



The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

15 & 16 February 2025: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C



First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8 A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6:17. 20-26 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

INTERCESSIONS

Sisters and brothers, with faith in God's law let us bring our prayers before the Lord.

For the Pope, and for all who lead our faith communities: may they always respond to God's grace to live the Gospel as mirrors of God's goodness.

For peace in our world: may we all respond to God's grace to set aside enmity and violence and strive for a world of reconciliation and compassion.

We pray for Lennox, Sebastian, Esme, Poppy, Ari and Russell who are welcomed into our parish this weekend and will next weekend be initiated into our church at the Sacrament of Baptism.

For children throughout the world: may we cherish and protect them so they can grow in the confidence of knowing they are made in God's image and likeness.

We pray for those who are ill especially Kath Maslin and June McKibbin.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Fr John Walter O'Reilly, Chris Cullinan and Marian Van Grieken. And for those we remember at this time, especially Palma and Fortunato Monardo, Santa Capovilla, Elizabeth Heslop, Ruth Forehan and John O'Donoghue.

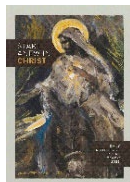
God of kindness and compassion, you are the source of goodness. Hear our prayer and help us to live as you have taught. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

WHICH PRIEST WHERE? This weekend Fr John will say all Masses at St Therese's as well as Saturday 5:00pm Mass at OLN while Fr Bernie will say the Sunday 10:00am Mass at OLN. Next weekend Fr John will preside at all OLN Masses as well as the Sunday 9:00am Mass at St Therese's while Fr Bernie says Saturday 6:00pm and Sunday 10:30am Masses at St Therese's.

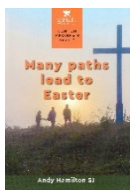
PARISH MORNING TEAS THIS SUNDAY Parishioners are invited for a cuppa and biscuits after Sunday morning Masses this weekend at both churches. At St Therese's the cuppa will be served from the Annex (meeting room at the rear of the church) and at OLN they will be served in the foyer of the church. We thank the members of our Welcoming and Parish Leadership teams who have taken on the task of hosting and organising these events.

MEN'S CHOIR We welcome the Men's Choir this weekend who will sing at the St Therese's 6:00pm Mass.

LENT RESOURCES The parish has two Lenten books available for sale from the parish office during office hours or from church sacristies at Mass times if you have correct money.



START ANEW IN CHRIST Start Anew in Christ is a call for all the followers of Jesus to examine their hearts and open themselves to be renewed and empowered by the Holy Spirit who makes all things new with reflections written by Fr Michael Grace. The artwork on the front cover of the resource, and used throughout the book, is titled "Blessed Is He Who Comes in The Name of the Lord" by Spanish artist José Luis Castrillo. An A5 small book that is easy to carry, and read, at home or while commuting. Cost \$5 per copy



MANY PATHS LEAD TO EASTER written by Fr Andy Hamilton sj. Includes reading excerpts for Year C, discussion around these readings, poetry, prayer, Reflection Starters suitable for individuals or groups to prompt reflection and dialogue, and readings for Sundays, Passion Week, and the Easter Liturgies. '[Lent] is a personal journey in which we are encouraged to remember the times we have been struck with wonder and gratitude at God's love for us and at the world that Jesus opens to us ... We do not walk alone, but in company with our fellow Christians – both in our local churches as well as the whole crowd of followers whom Christ has gathered together in the Church.' Cost \$7 per copy

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP MORNING TEA We welcome the return of our SFG's monthly gatherings as they host a pancake morning tea in PACE this Thursday 20 February from 10:30am. All welcome.

REPAIRS TO ST THERESE'S ROOF In coming weeks there will be scaffolding erected at the north end of St Therese's church as we have a section of the church roof inspected and repaired. At this stage we don't know the extent of the repairs required or how long the repairs will take.

INVITATION TO AN EVENING AT ST MONICA'S PARISH From Welcoming to Inviting Parishes: Mrs Trish Spiteri, Pastoral Associate, St Luke's Lalor will speak on making Parishes more inviting. Symons Centre, St Monica's Parish, 820 Mt Alexander Rd on Thursday 20 February, 2025 from 7:00pm.

AMALGAMATION UPDATE

CHANGE TO NAME ON PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT CHARGES For parishioners who support the parish via regular, automatic deductions there will be a change to the way direct debit payments and credit card charges appear on statements over the next few weeks. The name 'Fat Zebra' will be replaced with a name that ties in with our new parish entity. It's likely to be 'Our Lady and St Therese' or something similar.

