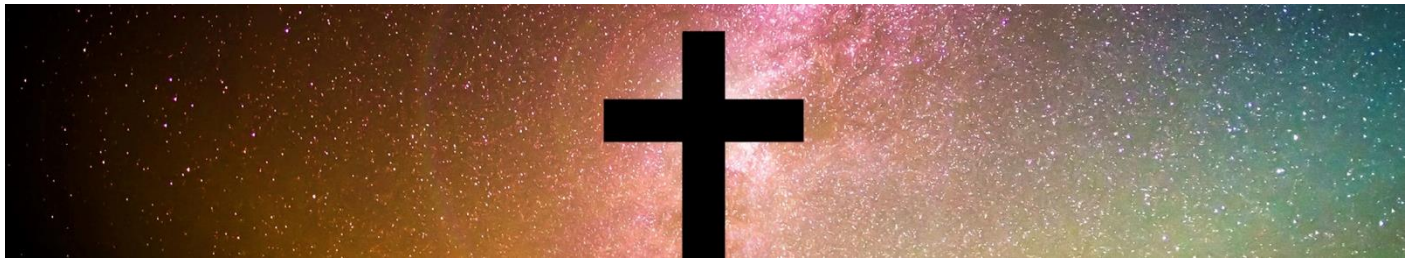


St Therese's Parish Essendon

20 and 21 November 2021
Christ the King Year B



First Reading Dn 7:13-14 A reading from the prophet Daniel

His sovereignty is eternal.

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

Gospel Jn 18:33-37 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

You say that I am a king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

Each one of the readings depicts the enthronement of Christ who is revealed as the messiah-king. Until his trial, Jesus himself refused to be identified as king. The royal messianic expectations that prevailed during his lifetime were predominantly political. If he assumed them, his followers might have instigated a rebellion against the Roman occupiers. When finally he did acknowledge his royal identity, he insisted that his rule was not like that of other kings.

Enthroned in heaven, Christ is revealed as the faithful witness to all that God has done and will continue to do. As first-born from the dead, his resurrection is the promise of our own resurrection. The dominion that he received from God is universal and exclusive and it will last forever. When he comes again on the last day, he will be revealed in all his glory.

Christ's kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice and love and peace. We need not stand at a distance from him, afraid to approach because of our human vulnerability. He is the one who loved us so much that he handed himself over to suffering and death so that we might live. He has already brought us to birth in this kingdom through Baptism and he has taught us how to live in it. Today we look to that time when his glory will be revealed, when we will all be gathered into the embrace of God, there to sing praise to that glory forever.

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REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus tells his closest friends that he is the Messiah, the One chosen to come and lead Israel into a new way of life. Only, their idea of a messiah king is different. They are waiting for a Jewish political leader who will take over the nation and destroy their enemies, then persecute them the way the Jews have been persecuted by the political powers of their time.

The ways of Jesus are different. He is a 'king' of nonviolence, forgiveness, unconditional love and service. How would this difference in the expectations of a messiah king affect the perceptions of Jesus' followers? How might it lead to them doubting that he is truly the Messiah? How might it explain their cowardice at the time of Jesus' arrest and trial?

The Lord's Prayer we pray at Mass every Sunday includes this line: 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven'. What does it mean for the Kingdom to come to earth, the same way it exists in heaven? What would that look like? What would the world be like if everyone on earth did the will of God? What part do you play in bringing to this world the Kingdom Jesus has in mind? Are you playing your part? If so, how? If not, why not?

It takes courage to play your part. When have you done something courageous for the Kingdom of Jesus? What happened? When have you had the chance, but not the courage you needed? What happened?

INTERCESSIONS

20 and 21 November 2021

Brothers and sisters, encouraged by the word of God we pray for our needs and those of humanity.

That the Church throughout the world will proclaim the Gospel without fear. **Lord, hear us**

That leaders will exercise their power with care and concern for those they serve. **Lord, hear us.**

That our parish community may demonstrate Christ as truly reigning in our hearts and homes. **Lord, hear us.**

For the bereaved, whether their loss was recent or many years ago, that in this month of remembrance they may find healing and peace. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for all school and parish families who are in isolation due to covid exposure. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for those who are ill. Liz Costigan, Cas Lukakas **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: Anne O'Reilly, Maree Tighe, Brian Bergin, Alison Hinton, Albie Torr, Gerard Hockey, Lachlan Millet, Marie Lithgow, Giuseppina Furlani, Terence Daffey, Lolita Fajardo-Zoleta **Lord, hear us.**

God, our creator, you raised up Jesus as King of all creation. We ask you to hear our prayers, through Christ our Lord

AMEN



This week, we celebrate Christ as King! The freeing power of Christ is alive and working among us to lift up the poor and needy, and to bring Life into a world of misery. His is not the 'usual' kind of kingdom that we know in the world of today. His 'kingship' is a power that moves more in a cosmic sense. We are invited to participate in this transforming work, bringing justice and peace into every heart and into every aspect of Creation.

