

St Therese's Parish Essendon

23 and 24 October
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
World Mission Sunday



First Reading *Jer 31: 7-9* A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel! See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Gospel *Mk 10: 46-52* A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.



Throughout this liturgical year we have examined several aspects of our faith. We have pondered the history of our salvation, the merciful compassion of God, God's willingness to lead us out of the bondage of our addictions. We have meditated often and long on the person of Jesus, on his life and death, on the meaning of his sacrifice, on his resurrection, on his influence in our lives today. We have considered our own ongoing transformation as disciples of Jesus, baptised into his death and resurrection, commissioned to bring the news of his love to all those with whom we come into contact. We have reflected on all of these wonderful deeds of God, and now we must ask the question: What difference has it made?

Have we merely acquired some information about the biblical readings, about our religious ancestors, about the ministry of Jesus and the life of the early church? Or have our eyes really been opened; have we been enabled to leave behind whatever prevents us from living the Christian life fully, to abandon our exiles or the trappings of our former lives? Have we accepted more genuinely the Christian responsibilities that are ours as baptised followers of Christ, in our own personal lives, in our families, in our relationships with others, at the workplace? To what degree have

we been transformed into Christ? How open have we become to the action of the Spirit in our lives? Have we been made a new creation? And do we recognise Christ in our midst? © Dianne Bergant CSA

JUMPED UP BARTIMAEUS Bartimaeus sat on the side of the way, having pilgrims throw coins onto his cloak spread out before him. But the presence of Jesus encouraged him to abandon his cloak, jump up from his ground level existence and ask to truly see the way from Jesus' perspective. Jesus responded to this act of faith by curing the disease so that Bartimaeus could see ahead in the same way as Jesus and follow him on 'the Way' (the earliest name for Christianity).

You and I can remain with the security of a familiar existence, hoping to be tossed a few coins of consolation to satisfy our various hungers. But Jesus wants us to take courage, to jump up and to share his vision. This takes faith, but we are in a better situation than Bartimaeus. He knew only that Jesus was on the way from Jericho to Jerusalem. We believe that, in Jerusalem, Jesus was lifted well above ground level and then had the astounding victory over the worst that death could do.

We might pause for a moment to pray for the courage to abandon whatever is keeping us grounded, so that with Bishop Richard of Chichester we may see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly.
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As a community of faith, we acknowledge our dependence on God and present our prayers for our needs, the needs of our community, and the needs of our world.

For our Holy Father Pope Francis and for all those who have responsibilities of leadership in our church, we pray that they may be ever faithful and give witness as true disciples. **Lord, hear us.**

For our civic leaders, we pray that they may be witnesses to truth and justice and seek ways to support the most vulnerable in our society. **Lord, hear us.**

For those who are victims of exploitation and human trafficking, we pray that society will recognise their needs and help them find release from their suffering. **Lord, hear us.**

For those who work among people on the fringes of society, we pray that they may be sustained in their vocation as they give witness to the healing mission of Jesus. **Lord, hear us.**

For those who suffer from impaired sight, we pray that the merciful Jesus will give them peace, courage and perseverance. **Lord, hear us.**

For missionaries who bring the message of the gospel to those longing for the good news of salvation, we pray that others may hear the call to join them. **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:

And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Margaret Maloney, Irene Marantelli, Michael Wilkinson, Loris Sullivan, Anne Tehan, Connie Vernuccio **Lord, hear us.**

Lord God, you showed mercy to the blind man who called out to you. We ask you to hear our prayers, through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

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

ACTS 4:20

The 2021 World Mission Month campaign produced locally by Catholic Mission has attracted global attention, but more importantly gives an international voice to missionaries serving people in places where poverty and disadvantage compound the devastating impact of COVID-19.

The digital campaign connected mission partners from around the world. It responds to a call from Pope Francis, inspired by Acts 4:20: "For we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard." Catholic Mission National Director, Fr Brian Lucas, says this global campaign focuses on the importance of sharing faith in mission. "It is the expression of the solidarity among the local churches in support of the mission churches that are in need because of persecution, minority status, and lack of material resources."

In the lead up to World Mission Sunday on October 24, Catholic Mission's annual World Mission Month Appeal has highlighted the work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand, supporting children from vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds through the Kindergarten Centre.

"The work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand touches some of the most vulnerable women and children and is an expression of the concern the local church has to give witness to the promise of the fullness of life," says Fr Brian.

