

St Therese's Parish Essendon

3 and 4 July 2021

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B



First Reading [Ez 2:2-5](#) A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Gospel [Mk 6:1-6](#) A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.



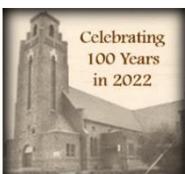
MASS IS BACK and with attendee numbers now limited to 150 (under the 1 person per 4sqm rule) there is no longer a need to book.

QR CHECK-IN All attendees are required to check-in on arrival at Mass using the Services Victoria QR Code system.

MASKS All people attending Mass must wear a mask inside if they are over 12 years old.

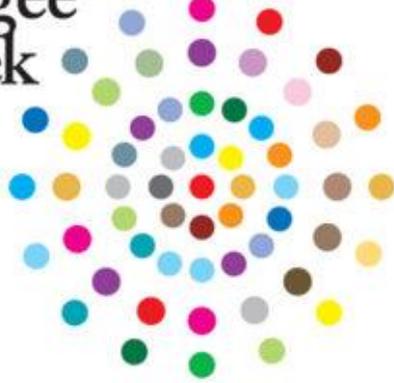
WATCH MASS AT ST THERESE'S ONLINE Fr John is recording Saturday evening Mass. These online Masses are for parishioners and friends of St Therese's parish who are not able to attend Mass. [You can watch this week's Masses on our website here.](#) To view our archive of recorded Masses you can [visit our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

COVID MARSHALS NEEDED We must now have COVID MARSHALS AT ALL MASSES. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the parish office ASAP. All volunteers are required to have a current Working with Children Check which we can help with if necessary.



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.

Refugee Week



This week (June 20 - 26) is Refugee Week, Australia's peak annual activity to inform the public about refugees and celebrate positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society. The theme of this year's Refugee Week is Unity, which highlights that we can all play a role in helping to build a more cohesive community.

CAPSA recently issued a media release condemning the passing of the Federal Government's Migration Amendment (Clarifying International Obligations for Removal) Bill 2021, which will expose refugees and other people in need of protection to indefinite detention and cause significant harm. [Read it here.](#)

Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen has written a piece for Eureka Street this Refugee Week. His piece highlights that embracing new arrivals helps Australia evolve. [Read it here.](#)

21st June, 2021

In public debates, Governments will win more votes than they lose through the brutal treatment of refugees. If we care for refugees, then, we must be in for the long haul. When the national mood changes from suspicious of outsiders to a more hospitable outlook, we must be ready to encourage it, writes ANDY HAMILTON SJ during Refugee Week (June 20 to 26).

In the cruel world of the nineteenth century Industrial Revolution an English poet wrote an ironic version of the Ten Commandments as practiced in Great Britain. The Fifth Commandment was:

Thou shalt not kill, but needs not strive officiously to keep alive.

In Arthur Hugh Clough's usage 'officiously' did not mean 'bossily' as it commonly does today, but as 'one of the duties of your office'. The lines implied that governments and employers were not entitled to kill the people who depended on them, but had no responsibility to prevent them from dying of starvation.

As we mark Refugee Week (June 20 – 26th), Clough's lines speak to our world, too. Throughout the world preoccupied with coronavirus and the difficulties of overcoming it, people are tempted to be focused on their own lives, their own families and their own nations. They may see people who are outside their own group or their own country sometimes as threats to their health to be expelled and excluded, sometimes as a burden, and always as people to whom they have no responsibility.

We see this in the way wealthy societies hoard vaccine and refuse to make it available to people in poor nations, the way in which passing boats leave refugees fleeing in sinking boats, the way in which governments lock their doors against immigrants and visitors and even their own citizens caught outside the nation. It is seen also in the treatment of refugees and overseas students already living in the nation. It is reflected, too, in the general lack of sympathy for refugees both in developed nations and seeking to go there.

This is a global phenomenon that threatens to erode compassion for all people who suffer from disadvantage or are different, as are so many of the people whom Jesuit Social Services serves. The lack of sympathy for refugees is reflected in Australia in the separation of family members within Australia, the way in which security is appealed to in order to make detention centres inhumane, the sudden decisions to process people who have sought protection for seven years or more, with a finishing date that will prevent many from seeking legal advice essential for their cause, and in the cruel detention of people in hotels which offer the sights and sound of freedom while depriving people of its reality.

In the present climate it would be wishful thinking that things will change soon. In public debates governments will win more votes than they lose through the brutal treatment of refugees. If we care for refugees, then, we must be in for the long haul, encouraging one another 'officiously to keep alive', to take the opportunity to meet refugees, to speak on their behalf to our friends and institutions, and to keep writing to government ministers and our members of parliament to support people in detention and in the community, and to ask more of our government. When the national mood changes from suspicious of outsiders to a more hospitable outlook, we must be ready to encourage it. Hospitality to refugees must begin in hospitable hearts which ultimately will outlive the walls that fear and prejudice erect against it.

[Andy Hamilton SJ](#)

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

COVID-19 UPDATE

CURRENT RESTRICTIONS as of Friday 25 June

MASS CAPACITY AT ST THERESE'S: Maximum of 150 people inside at Mass (under the 1 person per 4sqm rule). Funerals - maximum of 150 mourners. Weddings - maximum of 150 guests.

FACE COVERINGS Required indoors, (not in private homes), or when an exception applies. A face mask must be carried at all times

QR CONTACT TRACING 15 minute threshold removed. All attendees must register to visit the church, the parish office or PACE function centre. Each area has its own QR code.

PARISH OFFICE WORKING FROM HOME During the school holidays (28th June until 9th July) our office is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM and we continue to work from home.

PACE is closed except for parish group meetings with a maximum of 16 attendees

PARISH DIARY

Date	Event	Time
Sunday 11 July	NAIDOC week Masses	All Masses
Monday 12 July	School term 3 commences (pupil-free day)	
Tuesday 13 July	St Therese's students resume classes	8:45am

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St Vincent de Paul helpline: 1800 305 330 WEEKDAYS 10:00am–3:00pm

Tiny T's Playgroup: stthereses.tinyts@gmail.com

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

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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 recognize their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respect to them and to Elders past and present.

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How Families transform the world



The Majellan focuses on family matters and provided families with advice and spiritual nourishment Pope Francis, in the Joy of Love, shows how families can help transform the world. He says: "The family lives its spirituality by being both a domestic church and a vital cell for transforming the world." But it is hard to see how families, in all their messiness and struggles, can possibly be a domestic church, never mind a vital cell for transforming the world. For how can families possibly transform the world when the children can't even tidy up after themselves?

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For although families are a great source of tenderness and kindness, they are also, if we're honest, a source of arguments, falling outs, fighting, tantrums, rages, sulks and tears. Lots and lots of tears.

But Pope Francis reminds us that Families do not drop down from heaven perfectly formed [325], rather families need to constantly grow and mature in love. They are the first place where we learn to love, as well as the first place where we receive love [323]. They are also the place where we learn how to forgive and reconcile with each other despite the hurtful words we hurl at each other only moments ago. Families become the place where we mature as individuals and learn essential community values [52], for they are the place where love is forged through the struggles and trials of real life.

And at the heart of family life is the sacrament of marriage, which is not to be seen merely as some sort of social convention or empty ritual [72], it's a vocation to be a witness to God's love [72] in the world.

For, in marriage, the joy of love is nurtured, which creates an expansion of the heart[128], a love that continues to thrive even during the inevitable joy and struggles found in life [128].

For married couples who experience this power of love know that this love calls us to go out for the fruits of marriage are to help others. [322]