

St Therese's Parish Essendon

31 October and 1 November 2020

All Saints Day



First Reading Rv 7:2-4. 9-14 - A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.' One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Gospel Mt 5:1-12 - A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

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Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'



*All Souls Day &
November Masses*

2020



ALL SOULS DAY MASS On Monday 2 November Fr John will upload a special Mass which will be available online at <https://www.stthereses.org.au/mass-prayer-times/mass-home/>

OUR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE is now published online and a hard copy has been placed in our church where it will remain throughout November.

NOVEMBER OFFERING: Envelopes for November Masses can be placed in the drop box beside the parish office front door. Fr John will remember our deceased friends and family at all Masses in November.

Let us now pray to God for our needs and the needs of the world

That the worldwide Church will always draw strength and perseverance as exemplified by all the unnamed saints who stayed true to their calling.

Lord, hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

That all Victorians receive the help and strength they need to rebuild and flourish as we move through Covid and beyond.

Lord, hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

That all who suffer the violence of war be blessed with lasting peace.

Lord, hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

For those who are lonely: that this community may show them friendship.

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 O'Donnell, Lolita Fajardo, Jane Phelan and Joan Kennedy.

For those who have died recently, Joyce McDowell, Gerard O'Brien

And those we remember at this time especially Anna Bortone, Patricia Talbot, Lucy Kavanagh, Alan Farnbach, Gianni Mazzarotta, Livia Tomsic, Ken Stout

Lord, hear us - Lord hear our prayer

Loving God, you have given us the saints as examples of Christian life. Hear our prayers and help us to live by your gospel. We make our prayer in Jesus' name.

Amen

A Prayer For All Saints Day, by Jan Richardson

God of the generations,
when we set our hands to labor,
thinking we work alone,
remind us that we carry
on our lips, the words of prophets,
in our veins, the blood of martyrs,
in our eyes, the mystics' visions, and
in our hands, the strength of thousands.



PARISH LIFE ISO

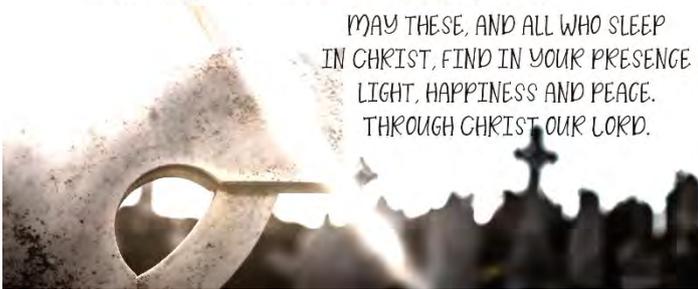
This time in Parish Life in ISO we think about the loved ones we've lost since isolation and restrictions began. We especially pray for the families of those who have died during our prolonged period of lockdown. As a parish, as families and as individuals we have, in many ways, been denied our usual rites of farewell.

On November 1 we begin a month of memorial as we publish our annual Perpetual Book of Remembrance and turn our prayers to those whom we have lost since last All Souls Day.

All Souls Day Prayer

REMEMBER LORD, THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND HAVE GONE
BEFORE US MARKED WITH THE SIGN OF FAITH,
ESPECIALLY THOSE FOR WHOM WE NOW PRAY.

MAY THESE, AND ALL WHO SLEEP
IN CHRIST, FIND IN YOUR PRESENCE
LIGHT, HAPPINESS AND PEACE.
THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD.



Eternal rest grant them O'Lord:

<i>Giuseppina Ansaldo</i>	<i>10 June 2020</i>
<i>Teresina Barbaro</i>	<i>30 May 2020</i>
<i>Tom Barresi</i>	<i>24 January 2020</i>
<i>Val Bourke</i>	<i>23 February 2020</i>
<i>Clara Callegari</i>	<i>10 November 2019</i>
<i>Isabella Campo</i>	<i>22 August 2020</i>
<i>Giovanna Cerrone</i>	<i>31 July 2020</i>
<i>Jim Chadwick</i>	<i>9 April 2020</i>
<i>Frances Cooney</i>	<i>25 January 2020</i>
<i>Terry Daffey</i>	<i>25 November 2019</i>
<i>Cosimo Di Grazia</i>	<i>1 July 2020</i>
<i>Peter Joseph Donnellan</i>	<i>3 January 2020</i>
<i>Mary Margaret Falkland</i>	<i>6 September 2020</i>
<i>Lois Joyce Farrelly</i>	<i>9 November 2019</i>
<i>Tess Fogarty</i>	<i>25 April 2020</i>
<i>Pina Furlani</i>	<i>24 November 2019</i>
<i>Edward Victor Gauci</i>	<i>27 September 2020</i>
<i>Domenico Germano</i>	<i>25 August 2020</i>
<i>Joanna Green</i>	<i>31 July 2020</i>
<i>Betty Hannon</i>	<i>15 October 2020</i>
<i>Joan Hoey</i>	<i>1 March 2020</i>