This week Catholic Mission 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 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. [Watch Churai's story here](#) *Name and images altered to protect identity

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by 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.



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

ROADMAP OUT OF LOCKDOWN FOR OUR PARISH



With vaccination rates rising and the easing of restrictions approaching, we now look forward to a time of welcoming parishioners back to Mass and to celebrating the Sacrament of First Eucharist with our school and RE Programme candidates. At St Therese's we will be following the CHO directives in opening up our Masses.

OPENING UP DATES

- We are still working towards opening for Masses on the 6 November and in the meantime we are working hard to prepare for opening under requirements of the CHO directives.
- At this stage our first in-person Masses will take place on the weekend of 6 and 7 November.
- School First Eucharist Masses are booked for 26, 27 and 28 November. These Masses are not open to the public. (see Parish Dates below for details)
- The new date for our RE Programme Eucharist Mass is Sunday 5 December at 10.30am. This Mass is open to the public.
- Online Mass will continue to be recorded on weekends until restrictions ease further.

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

St Therese's will be adhering to CHO directives on double-dosed vaccination requirements so that we can welcome the maximum number of people back to a safe environment in our church.

- All parish office staff are required to be double-dose vaccinated in order to return to work in the parish office.
- All volunteers are required to be double-dosed vaccinated by opening on 5 November in order to attend Masses and continue their ministry.
- All Mass attendees over the age of 16 are required to be double-dosed vaccinated. This allows us to welcome 150 people back to Mass once we reopen.
- People of unknown vaccination status will not be allowed to attend Mass at St Therese's under the CHO directive.



BOOKING AND CHECKING IN

We have decided that with 150 people allowed at Mass, we won't need to set up a booking system for our usual weekday and weekend Masses.

All attendees are still required to check in using the Service Victoria QR codes in our church.

All attendees will be required to show proof of double-dose vaccination so please bring along your printed or digital certificate.

People of unknown vaccination status will not be allowed to attend Mass at St Therese's under the CHO directive. If you cannot prove your vaccination status, you will not be allowed to attend Mass.

ROADMAP OUT OF LOCKDOWN - PARISH DATES

Monday 1 November	Month of Remembrance begins All Saint/All Souls Mass online Book of Remembrance is published	
Saturday 6 November	Saturday evening Mass resumes	6:00pm
Sunday 7 November	Sunday morning Masses resume	9:00am 10:30am
Tuesday 9 November	Weekday Masses resume	10:00am
Friday 26 November	First Eucharist Mass 4S (Mass booked out)	6:00pm
Saturday 27 November	First Eucharist Mass 4C (Mass booked out)	6:00pm
Sunday 28 November	Parish Mass (public Mass) First Eucharist Mass 4GG (Mass booked out)	9:00am 10:30am
Sunday 5 December	First Eucharist Mass RE candidates (public Mass)	10:30am

PARISH OFFICE OPEN VIRTUALLY The parish office remains closed to the public and will not be staffed as we follow the government directive to work from home. The office remains contactable each weekday from 9am until 3pm via phone and email. For those who need to visit speak with Fr John, appointments can be made over the phone or via email. We can also hold meetings via Google Meet.