BANK ACCOUNT CHANGE As of 1 February all direct debit and credit card financial support will be directed to the bank accounts for The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese. If you have automatic payments set up which are processed by the parish then there is nothing you need to do, the change will happen automatically. To make manual payments please use the following details for any future payments or use the new online giving portal:

CHURCH ACCOUNT Name: The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese Essendon. BSB: 083-347
Account Number: 67640 1701

PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT Name: The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese Essendon BSB: 083-347
Account Number: 67616 4988



ONLINE GIVING PORTAL Parishioners can now make secure financial contributions to support the parish and/or clergy via this website: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/donate?id=0012w00000LOj4wAAD> or by using the QR code above. You can choose to make a one-off donation or set up recurring monthly payments.

WEBSITE NAME CHANGE Our new website domain is www.essendoncatholic.org.au. We will be updating the website with content from across our two Mass Centres over the coming weeks and tidying up content. All previous links from the stthereses.org.au website are still functioning.

NEW PARISH BOUNDARY MAP: <https://www.essendoncatholic.org.au/our-parish/parish-boundaries/>

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS Are made from wheat starch and water with a gluten content of 6.2 parts per million.

SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS Volunteers who haven't completed the Safeguarding obligations will now need to pause their involvement until they have completed all three requirements:

Requirement #1: All volunteers over the age of 18 are required to maintain a current Working with Children (WWC) check throughout their involvement with the parish, irrespective of the ministry in which they serve. To apply for a WWC check please visit <https://www.vic.gov.au/working-with-children-check>

Requirement #2: Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct: You can sign the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct through the online Safeguarding Essentials Training platform

Requirement #3: Training <https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F>

MINISTRY ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 22 & 23 (WEEK 4)		
MASS	READERS	EUCHARIST
OLN 5:00pm	Michael Balia	Fred Grima
OLN 10:00am	Adrian Commadeur	Michael Portelli
St Therese's 6.00pm	Tric Joseph & Tony Proctor	Joe Fittipaldi
St Therese's 9.00am	Bruce White & Christine Nelson	Marg Tormey & Mick O'Brien
St Therese's 10.30am	Jim Maderazo & Lanelle Eid	Marita Hassed-Dunne & Miriam Gandolfo
Adults: https://sundayreadingsathomeyearc.weebly.com/h1sks0t1.html Children: https://www.childrensliturgyofthewordc.com/ych3rwjcm2.html		



SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

OLN AND ST THERESE'S GOSPEL REFLECTIONS GROUP

Parishioners and other interested people are invited to attend our weekly Gospel reflections session

PACE Meeting Room
Thursdays 10:30am

Weekly Meetings are held after 10:00am Mass on Thursdays for a short session (one hour maximum)

A great way to meet and engage with people who share a passion for scripture

Look at Sunday's Gospel with a focus on reflections written by His Holiness Pope Francis

Printed materials are provided to participants.

No need to book, just turn up for the session.

Senior Friendship Group Pancake Morning Tea

PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS
OF OUR PARISHES ARE
INVITED TO



A Pancake Morning Tea in
PACE FUNCTION ROOM
Thursday 20 February
from 10:30am
(After morning Mass)

All welcome

Tiny Ts Playgroup

A great place to make new friends!

For children from infancy through to primary school age

Indoor and outdoor covered play areas - runs in all weather conditions

**THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 9:30AM
IN THE ST THERESE'S ANNEX**



WHEN: Thursday mornings during school terms

TIME: 9.30am - 10:30am

WHERE: St Therese's PACE Function Room
48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon

COST: Free of charge

EMAIL: stthereses.tinyts@gmail.com

Parish of Our Lady and St Therese MEN'S COFFEE GROUP

Upcoming Dates

19th February
5th & 19th March
2nd & 16th April
7th & 21st May
4th & 18th June

1st & 3rd
Wednesdays
each month
from 10:45am
Lincoln Food Store
105 Lincoln Rd
Essendon