<i>Rosina Iogha</i>	<i>30 March 2020</i>
<i>Ersilia Jans</i>	<i>24 January 2020</i>
<i>Kevin Jessen</i>	<i>1 March 2020</i>
<i>John Kennedy</i>	<i>7 March 2020</i>
<i>Aldo Koemtzopolous</i>	<i>2 December 2019</i>
<i>Margaret Kovacs</i>	<i>28 September 2020</i>
<i>John Laird</i>	<i>9 June 2020</i>
<i>Giuseppina Madaffari</i>	<i>3 April 2020</i>
<i>Maureen McCormack</i>	<i>15 July 2020</i>
<i>Patricia Margaret McMahon</i>	<i>18 August 2020</i>
<i>Leon Morel</i>	<i>2 December 2019</i>
<i>Peter Joseph Morriss</i>	<i>28 February 2020</i>
<i>Sven Nilsson</i>	
<i>Michele Noronha</i>	<i>12 December 2019</i>
<i>Giuseppina Pellella</i>	<i>13 April 2020</i>
<i>Vincenzina Placanica</i>	<i>7 September 2020</i>
<i>Livia Tomsic</i>	<i>9 May 2020</i>
<i>Pat Torr</i>	<i>19 September 2020</i>
<i>Diana Verdi</i>	<i>30 July 2020</i>
<i>Leigh John Wallmeyer</i>	<i>19 August 2020</i>
<i>Fred Whitty</i>	<i>2 September 2020</i>
<i>Eunice Wilson</i>	<i>8 August 2020</i>
<i>Joseph Zammit</i>	<i>15 April 2020</i>



Click on the picture to view our memorial video

Jesus dear saviour, on this day we prayerfully remember all our loved ones who have died. Please give them comfort and hope and may they be at peace, knowing that they will rest in God's arms eternally. Thank you for our memories of them and for the good times we shared. We ask you please, through this intercession, to deepen our faith, strengthen our hope and increase our love that we, too, may someday stand before You, ready to enter Your Holy Kingdom. Amen

Email jac.radcliffe@cam.org.au if you'd like to contribute to Parish Life in ISO



COVID RESTRICTIONS AT ST THERESE'S AS AT 27 October 2020

Our church remains closed except for funerals.

RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES: Outdoor religious ceremonies: permitted with up to 20 people plus a faith leader. Must be adjacent to the place of worship. **Indoor religious ceremonies:** permitted with up to 10 people plus a faith leader. **Note:** Indoor and Outdoor services are not to be held concurrently, it is only one group permitted at a time. Plus, Parish needs to have prepared a COVID-safe plan outlining how they will manage gatherings.

WEDDINGS: Permitted in outdoor public spaces allowed with up to 10 people. The faith leader, a photographer, and children under 12 months not included in the cap. **FUNERALS:** Allowed indoors with up to 20 mourners. Infants under 12 months and people required to conduct the funeral not included in the cap. **BAPTISMS:** may be celebrated under the indoor/outdoor gathering limits. This allows for 10 people including the faith leader outdoors (a child under 12 months not included). **VISITATIONS: Homes:** Faith leaders may visit someone in their home on request to share spiritual ministry (or equivalent religious services) to provide care and support to a person who is at the end of their life. **HOSPITALS or CARE FACILITIES:** Faith leaders may visit someone in a hospital or care facility to share spiritual ministry to those who are at the end of their life,

A NOTE FROM FR JOHN

Greetings all,

After this long extended period of semi-hibernation in ISO, we are slowly starting to emerge into more freedom in springtime!

As we all know, over 6 months have gone by since we shut up shop for parish community Mass. In the meantime, I have been recording 'one man band' Masses each week, three on weekdays, and one for the weekend, when my musical friend Siri joins me! It has been at least one means of helping keep connected with our parish community, far from ideal though this might be. In some ways, it feels to me as if the time has flown by, despite the lockdown and limitations on movement and visitation. At least we were able to get out into the fresh air for a walk every day, had we wished.

Now it appears that, as lockdown is lifting gradually, in stages, that we can consider the practical side of re-opening, for physical presence of parishioners gathering for Mass. While higher numbers for services are permitted outside in the open air, I am reluctant to pursue this path, as this is Melbourne, and we know about four seasons in a day. What is more, that place up the road is not named 'Windy Hill' for nothing!!

Bearing this in mind, I'd like to share the news of our reopening for weekday Mass for a limit of 20 attending each day, from Tuesday to Friday. Given number constraints it will be essential for those who wish to come to book in by phoning the parish office. This will also be necessary for the purposes of contact tracing since we will need to have a record of all in attendance.

As you can appreciate, opening up again creates quite a few additional administrative and organisational requirements, such as contact data, mandatory wearing of masks, except when reading or receiving Communion. Then sanitising the spaces occupied afterwards has to be done.

