

St Therese's Parish Essendon



The Most Holy Trinity Year B - 29 and 30 May 2021



First Reading Dt 4:32-34. 39-40 A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

Gospel Mt 28:16-20 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

CURRENT COVID RULES –As from 11.59pm on May 27, we went into a 7-day lockdown, very similar to the Stage 3 we have previously experienced. This is Victoria-wide, and at this point is expected to be in place until 11.59pm, Thursday 3 June.

Face masks must be worn inside and outdoors: except your own home.

There are only 5 Reasons to leave home:

- Shopping for necessary goods and services (one person per household, once per day, a support person can accompany if required; within 5km);
- Caregiving or compassionate reasons;
- Authorised work or permitted education, or work interstate (if you can work from home, you must work from home);
- Exercise (up to two hour, with one other person or members of your household; within 5km);
- Receive a vaccination.

Private and public gatherings will not be permitted: Single person bubbles will be allowed.

PRAYER and RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES: No in-person gatherings permitted. Livestreaming and Broadcast is permitted.

FUNERALS: (indoor and outdoor): Permitted with no more than 10 people (and those necessary to conduct the funeral). Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap. Service Victoria QR code scanning must be used at all times.

WEDDINGS: (indoor and outdoor): Not permitted unless end of life or for deportation reasons. Involves only 5 persons (including the two persons being married, celebrant, two witnesses).

AGED CARE: No visitors are permitted into aged care or other residential facility settings, except for end-of-life reasons.

HOSPITALS: No visitors are permitted into health care settings, except for end-of-life reasons, as a support partner for birth, or a parent to accompany a child.

INTERCESSIONS TRINITY SUNDAY

30 MAY 2021

Loving God, on this day we acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people throughout Australia. We turn to you in prayer and seek the help of the Holy Spirit as we commit ourselves to journeying together in a spirit of Reconciliation.

We pray for a better understanding and respect between all peoples of our country. Help us as we grow to appreciate one another: in your eyes we are one. Help us not to see colour, race or creed, but to see you, Lord, in each person created by you, so we may freely love and accept one another.

Lord, hear us Lord hear our prayer

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families have endured the pain and loss of loved ones, through the separation of children from their families. We are sorry and ask God's forgiveness.

Lord, hear us Lord hear our prayer

For the Pope and all who lead within the Church: may they lead us into new ways of living in Christ.

Lord, hear us Lord hear our prayer

For print and broadcast and all media journalists: that in the world of click bait news they may continue to provide truthful information and be justly rewarded.

Lord, hear us Lord hear our prayer

For our congregation at St Therese's: that we may re-unite in God's love post Covid-19 to support ourselves, our families and our community.

Lord, hear us Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are ill, especially: Lucy McDonald

Lord, hear us Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for our own special intentions:

Lord, hear us Lord hear our prayer

For those who have died recently: Des Duffy, Angela Gervasi

For those whom we remember at this time, especially: Virgilio Giuffre, Sianne Hester Ingrid Van De Griendt, Carmelo Salpietro, Teresina Barbaro, Rosa Capuano, Nanette Gloury, Rita Camilleri

Lord, hear us Lord, hear our prayer

God our Father, through the Holy Trinity we are baptised in your name. Hear our prayers and help us to honour the gifts you give us through the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN

COVID MARSHALS NEEDED - From Friday, 28 May, all Parishes must use the free Victorian Government QR Code Service and have COVID marshals in place to ensure people are checking in at relevant Parish activities when restrictions lift. (e.g. Mass, weddings and funerals, and use of Parish spaces for community events). We are looking for willing and able volunteers to fulfil this role so our Masses and services can continue without interruption. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the parish office ASAP. All volunteers are required to have a current Working With Children Check and to have St Therese's as a registered organisation.



ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART The call for a First Nations Voice to Parliament. The voice to parliament would be a representative body giving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders a say in law and policy affecting them. Enshrined in the constitution, it would become an institution of lasting significance for First Nations and all Australians. You can sign up as a supporter of the Uluru Statement from the Heart at <https://ulurustatement.org/> Printed copies of the Uluru Statement from the Heart are available on entry tables. We can pray for its success as a small act of Reconciliation.



VINNIES WINTER APPEAL Next weekend our SVDP team will hold their annual Winter Appeal. This year, instead of food and blankets, the team are asking for monetary donations so that they can purchase what is needed by companions (people supported here in Essendon.) SVDP will have envelopes for collection at Mass or you can donate online at <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal> **If you are donating online make sure you include '176 Essendon Conference'** in the Comments/Conference section so that the funds come to our team here. Any donations of clothing, doonas and blankets can be taken to the Vinnies shops at 481A Keilor Rd Niddrie or 155 Maribyrnong Rd Ascot Vale. We look forward to hearing from members of our SVDP Essendon Conference who will speak at all Masses next weekend.



SPIRITUALITY CIRCLE (facilitated by Sr Regina Millard) will soon resume soon for MONTHLY gatherings on Wednesdays in PACE. The group will continue reading Daniel O'Leary's 'An Astonishing Secret.' Time and date for the first session will be decided over the coming weeks and will be published here in the bulletin. If you would like to resume with the group or join as a new member please contact the parish office to register your interest. All are welcome.



PARISH CENTENARY 2022 St Therese's Parish will celebrate its centenary in 2022. Parishioners of all ages are invited to join the 'Centenary Planning Team'. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office on 9401 6330 or essendon@cam.org.au or alternatively, email the Parish Leadership Team at essendon.plt@cam.org.au.

We welcome ideas/suggestions which can be sent to the Parish Office, or Parish Leadership Team.

PARISH PASTORAL VISITATION Parishioner Sister Cathy Meese RSC has offered to provide pastoral care to parishioners who are unable to get to Mass regularly and also to those who have been recently bereaved. If you would like her to make a call, then please phone the parish office during office hours to let us know, so that she can be informed and follow up.

THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE provides regular pastoral updates on the COVID-19 situation on their new website: melbournecatholic.org



SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE: IS YOUR WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK UP TO DATE? As our parish life slowly turns to a new 'Covid Normal' it is a timely reminder that **ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST HOLD A WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK**. There are no exceptions and we are required by law to enforce this requirement. Please update your WWCC to include St Therese's as a location where you volunteer, or apply for a new WWCC at <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

PARISH DIARY		
Date	Event	Time
29/30 May	Online Mass www.stthereses.org.au	
30 May	Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Group meeting	CANCELLED
Saturday 5 June	Winter Appeal – St Vincent de Paul Society	6:00pm
Sunday 6 June	Winter Appeal – St Vincent de Paul Society	All Masses
Wednesday 9 June	SVDP Essendon Regional Conference in PACE Function room	7:30pm
Monday 14 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday – parish office closed	
Saturday 19 June	AWE Group meeting in PACE	11:00am
Monday 21 June	SVDP – Essendon Conference in PACE Function room	7:00pm
Friday 25 June	School term 2 concludes	3:30pm
Sunday 27 June	Parish Baptisms	12noon
Monday 12 July	School term 3 commences (pupil-free day)	
Tuesday 13 July	St Therese's students resume classes	8:45am
Wednesday 14 July	SVDP Essendon Regional Conference in PACE Function room	7:30pm
Sunday 18 July	Welcoming Mass for Baptism families	10:30am
Monday 19 July	SVDP – Essendon Conference in PACE Function room	7:00pm
Sunday 25 July	Parish Baptisms	12noon

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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 to Elders past and present.