

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity
... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants
of all.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Reflection by Greg Sunter

Last week's gospel, in which Jesus asked his disciples, 'Who do you say I am?' marked a turning point in the gospel of Mark. Having established in the minds of the disciples that he is indeed the Messiah, Jesus now begins to explore with them what that really means and also what it means to be a follower – a disciple – of the Messiah who must be put to death. Having finally come to some level of understanding that Jesus is the Messiah, the disciples have latched on to a very limited understanding of Jesus' Messiahship. They have assumed that being Messiah meant that Jesus was going to lead a triumphant victory over all the woes of the Jews – it was a common understanding and expectation of what the Messiah would do. With this in mind, the disciples begin to argue amongst themselves about who will hold positions of respect and power in the aftermath of Jesus' great triumph. Despite what Jesus had just said about being put to death and rising again, the disciples simply couldn't grasp what he was saying and fell back onto a familiar picture of the Messiah.

To really shake up the disciples and try to make them pay attention to what he was saying to them, Jesus put his arms around a small child and told the disciples they had to welcome little children in his name. Like so many gospel images there is more going on here than meets the eye. Children were regarded as complete nobodies in the culture of the time. They had no status and absolutely no authority. Jesus is saying to the disciples, don't argue about who will be the greatest; this child – this nobody – is greater than anyone who lords it over others. If you treat a nobody like this with respect, you treat me with respect.

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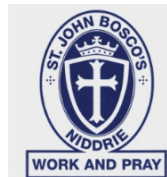
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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

22 September 2024



First Reading Wis 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man,
since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law

and accuses us of playing false to
our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he
himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son,
God will take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of
his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and
with torture,

and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have
his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) *The Lord upholds my life.*

1. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)
2. For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. (R.)

3. But I have God for my help.

The Lord upholds my life.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

Second Reading Jas 3:16-4:3

*Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds
sown in a spirit of peace.*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition,
you find disharmony, and wicked things of
every kind being done; whereas the wisdom
that comes down from above is essentially
something pure; it also makes for peace,
and is kindly and considerate; it is full of
compassion and shows itself by doing
good; nor is there any trace of partiality or
hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they
work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear
fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between
yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in
the desires fighting inside your own selves?
You want something and you haven't got
it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an
ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you
fight to get your way by force. Why you don't
have what you want is because you don't
pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it,
it is because you have not prayed properly,
you have prayed for something to indulge
your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel

to share in the glory of our

Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!