We are also looking at resuming Baptisms, limited to family groups of 10, from Sunday 15 November.

Some have forecast that numbers on our return will be permanently down, but one can't be too sure about anything at present, except that we are hopefully going forward in a positive direction.

There will be a need in the longer term for volunteers to take on roster duties for recording names and contact details at weekend Masses, once they resume, checking numbers and ensuring physical distancing inside the church at all times.

Whilst tedious and wearisome (if that's not too tautological!), it may well be an opportunity to learn names and get to know each other better as we welcome people back into parish worship and action.

Happy All Saints and All Souls and Halloween and Melbourne Cup Day.

Enjoy the long long weekend too.

Thanks for your ongoing support and understanding.

Warmest wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Hannon".

John Hannon
Parish Priest

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ST THERESE'S ROADMAP TO REOPENING All going to plan, we will resume WEEKDAY Masses on Tuesday 10 November, holding Mass Tuesday to Friday at 10am as per our usual routine. **Bookings will open on Monday 9 November at 9am.** No bookings will be taken before that time so there is no need to contact the office yet. Mass guidelines and the process for booking will be published in next week's bulletin. Weekend Masses will stay online until we are able to accommodate a greater number of attendees.



Click on the image to watch

READY, SET, PRAY! CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD This week, join Audrey & Greg as they explore the Solemnity of All Saints. The Ready, Set, Pray! series has been created to provide an engaging space for families to encounter Jesus through the Sunday gospel. Each week includes an invitation for families to create and gather in their own prayer space, to sing, hear the Gospel, pray and respond creatively through an activity. The series runs each Sunday until Christmas. Hopefully this experience of gathering for prayer will encourage families in this time when they cannot gather for parish celebrations. Series produced by Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal.



COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR 2021 Our St Vincent De Paul Society conference will be selling Columban Art Calendars this year. If you would like to purchase a calendar please contact the office either by email essendon@cam.org.au or by phoning 9401 6330 during office hours. Details on how to collect the calendars will be finalised once more information about the Metropolitan Melbourne roadmap are released. Proceeds from sales support the works of our SVDP Essendon conference.

PARISH GIVING DURING COVID19 If you usually support the parish with envelopes at Masses and would like to continue your payments, you can deposit your PSP donations directly to the parish accounts. Note there are separate accounts for church and clergy.

Contributions to the church account:

Name: St Therese's Church, BSB: 083 347, Account number: 67640 1701

Contributions towards supporting the clergy:

Account Name: St Therese's Church, BSB: 083 347, A/C number: 67616 4988

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St Therese's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

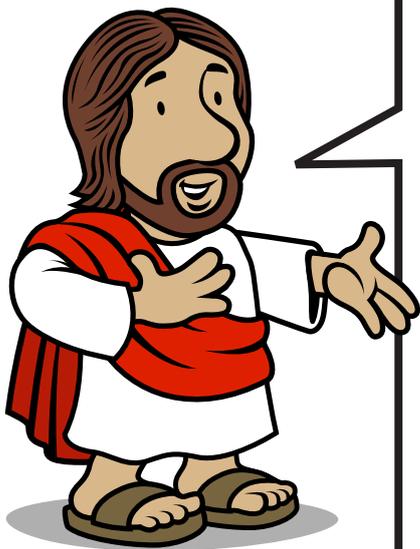
We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country of the land on which our church stands and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respect to them and their cultures and to Elders past and present.

Be happy and you will have a great reward in heaven

Mt 5:1-12ab

My name is

Draw a line from the first half of each beatitude to its correct ending.



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Blessed are those who make peace...

Blessed are those with pure hearts...

...they will be treated with mercy.

...they will be called God's children.

...they will see God.

...they will find comfort.

Saints are people who are recognised by the Church for having an exceptional degree of holiness. Draw a picture of a saint from the list, or another saint whom you know about.



St Peter, the Apostle

St Patrick

St Catherine of Siena

St Nicholas

St John, the Evangelist

St Mary Magdelene

St Francis of Assisi

St Teresa of Avila

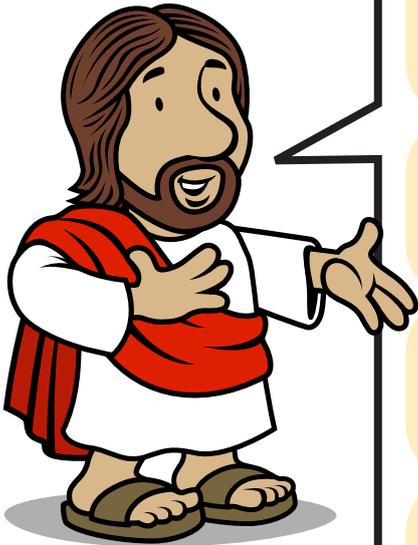
St Stephen

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How can you be like a saint?
Finish these sentences

I am like a saint when I...

I am like a saint when I...

I am like a saint when I...