

# St Therese's Parish Essendon

31 July and 1 August 2021

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B



**First Reading** Ex 16:2-4. 12-15 A reading from the book of Exodus

*I will rain bread from heaven upon you.*

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

**Gospel** Jn 6:24-35 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.*

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life.

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he who believes in me will never thirst.'



**ST THERESE'S PARISH AWE GROUP NEWS** Next weekend our second Collection will focus on raising money for the Opening the Doors Foundation. Based at the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Centre, this Foundation has been operating for 20 years and addresses the severe educational disadvantage that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children face to this day.

Through listening to the community, the Foundation supports families to cover the extra costs of schooling that cannot be funded from other Government or educational sources, paying for items such as uniforms, school camps and books. In 2021, Opening the Doors has supported, 820 students from more than 200 schools. If you cannot attend church on, please donate through the website [www.openingthedoors.org.au](http://www.openingthedoors.org.au).



**MASS IS BACK** and with attendee numbers currently limited to 100 we have set up booking systems for the next two weekends so that parishioners can check in real time if there is space available at Mass.

Saturday 31 July 6:00pm Mass [booking link](#)

Sunday 1 August 9:00am Mass [booking link](#)

Sunday 1 August 10:30am Mass [booking link](#)

Saturday 7 August 6:00pm Mass [booking link](#)

Sunday 8 August 9:00am Mass [booking link](#)

Sunday 8 August 10:30am Mass [booking link](#)

**QR CHECK-IN** All attendees are required to check-in on arrival at Mass.

**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 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](#).



**CURRENT RESTRICTIONS** From 11:59 pm on Tuesday 27 July 2021, restrictions have changed:

There are no restrictions on the reasons to leave home but staying COVIDSafe remains important.

There are no restrictions on travelling across the state or to regional Victoria.

Face masks are mandatory indoors and outdoors. You do not need to wear a mask in your own home, or if a lawful exception applies.

If you have any symptoms, no matter how mild you should get tested for COVID-19.

#### **SOCIAL GATHERINGS**

Private gatherings in the home are not permitted.

You can see friends and family outdoors in a public place in a group of up to 10 people. A public place is an area accessible by members of the public like a park or the beach. It does not include your backyard at home.

#### **WORK AND EDUCATION**

If you can work or study from home, you should continue to do so. If you can't work from home or another suitable premise, you can go to work.

Offices can increase in attendance to 25% capacity or 10 people, whichever is greater.

Schools and early childcare are open.

#### **RELIGION AND CEREMONY**

Religious gatherings and ceremonies are allowed, with density requirements of 1 person per 4sqm, and no more than 100 people per indoor space and 300 people per outdoor space.

Places of worship are required to have a COVID Check-In Marshal monitoring patrons checking in using the Service Victoria app.

You can have a wedding with up to 50 people at a venue. This limit includes the couple and two witnesses. The celebrant, and a photographer are in addition to the cap.

Funerals are allowed with up to 50 people. This limit doesn't include babies under 12 months of age, or the people required to conduct the funeral.

#### **FACE MASKS**

Face masks must be carried at all times and must be worn indoors and outdoors.

You do not need to wear a mask in your own home, the home of your intimate partner or if a lawful exception applies.

To keep up to date with how restrictions apply to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne visit the website: <https://melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines>

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



**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](mailto:essendon@cam.org.au) or alternatively, email the Parish Leadership Team at [essendon.plt@cam.org.au](mailto:essendon.plt@cam.org.au). We welcome ideas/suggestions.

*We know that God loves and cares for each one of us. Let us now bring our prayers before God*

For our Pope, who understands the spiritual hunger of Christ's flock: that the Church may be renewed and nourished in his care. **Lord, hear us.**

For bishops, priests, deacons and all other shepherds of God's flock: may they also receive the bread of life. **Lord, hear us.**

For all who feel empty inside: that believers may reach out with new hope and meaning to those who are spiritually impoverished in our world **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for our parish: May we love and support ourselves and our neighbours as the burden of Covid continues to weigh upon us. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for those who are ill. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for our own special needs. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for those who have died recently: Maurice Camilleri, Ana Marija Udovicic, Eugenio Croce, Ellen Butler, John Cleary, Clara Brescacin,

And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Vilma Manzotti, Giovanni Italiano, Alanah Norohna, Leonard Reddoch, Carmel Merner, Domenico Lizio, Angela Faraco, Diana Verdi, Giovanna Cerrone, Joanne Green, James Bergin, Caterina Romeo, Frank Galle **Lord, hear us.**

*Loving God, we know that you hear the prayers of all your children. Help us to live our lives as followers of your Son Jesus. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

### PARISH DIARY

Date	Event	Time
Saturday 7 August	Annual Appeal - Opening the Doors Foundation	
Sunday 8 August	Feast Day Saint Mary Of The Cross Annual Appeal - Opening the Doors Foundation	All Masses All Masses
Wednesday 11 August	SVDP Essendon Regional Conference in PACE Function room	7:30pm
Monday 16 August	SVDP- Essendon Conference in PACE Function room	7:00pm
Saturday 21 August	Refugee Week: Refugee & Asylum Seeker Collection	
Sunday 22 August	Refugee Week: Refugee & Asylum Seeker Collection RE Programme (Eucharist) Session 1 in PACE	All Masses 9:30am
Sunday 29 August	RE Programme (Eucharist) Session 2 in PACE	9:30am

### PARISH CONTACTS

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**School email:** [info@stessendon.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@stessendon.catholic.edu.au)

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

**Tiny T's Playgroup:** [stthereses.tinyts@gmail.com](mailto: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

*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.*

# Work for food that gives eternal life



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



God wants us to have faith in Jesus, the Son he sent to save us.

