

St Therese's Parish Essendon

17 and 18 July 2021
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B



First Reading [Jer 23:1-6](#) A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – **it is the Lord who speaks!** 'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

Gospel [Mk 6:30-34](#) A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles re-joined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL THIS WEEKEND In his World Mission Day message for 2021, Pope Francis has invited us to respond to what we have seen and heard – to carry those stories, like **Churai's, in our hearts** – calling us to each be missionary disciples by sharing and supporting vital work like this. You can help support the essential work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies in their time of greatest need. Visit: catholicmission.org.au/thailand. Appeal envelopes will be available when we return to Mass.

For we CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD

ACTS 4:20

This week Catholic Mission will share the story of Churai*, who having experienced much heartbreak in childhood, turned to the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok when her partner cast her aside and she experienced rejection as an adult, abandoned by her partner and pregnant.

Without this program, many vulnerable mothers like Churai will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/thailand or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*Name and images altered to protect identity



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/thailand





CURRENT RESTRICTIONS COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Information. Updated: 15 July 2021, 5.00pm

As of 11.59pm, Thursday 15 July 2021, the following 'circuit-breaker lockdown' measures will apply across Victoria and will be in place until 11.59pm, Tuesday 20 July, 2021 unless otherwise notified.

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

There will be 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 two hours, 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 with a total of 5 people present including technicians.

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.

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.

For a full list of the new restrictions visit: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covidsafe-settings>



WATCH MASS AT ST THERESE'S ONLINE Fr John is regularly recording Saturday evening Mass and (during the periodic lockdowns in Victoria) some weekday Masses. These online Masses are for parishioners and friends of St Therese's who are not able to attend Mass in person. [You can watch this week's Masses on our website here.](#) To view our archive of recorded Masses you can [visit our YouTube Channel](#).



MARK'S MEN -ST THERESE'S MEN'S CHOIR will be singing on Father's Day this year. The choir have been singing together since 2013 with their numbers increasing over the years but there is always room for more musicians and singers! If you would like to join the men's choir contact Mick O'Brien 0403 105 301.



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.

MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE NEWS: Mary MacKillop Today - Annual Fundraising Dinner - Friday 27th August 2021 - **Mt St Joseph Girls' College Altona West. Guest speaker will be** Robyn Miller MacKillop Family Services CEO. Join us for our silent auctions and raffles. Your donations will help transform lives by going directly into one of many projects sponsored by Mary MacKillop Today. Contact Kate on 9926 9300.

Open Day (Sat 7 August) and Feast day mass to celebrate Mary MacKillop The Open Day will include mass in the Chapel celebrated by Fr Peter Malone to recognise the Feast day of Mary MacKillop. For those who cannot attend, the mass will be live streamed and there will be virtual tours of the Heritage Centre. For details, please go to <https://www.mmhc.org.au/>

Mary MacKillop Gift shop and Accommodation specials If you want to try a short term stay in a very sacred museum please contact Kate on 9926 9300. Or go into the draw for a free one night accommodation for two at the Heritage Centre in East Melbourne with a purchase from the Museum gift shop (communion & confirmation gifts, devotional items, Vatican Library collection, rosary beads, holding crosses, candles, cards, statues, crucifixes, books and Peruvian handmade items) <https://www.mmhc.org.au/facilities/gift-shop/>

Volunteers' program - Parishioners looking for a way to contribute to the community and can spare 2-3 hours per week, please contact Ted Javernik on 0419513184 or Ted.Javernik@sosj.org.au

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray for all the people in the world who are like sheep without a shepherd. Let us ask God to help us act as shepherds in our families and neighbourhoods.

We pray for the Church. May she always be a beacon of hope and care for those who are searching for truth and recognition.

Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for our world. May the Covid vaccine get to all of God's people on earth quickly so we can stop this pandemic in its tracks.

Lord, hear us Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those who are enslaved in different ways throughout the world. May we work ceaselessly for their freedom and well-being.

Lord, hear us Lord, hear our prayer.

For those affected by storms, fires, floods and droughts: We pray they receive the practical and spiritual support that is so needed.

Lord, hear us Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are ill.

Lord, hear us Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for our own special needs.

Lord, hear us Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died recently: Ellen Butler, Anthony & Phillip Sprinkle, John Scicluna, John Bigeni, Fiona Daniher

And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Domenico Figliuzzi, Philomenia Fernandes, Helen Grieve, Salvatore Ganci, Fr John Ware,

Lord, hear us Lord, hear our prayer.

Faithful God, you sent Jesus to be our shepherd. Hear our prayers that we may spread peace and unity all around us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord.

AMEN

PARISH DIARY		
Date	Event	Time
Sat 17 & Sun 18 July	Propagation of the Faith Annual Appeal – All Masses	
Sunday 25 July	First Eucharist - student Amaaya Saheed Parish Baptisms	12.00pm

PARISH CONTACTS

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Weekday Mass 10.00am Tuesday Liturgy of the Word and Mass Wednesday to Friday 10.00am
Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00pm Sunday 9.00am and 10.30am

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

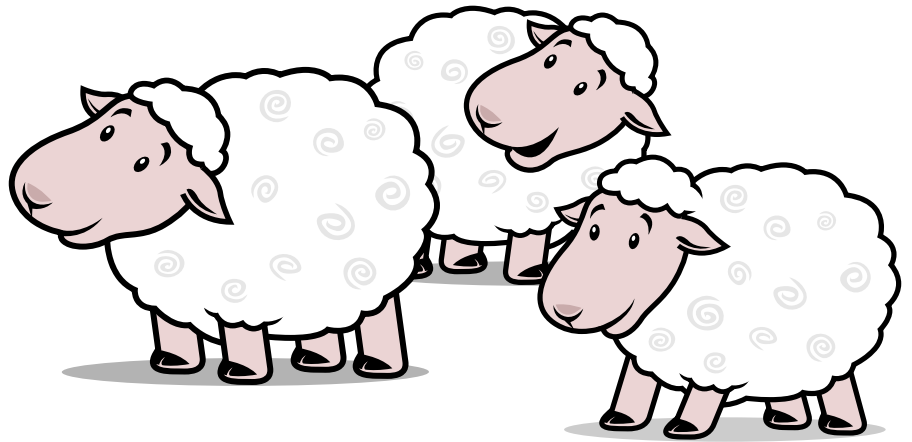
We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country of the land on which our church stands and recognize their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respect to them and to Elders past, present and emerging.

Jesus taught the sheep of his flock

Mk 6:30-34

My name is

Jesus took pity on the crowds of people who followed after him - they were like sheep who had lost their shepherd. Draw Jesus, the Good Shepherd tending to his sheep.



Trace over the dots to see some of the things Jesus taught his followers.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

BLESSED ARE THE MEEK

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Jesus taught the sheep of his flock

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



Gospel

Mk 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Jesus taught them many things

What did Jesus teach people?
Answer True or False to the following

"Love your neighbour" _____

"Punish those who dislike you" _____

"I am the wine of life" _____

"Blessed are the meek, they shall inherit the earth" _____

"I am the light of the world" _____

"A rolling stone gathers no moss" _____



Jesus was a shepherd, a leader, a teacher and a helper to his followers. In the footprints, write the names of people you know who care about others the way Jesus did.