VICTORIA'S ROADMAP: TABLE SHOWING ROADMAP FOR ST THERESE'S

Category	70% of 16+ fully vaccinated As of 22 October 2021	80% of 16+ fully vaccinated Indicative date: 5 November 2021	80% of 12+ fully vaccinated Indicative date: Two weeks later
Masses	<p>Masses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masses remain online Outdoor interment services in Memorial Garden only DQ4, 20 cap 	<p>Masses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masses resume at St Therese's Fully vaccinated: Indoors 150 cap DQ4 	<p>For all settings, align with National Plan to transition Australia's National COVID-19 Response</p>
Funerals	<p>Funerals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full vaccinated: allowed with up to 20 attendees indoors and 50 attendees outdoors, DQ4 Unknown vaccination status: 20 people per facility (and those necessary to conduct funeral), DQ4 	<p>Funerals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully vaccinated: Indoors DQ4 and 150 cap, outdoors DQ2 and 500 cap Unknown vaccination status: 20 people per facility (and those necessary to conduct funeral), DQ4 	<p>For all settings, align with National Plan to transition Australia's National COVID-19 Response</p>
Weddings	<p>Weddings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully vaccinated: Outdoor only, DQ4, 50 cap Unknown vaccination status: 10 people per wedding (and marrying couple plus those necessary to conduct wedding) Outdoor only DQ4 	<p>Weddings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully vaccinated: Indoors DQ4 and 150 cap, outdoors DQ2 500 cap Unknown vaccination status: 10 people per wedding (and marrying couple plus those necessary to conduct wedding), DQ4 	<p>For all settings, align with National Plan to transition Australia's National COVID-19 Response</p>
PACE	<p>PACE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PACE only available for essential support services Permitted for groups of 10 for essential support (vaccinated status does not apply). 	<p>PACE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully vaccinated: Indoors DQ4 which is a limit of 18 fully vaccinated people permitted in PACE Permitted for groups of 10 for essential support (vaccinated status does not apply) 	<p>For all settings, align with National Plan to transition Australia's National COVID-19 Response</p>
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Indicative dates are subject to Public Health consideration of epidemiology at the time Masks must be worn indoors and outdoors by Victorians aged 12 years or over except if at home, or if an exception applies. Recommend primary school aged children wear face coverings indoors and outdoors except at home or if an exception applies. DQ4: 1 person per 4 square metres density quota DQ2: 1 person per 2 square metres density quota Masses and religious services are not held outdoors at St Therese's except for Memorial Garden services Children under 12 months old are not counted towards caps. 		



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE 2021 It's not too late to add names to this year's Book of Remembrance. To submit new names to the book, please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/gavGgXY4CtXPXcJ87> which will be active until 5pm on Wednesday 27 October. If you would prefer, you can clearly print names on a piece of paper and drop it in the parish office drop box or letterbox. On 1 November the Book will be published online and will also be placed in our church.

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. If you do not have a November Offering envelope please use a plain envelope writing November Offering and your name on the front and put the names of the deceased you wished to be prayed for on the back.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS Our parish centenary is another event we look forward to celebrating as a parish. Our Parish was formed on 8 August 1922 with the first Church/School building in the Parish ready for use in March 1923. The opening day of the school was 9 April 1923. The Parish Leadership Team has agreed to the celebration of our Parish Centenary from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023. This period covers the establishment of the Parish and the Parish School. The later start also gives more time for planning following our year of lockdown and recognises that it may be some time before Sunday Mass attendance builds up to previous numbers. It is hoped the celebration of the centenary will lead to the numbers increasing. The Theme for our Centenary is "A Faith Community Where Everyone is Welcome". The Centenary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 6 November 2022. Sr Cathy Meese will coordinate the planning for that Mass. When restrictions are lifted our Centenary Planning Committee will be able to proceed with the planning of events to celebrate the establishment of our Parish and School.

LOCKDOWN AND OUR MENTAL HEALTH

Head to Health: [click here for Head to Health](#)

Lifeline: [click here for Lifeline's COVID-19 Support](#) or phone 1300 651 251

Beyond Blue: [click here for Beyond Blue](#) or phone 1300 22 4636

Kids Helpline: [click here for Kids Helpline](#) or phone 1800 551 800

Catholic Care: Stay connected www.ccam.org.au Tel: 9287 5555

INTERESTING ARTICLES A reminder that we are collating a collection of articles we think our parishioners might find interesting, uplifting, informative or all of the above. Check out the parish website [here to find out more](#). If you come across an article you think would be of interest to our parishioners please email essendon@cam.org.au and let us know and we'll see if we can add it to our collection.

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

Any deposit should be referenced with your FIRST INITIAL and SURNAME so that we know that the money is a PSP payment attributed to you.

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

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Mass Online: Weekday Masses and Weekend Mass [link here](#)

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.

To be good people we must serve others



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Gospel Mk 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'



Serving Others

Jesus tells us that we need to serve others in order to be good people. What are some ways you can be of service to others?

I can serve my family by ...

I can serve my school by ...

I can serve my community by ...



Ruler or Servant ?

Which of the following things best describe a ruler or a servant?
Draw a line from each description to what you think is the correct side.



RULER

SERVANT

ORDERS OTHERS TO DO THEIR WORK

WORKS FOR OTHERS

WANTS TO BE GREAT

SHOWS HUMILITY

HAS POWER OVER OTHERS

MAKES SACRIFICES

TREATS THEIR LEADERS WITH RESPECT

Draw a picture of a king or queen

Draw a picture of a servant

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FINISH



COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"If you want to be great you must be the servant of all the others."



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