Write or draw answers to these questions. **When you have faith...**

...how do you treat others?

...what do you do at mass?

...what do you do at home?

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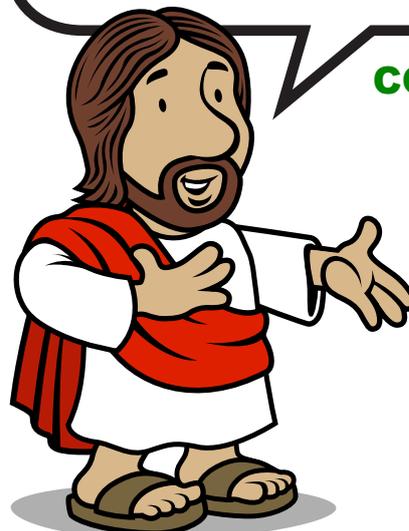
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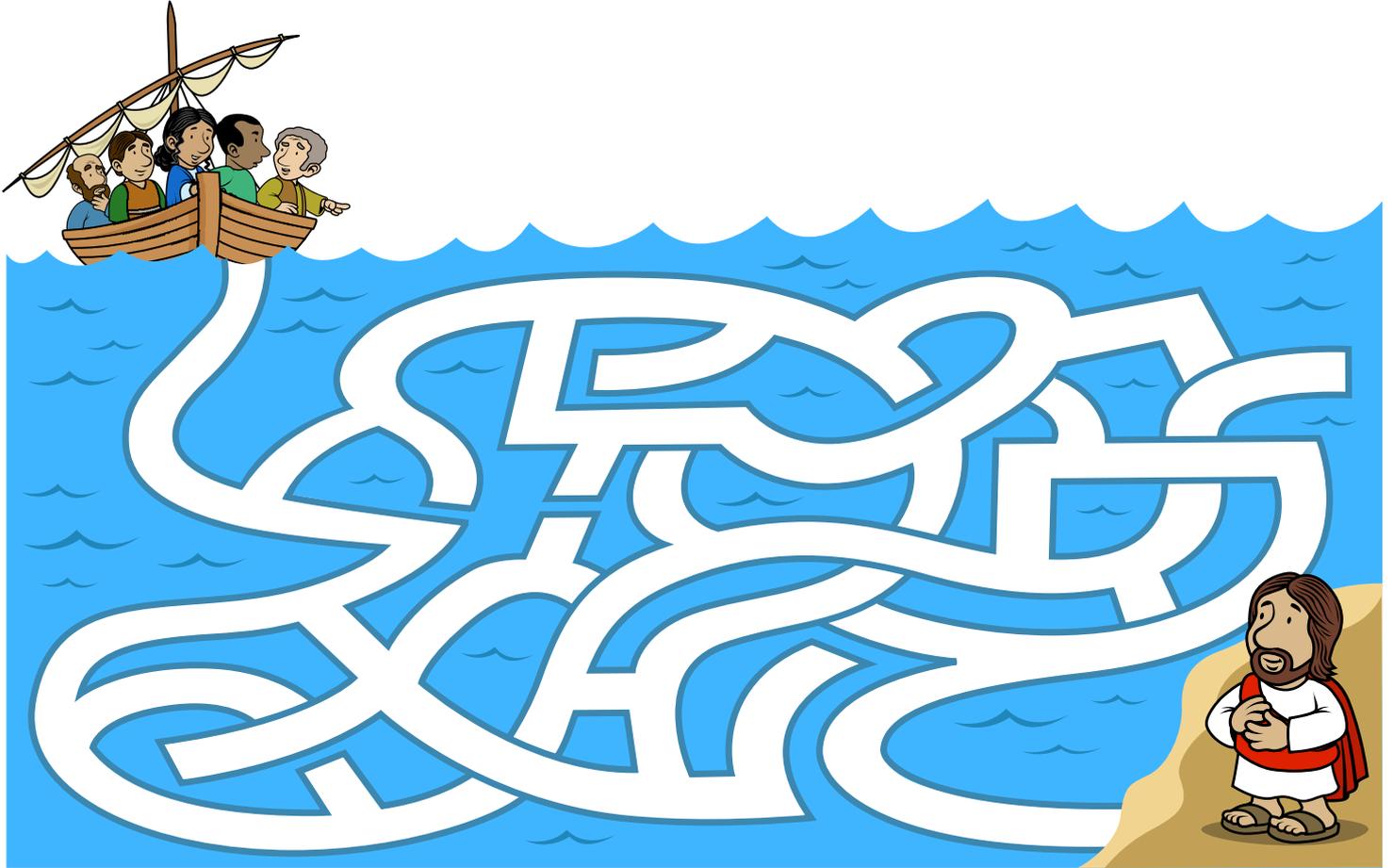
**COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE**

"God wants you to have faith in the one he sent"



# Work for food that gives eternal life

Help the people in the boat find their way to Jesus on the other side of the lake.



Believe in him whom God has sent.

Draw some of the followers whom Jesus taught.

