



## 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A



### **First Reading** [Jer 20:10-13](#) A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil. Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

### **Gospel** [Mt 10:26-33](#) A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

# INTERCESSIONS

21 JUNE 2020

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

My sisters and brothers, let us turn to our merciful and loving God who answers the prayers of those who seek him. For all members of the church called to live as witnesses to Christ and heralds of good news.

Let us pray for the Pope and the Bishops: that they will not be overcome by fear, but, rather, lead the Church courageously. **Lord, hear us**  
**Lord, hear our prayer**

Let us pray for all women, men and children who are suffering from the traumas of war, violence and loss of homeland: that they may soon know the joys of normal living. **Lord, hear us**  
**Lord, hear our prayer**

Lord as we reflect on refugee week, look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, are homeless and hungry. **Lord, hear us**  
**Lord, hear our prayer**

Bless those who work *with* refugees to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts. **Lord, hear us**  
**Lord, hear our prayer**

For all who long for honourable employment and strive for a living wage, including those affected by CVovid-19. **Lord, hear us**

**Lord hear our prayer**

We pray for our own special intentions: **Lord, hear us**

**Lord hear our prayer**

**We pray for those who are ill, especially:**

Marg Kovacs, Lolita Fajardo, Callum John O'Dwyer, Austin Eastburn

**For those who have died recently:** Giuseppina Ansaldo and John Laird

**For those whom we remember at this time, especially:**

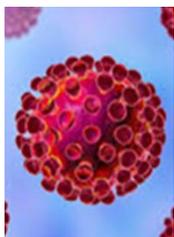
Emanuela Parente, Patricia Ferris, Armando Giuffre, Les Hanna

**Lord, hear us**

**Lord, hear our prayer**

Just and gracious God, in you all things that are hidden are made clear. Hear our prayers and inspire us to proclaim your good news from the housetops. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



## COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS HERE AT ST THERESE'S PARISH

As of Tuesday 23 June 2020 regulations will change to allow for liturgical celebrations and Masses to be attended by a limited number of people (50). Our weekday Masses will commence on Tuesday 23 June, with strict hygiene and social distancing measures in place.

Please read the below Mass Guidelines. Carefully as these guidelines have been set up to help with your health and wellbeing remain our number one priority.

Outside of Mass times the Church will remain closed, with the exception of Funerals, Baptisms and Weddings.

[Please visit our website to see the guidelines for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals](#)

Weekend Masses will stay online until we are able to accommodate our usual attendees.

We have decided to maintain our current position of no parish group meetings of any kind.

PACE remains closed to all hirers and parish groups.

**PARISH OFFICE OPEN BY APPOINTMENT** The office remains (virtually) open each weekday from 9am until 3pm via phone and email. Following the [Premier's statement on 29 May](#), the parish office will not be staffed as we follow the government directive to work from home.

For those who need to visit us in person or meet with Fr John, appointments can be made over the phone or via email. We can also book online meetings via Zoom.

Any face to face meetings will be held under strict social distancing, 4m<sup>2</sup> allowances and hygiene requirements.

**STAY UP TO DATE** with our parish response during the COVID-19 crisis [on our website](#).

**THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE** provides regular pastoral updates on the COVID-19 situation. You can find those updates on the CAM website [www.cam.org.au](http://www.cam.org.au)

**ASSISTING OUR ISOLATED PARISHIONERS** We have had several kind offers from volunteers willing to help our most isolated parishioners with shopping and meals. If you know of a parishioner, or if you are a parishioner who could use our help, please contact the office. All contact is confidential.

As we all adjust to the changes in our lives as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, our thoughts turn to the most vulnerable in our communities and the growing demand for services to help people through these challenging times. In mental health the following services are available:

Australian Government Head to Health: [click here for Head to Health](#)

Lifeline: [click here for Lifeline's COVID-19 Support](#) or phone 1300 651 251

Beyond Blue: [click here for Beyond Blue](#) or phone 1300 22 4636

Kids Helpline: [click here for Kids Helpline's COVID-19 support page](#) or

Phone Tel: 1800 551 800

## **Mass Guidelines at St Therese's Essendon as of Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020**

- No more than 50 persons may attend Mass as well as the number of people reasonably required for the Mass, such as the priest, contact details collector, sacristan, data projector operator, musicians (no singers) and lectors.
- Entry to the church is via the Lincoln Rd door located in the west transept.
- The church will open 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass. There will be no access before this time.
- You must check in at the entry door. CONTACT DETAILS are required for all attendees– and must include: First Name + Contact Number + date and time at which the person attended Mass.
- We ask that all persons attending Mass use the hand sanitiser provided as they enter the church.
- Seating areas in the church have been marked as per social distancing requirements and some areas of the church are off limits. Every second row of the pews is out of use.
- The main Church doors and the Eastern doors will not be opened prior to Mass.
- All Doors will be closed during Mass to prevent public access.
- Recorded music is preferred. Live music is permitted without singers and with appropriate distancing.
- There will be no offertory procession during Masses.
- There will be no eucharistic ministers at Masses. Fr John will distribute communion.
- There will be no Altar servers at Masses.
- There will be no collection during Masses. PSP envelopes and cash donations can be deposited in collection boxes before exiting the church.
- Parishioners are asked to leave the church immediately after Mass has ended.
- Exit from the church is via the main doors. Only disabled or mobility impaired persons may exit from the west transept door.
- Public toilets at the rear of church will remain closed. Sacristy toilet may be used in an emergency.
- Following each Mass, the church will be cleaned in accordance with routine environmental cleaning and disinfection in the community guidelines.
- There will be no access to the church between Masses.
- No gatherings outside the church following Mass



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