



The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon



22 & 23 February 2025: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C



First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23 A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

INTERCESSIONS

With faithful hearts let us turn to God for all our needs.

For the leaders of the Church: may they be torchbearers in ways of justice and mercy.

That governments will work together to try to find a path to peace in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and all war-torn areas.

That Pope Francis will make a full recovery from his respiratory illness and be blessed with ongoing good health.

That those who encounter barriers because of difference will meet justice and acceptance.

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

We pray for those who have died recently especially Anthony Sully. And for those we remember at this time, especially Marie Hassed, Rita O'Brien, Val Bourke, Louis Fauvrelle and Bill Dolan.

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 6:00pm Saturday and Sunday 9:00am Masses at St Therese's as well as Sunday 10:00am Mass at OLN. Fr Bernie will say Saturday 5:00pm Mass at OLN and then Sunday 10:30am Mass at St Therese's. Next weekend Bishop Terry Curtain will preside at 10:30am Mass at St Therese's with the rest of the schedule yet to be confirmed.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SISTER JOSEPHINE Many happy returns to Sister Josephine who turns 107 on Monday 24 February. A remarkable life for a woman of great faith and service.

CELEBRATION GATHERING FOR BISHOP TERRY CURTAIN Our parish has invited Bishop Terry to preside at 10:30am Mass next Sunday and then join parishioners for a morning tea in PACE afterward. The parish wishes acknowledge Bishop Terry's many years of service as priest and Auxiliary Bishop in our area. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend. We are also seeking assistance with catering and would be grateful to any parishioners who could contribute cakes/slices etc. Please let the office know if you can assist.



LENT AT PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST THERESE Lent begins on Wednesday 6 March.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS LENTEN PROGRAMME IN PACE. During Lent our weekly Sunday Gospel Reflections group the group will follow the Garratt publishing Lenten Program 'Many paths lead to Easter' each Thursday morning at 10:30am in the PACE Meeting Room. All parishioners are invited and should purchase a copy of the program book from the parish office.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS DURING LENT Parishioner-led Stations of the Cross are held each Friday in Lent at both parish churches. All are welcome. Booklets are provided.

ST THERESE'S CHURCH: 3:00pm each Friday during Lent. Commences Friday 7 March

OLN CHURCH: 6:00pm each Friday during Lent. Commences Friday 7 March

LENT RESOURCES The parish has two Lenten books available for sale:



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. 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 ... Cost \$7 per copy

REPAIRS TO ST THERESE'S ROOF In coming weeks there will be scaffolding erected at the north end of St Therese's church behind the outside toilets adjacent to a section of the church roof where tiles have slipped. Works may take some time while the roof is inspected and repaired.

PARISH GIVING

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. The name 'Fat Zebra' will be replaced with 'Our Lady and St Therese.'

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=0012w0000LOj4wAAD> or by using the QR code above. You can choose to make a one-off donation or set up recurring monthly payments.

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 1 & 2 MARCH (WEEK 1)

MASS	READERS	EUCHARIST
OLN 5:00pm	Jon Fleming	Tatiana Polizzi
OLN 10:00am	Paula O'Byrne	Andrew Scaramozzino
St Therese's 6.00pm	Eve Korytkowski	Gina Bell & Maggie Catterall
St Therese's 9.00am	Mary Dowling & Margaret Kerr	Carmen Merrigan & Rosina Tempini
St Therese's 10.30am	Silvia Campo & George Jungwirt	Miriam Gandolfo & Maria Giampiccolo

Adults: <https://sundayreadingsathomeyearc.weebly.com/h1sks0t1.html>
Children: <https://www.childrensliturgyoftthewordc.com/ych3rwjcm2.html>

**Parishioners
are Invited to Mass
and Morning Tea**

*To celebrate
Bishop Terry Curtain's
retirement as Auxiliary Bishop
and to acknowledge his
involvement in our parish*

**Sunday 2 March
10:30am Mass
St Therese's Church
followed by
Morning Tea in PACE
Function Room**

**garratt
PUBLISHING**

**LENTEN
PROGRAM
Year C**

**Many paths
lead to
Easter**

\$7 per copy

Available for sale from the parish office or from church sacristies at Mass times if you have correct money

Andy Hamilton SJ

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

Grandparents welcome!

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

**START
ANEW IN
CHRIST**

\$5 per copy

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**DAILY
REFLECTIONS
FOR LENT
YEAR C
2025**

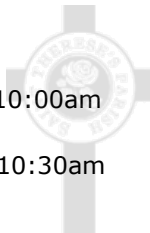
PARISH DIARY

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
Sunday 2 March	Mass with Bishop Terry Curtain at St Therese's Morning tea in PACE celebrating Bishop Terry's retirement	10:30am 11:30am
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
Friday 7 March	Stations of the Cross at St Therese's Stations of the Cross at OLN	3:00pm 6:00pm
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 SVDP Regional Conference meeting in PACE	9:30am 10:30am 7:00pm
Friday 14 March	Stations of the Cross at St Therese's Stations of the Cross at OLN	3:00pm 6:00pm
Sunday 16 March	Second Sunday of Lent RE Programme for First Reconciliation session 1 in PACE Parish Baptism Welcoming Mass at St Therese's	9:30am 10:30am
Monday 17 March	St Patrick's Feast Day Statue of Our Lady moves to the Whiting family SVDP Essendon Conference meeting in PACE	7:00pm
Wednesday 19 March	St Joseph's Feast Day Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store	9:00am 10:45am
Sunday 23 February	Parish Baptisms at St Therese's	12:00pm
Monday 24 February	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Musquita 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

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<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>

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

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!