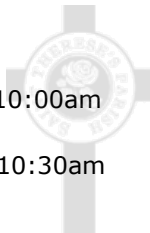
PARISH DIARY

Saturday 15 February	Men's Choir singing at St Therese's Mass	6:00pm
Sunday 16 February	Parish Morning Tea after morning Masses at St Therese's Parish Morning Tea after 10:00am Mass at OLN Parish Baptism Welcoming Mass at St Therese's	10:30am
Monday 17 February	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Sequeira family	
Wednesday 19 February	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store	10:00am 9:00am 10:45am
Thursday 20 February	Tiny Ts Playgroup in the St Therese's Annex Senior Friendship Group pancake morning tea in PACE	9:30am 10:30am
Friday 21 February	Beginning of School Year Mass at St Therese's	12:00pm
Sunday 23 February	Parish Baptisms at St Therese's	12:00pm
Monday 24 February	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Musquita family	
Wednesday 26 February	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am
Thursday 27 February	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room	9:30am 10:30am
Monday 3 March	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Xerri family	
Tuesday 4 March	Shrove Tuesday	
Wednesday 5 March	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store	9:00am 10:45am
Wednesday 5 March	Ash Wednesday: Lent Begins Project Compassion Appeal Ash Wednesday: St Therese's School Mass Ash Wednesday: Mass at OLN Ash Wednesday: evening Mass St Therese's	10:00am 5:30pm 7:00pm
Thursday 6 March	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room	9:30am 10:30am
Sunday 9 March	First Sunday of Lent	
Monday 10 March	Labour Day Public Holiday: parish office closed Statue of Our Lady moves to the Moreno family	
Wednesday 12 March	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Sacrament of First Reconciliation Faith night at OLN	9:00am 7:00pm
Thursday 13 March	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room	9:30am 10:30am
Sunday 16 March	Second Sunday of Lent RE Programme for First Reconciliation session 1 in PACE	9:30am
Monday 17 March	St Patrick's Feast Day Statue of Our Lady moves to the Whiting family	

MASS TIMES

ST THERESE'S CHURCH
48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon

Weekday Masses: Tuesday to Friday 10:00am
Weekend Masses: Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 9:00am & 10:30am
Reconciliation: Saturday 5:45pm



OUR LADY OF THE NATIVITY CHURCH
31 Fawkner St, Aberfeldie

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00pm,
Sunday 10:00am
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:45pm



PARISH CONTACTS

PARISH PRIEST Fr John Hannon

Office phone: 9401 6330 **Office address:** 48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon
Office email: essendon@cam.org.au **Website:** www.essendoncatholic.org.au
Office hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm
After-Hours phone: 0490 956 610 (answering service)

St Vincent de Paul helpline: 1800 305 330 WEEKDAYS 10:00am-3:00pm

To subscribe to our newsletter go to the link below or use the QR code:
<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w00000LOj4wAAD&req=subscribe>



Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.
We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country of the land on which our churches stand and recognize their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and to Elders past, present and

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

The Archdiocese is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.

HOW TO UPDATE YOUR COMPLIANCE STATUS

This information is provided to assist volunteers to ensure continued compliance. This information assumes you have access to internet and are comfortable with computers. If you require assistance, please call our parish staff on 9401 6330, so we can help.

Requirement #1: Working with Children Check

All volunteers over the age of 18 are required to maintain a current Working with Children (WWC) check throughout their involvement with the parish, irrespective of the ministry in which they serve.

A volunteer check is free but only valid for volunteer work. To apply for a WWC check please visit <https://www.vic.gov.au/working-with-children-check>

It is a requirement that volunteers register Essendon or West Essendon parish as an organisation where they engage in volunteering through the [WWCC Service Vic website](#). The Parish will then receive a letter linking their WWC check to the parish and will be informed if the WWC check status changes.

A teacher who holds a current registration with the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) is exempt from the requirement to undertake a WWC check. VIT, however, requires registered teachers to nominate organisations in which they undertake volunteer work. Website: [Service Victoria Teachers Notifications](#)

Requirement #2: Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct

You can sign the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct through the [online Safeguarding Essentials Training platform](#) (without completing the training). When you log into the online Safeguarding Essentials Training platform, you will see the following statement:

"Our records indicate that you have not acknowledged the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct Declaration in recent times. Please read the document provided below and acknowledge your agreement by clicking the Accept Button."

Volunteers are required to read and acknowledge the Code of Conduct every three years. There is a downloadable pdf version of the code on Archdiocese website here: [Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct](#)

Requirement #3: Safeguarding Essentials Training

Volunteers are required complete the Safeguarding Essentials training module every three years.

Website link: [online Safeguarding Essentials training](#)

The Safeguarding Essentials Training takes approximately 45 minutes and you can stop, leave and go back to it if you need to break it up.

Websites:

Working With Children Check: <https://www.vic.gov.au/working-with-children-check>

Code of Conduct: <https://melbournecatholic.org/uploads/documents/Code-of-Conduct.pdf>

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Once you have read and accepted the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct, and completed the Safeguarding Essentials Training, the online training platform will automatically update the parish administration system (PACEM) held by our Essendon and West Essendon parish.

The parish is happy to assist those who have trouble accessing the online training so please reach out!