

# St Therese's Parish Essendon



**27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A**



**First Reading** [2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16](#) A reading from the second book of the Kings

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

**Gospel** [Mt 10:37-42](#) A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

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**HAPPY 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY** Marion Camiller we hope you have a great day being spoiled by Frank and your family.

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Christ took up his cross for our sake. Let us bear the burdens of those in need and bring our prayer before the God of all. That the Church may be made worthy of Christ through its ministry of those in need.

For the Church: that as a community we will always build bridges and open doors, especially to those who feel excluded, marginalised or forgotten. **Lord, hear us**

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For all who exercise power in the world: that they will create a culture of hospitality, tolerance and welcome to all, following in the footsteps of Christ.

**Lord, hear us**

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For those who do not see the needs of others or hear their cries, and for those who seek to deliberately exclude or ignore: that their eyes may be opened and their hearts softened. **Lord, hear us**

**Lord hear our prayer**

For all those who are struggling as a result of Covid-19: May the Holy Spirit lift their hearts and may our communities extend the practical support needed to get them back on their feet. **Lord, hear us**

**Lord hear our prayer**

We pray for Olivia Rulli and Aria Santoli, who present this weekend for the sacrament of Baptism. That she may lead a life of faith and love for all.

**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:**

Marty and Majella O'Donnell, Austin Eastbourn, Callum John O'Dwyer

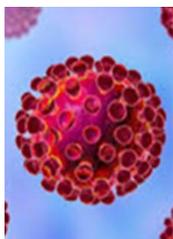
**For those who have died recently:**

**For those whom we remember at this time, especially:** Ralph Orlando, Mary and Salvatore Amore, Les Hanna

**Lord, hear us**

**Lord, hear our prayer**

Faithful and loving God, you have entrusted to us a share in the mission of Christ, your Son. Hear our prayers, and help us to follow the path of sacrifice and service until we reach our promised reward. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**



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

As of 11.59pm on Sunday 31 May regulations will change to allow for liturgical celebrations and Masses to be attended by a limited number of people (20). This is still fewer numbers than are watching our weekday online Masses so the **CHURCH WILL STAY CLOSED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FUNERALS, BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS.**

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

Once restrictions are lifted to allow 50 persons we will resume our weekday Masses (Tuesday - Friday 10am) with strict hygiene and social distancing measures in place.

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.

As always, the health and wellbeing of our parishioners and our community remain our number one priority.

**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.

The doors of our church and office may be closed but our commitment to the safety and wellbeing of our parishioners remains constant.

As we all try and 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

**NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH** Visitors to our website will notice some big changes as of this week. Unfortunately we were obliged to upgrade as the previous website was reaching 'End of Life' and was no longer supported – our foundations were crumbling! We have been assisted in the transition from old to new by Fraynetwork (part of the Sisters of Mercy family) who have transferred all the content over. Good news is the search function on the new website means you can easily find anything you're looking for. In other good news, the new site is far easier for our staff to use and to edit – so we have lots more control over how our website looks and functions. Have fun exploring!



**ANNUAL APPEAL** - Every day at Vinnies, we see that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. We are inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic social teachings to do things that matter. The spirit

to feed, heal, shelter, nurture, and inspire – the power to change lives – is in everyone. As we enter this winter in the shadow of coronavirus, your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated. If you are able to make a contribution to the Vinnies COVID-19 Winter Appeal, there are 4 ways to contribute

- The four ways to donate this year:

Online <https://vinnies.org.au/>,

1. Over the phone 13 18 12,
2. Direct Deposit in to the SVDP account
3. Via the Parish office drop box (cash or cheque)

Links to the video from St Vincent De Paul State President

<https://bit.ly/2yEkBp3> (1.06mins) and – <https://bit.ly/2XxiLyC> Thank you.



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