



# The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

**8 & 9 February 2025: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**



**First Reading:** Isaiah 6:1-8 A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Here am I! Send me.*

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 5:1-11 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*They left everything and followed him.*

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

## **INTERCESSIONS**

*Sisters and brothers, through Christ our Light, let us bring our intentions before the Lord.*

*Let us pray for the Pope: that he may help the voices of "the little, the least and the lost" in our global community to be heard. May we also be ready to share all that we have.*

*Let us pray for political and local leaders: may they work with each other for the good of the people whom they are called to serve.*

*Let us pray for people struggling to cope with an ever-increasing cost of living and employment insecurity: may they know encouragement and support as they care for their families.*

*For Missionaries, especially our neighbours from the Columban Mission Centre, may they inspire us all to be more generous and may they be role models for this and future generations.*

*As the new school year gets underway let us pray for parents as they care for their children despite the difficulties that they themselves are facing: may their good example bring their families ever closer in peace and love.*

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

We pray for those who have died recently especially Francesco Balik, Sergio Vezzoso, Paddy Fitzgerald and Salvatrice Calvaresi. And for those we remember at this time, especially Jack Forehan, Desmond Burke, Josephine Rabar, Paulene Webster, Anthony Chrystie, Barbara Hinton, Obdulia Fondevilla, Marie O'Brien, Angela-Antoinetta Salpietro and Vincenzo Romeo.

*God our Father, hear our prayers and help us to live his light in all we do as we glorify your name. Amen*

**WHICH PRIEST WHERE?** This weekend we will have the Columban Fathers saying all Masses across our two churches. Next weekend Fr John will say all Masses at St Therese's as well as Saturday 5:00pm Mass at OLN. This leaves Fr Bernie saying the 10:00am Mass at OLN.

**ST COLUMBANS MISSION APPEAL THIS WEEKEND** This weekend we will hold a special appeal to support the work of the St Columban's Mission and we welcome our friends from the Columban's who preside at all Masses and so can tell us about the work of the Mission and how donations from the appeal will support that important work.

**HOW TO DONATE:** Columban Mission donation envelopes will be available at Mass on some pews and on church entry tables. The envelopes can be placed on the collection plates or returned to the parish office at your convenience next week. We will also ask our collectors to stand at the doors THIS WEEKEND for a leaving collection.

**PARISH MORNING TEAS** will resume next Sunday. At St Therese's they will be held in the Annex and at OLN in the church foyer. Many thanks to our volunteers who set up and serve at the morning teas.

**AMALGAMATION UPDATE**

**OUR NEW PARISH** We are now officially a single entity with the Holy name The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon. To keep things simple we will often refer to ourselves as Essendon Parish, for instance when answering the parish office phone.

**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=0012w0000LOj4wAAD> 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](http://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** For those interested, we have a new parish map and street listing available on the website: <https://www.essendoncatholic.org.au/our-parish/parish-boundaries/>



**LENT RESOURCES** As of next week the parish will have two Lenten books for sale from the parish office (or from sacristies from next weekend if you have correct money.)

**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 with reflections written by Fr Michael Grace. Designed for individual reflection and Lenten small groups. 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. Cost \$7 per copy

**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 15 & 16 FEBRUARY (WEEK 3)**

MASS	READERS	EUCHARIST
OLN 5:00pm	Michael Portelli	Fred Grima
OLN 10:00am	Mark Donahoo	Adrian Commadeur
St Therese's 6.00pm	Murray Sykes	Tric Joseph
St Therese's 9.00am	John Harvey	Maria Cricri
St Therese's 10.30am	Rosemary Patterson & Mary O'Brien	Cherrie Arnold & Therese Hanna

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



ESSENDON PARISH

# Columban Missions Appeal

## Weekend 8 & 9 February

Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.

*St Gregory Nazianzen*



# 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

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](mailto: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



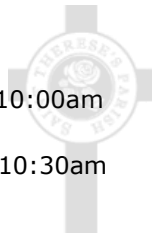
PARISH DIARY

Weekend 8 & 9 February	Appeal for the Columban Missionaries	
Monday 10 February	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Asher family	
Tuesday 11 February	Funeral Service for Sergio Vezzoso at St Therese's	12:30pm
Wednesday 12 February	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Requiem Mass for Paddy Fitzgerald at St Therese's	9:00am 11:00am
Thursday 13 February	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room	9:30am 10:30am
Friday 14 February	Northwest Principals Network at Mass at St Therese's Requiem Mass for Salvatrice Calvaresi at St Therese's	10:00am 12:00pm
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	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store	9:00am 10:45am
Thursday 20 February	Tiny Ts Playgroup in the St Therese's Annex Senior Friendship Group pancake morning tea in PACE SVDP Regional Meeting in PACE	9:30am 10:30am 7:00pm
Friday 21 February	Beginning of School Year Mass at St Therese's	10:00am
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 Mass at Arcadia Aged Care	9:30am 10:30am 11:00am
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

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](mailto:essendon@cam.org.au) **Website:** [www.essendoncatholic.org.au](http://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>

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!