LET US PRAY ...

God of the Cosmos,
you chose to restore all things in Christ your Son,
Move our hearts, in the love of Christ, to care for all you have made,
especially for all who need our help.
Make us worthy stewards of the gifts you have given,
as we generously give ourselves for the sake of the kingdom
where he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

AMEN



ANNUAL 3-IN-1 COLLECTION TODAY: Each year we combine some of our special collections to take pressure off our Sunday liturgies and to include those which are more local. Our 3-in-1 collection supports Peter's Pence, Mercy Palliative Care and John Pierce Centre

PETER'S PENCE is financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father to support him in his works. The Pope distributes the donations to support the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and of faithful in grave difficulties (the poor, children, the elderly, those marginalized and the victims of war or natural disasters; concrete aid to Bishops or dioceses in need, Catholic education, assistance to refugees and immigrants, etc.)

MERCY PALLIATIVE CARE is a community-based palliative care service offering support in the North and West of Melbourne. Their care includes a range of services to support people and their families with advanced disease, when cure is no longer possible. Their aim is for each person to experience the best quality of life possible.

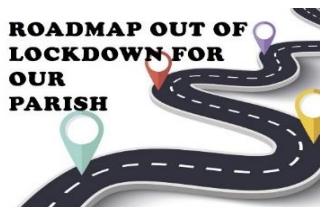
JOHN PIERCE CENTRE is a member of Catholic Social Services Victoria. The services of the JPC are available to all Deaf people and include family support programs, counselling and adult education opportunities.

Appeal envelopes are available at church entry tables or you can donate via EFT to the church account:

Name: St Therese's Church **BSB:** 083 347 **Account number:** 67640 1701
Reference: 3-in-1



JOHN PIERCE CENTRE
Spirit of the Deaf Community



REOPENING AT ST THERESE’S

Our Masses are now open under the restrictions of the vaccinated economy. This means there is no longer a restriction on the number of fully vaccinated attendees. Online Mass will continue to be recorded on weekends for parishioners and friends of St Therese’s who wish to remain at home for worship.



CHECKING IN

- All fully vaccinated attendees are required to check in using the Service Victoria QR code in our church.

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

- 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 fully vaccinated in order to attend Masses and continue their ministry.
- All Mass attendees over the age of 12 years and 2 months will be required to show proof of double-dose vaccination so please bring along your printed or digital certificate.
- If you cannot prove your vaccination status, you will not be allowed to attend Mass.

Fully vaccinated means someone who:

- has received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, or
- has a valid medical exemption, or
- is under the age of 12 and two months.

MASSES FOR PERSONS OF UNKNOWN VACCINATION STATUS: Some local parishes and St Patrick’s Cathedral are holding regular Masses for persons of unknown vaccination status.



VOLUNTEERING AT ST THERESE’S PARISH See below for volunteering opportunities at St Therese’s.

COVID MARSHALS NEEDED We must have COVID MARSHALS AT ALL MASSES. WE have a small group of regular volunteers but really need to boost numbers to support the roster. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the parish office ASAP.

LECTORS NEEDED We have had a few of our faithful lectors retire from the roster recently and are now seeking help to support those who read at our weekly Masses. Experience is ideal but not necessary, we can provide mentoring from experienced lectors.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS All volunteers are required to have a current Working with Children Check which we can help with if necessary. Working With Children checks can be applied for online at: <https://service.vic.gov.au/find-services/work-and-volunteering/working-with-children-check> All volunteers must be fully vaccinated.

PARISH DATES		
Saturday 20 November	3-in-1 Annual Appeal	
Sunday 21 November	3-in-1 Annual Appeal	
Friday 26 November	First Eucharist Mass 4S (not open to the public)	6:00pm
Saturday 27 November	Priests Retirement Fund annual collection First Eucharist Mass 4C (public Mass)	6:00pm
Sunday 28 November	Priests Retirement Fund annual collection Parish Mass First Eucharist Mass 4GG (public Mass)	9:00am 10:30am
Saturday 4 December	Melbourne Catholic Mission annual appeal	6.00pm
Sunday 5 December	Melbourne Catholic Mission annual appeal First Eucharist Mass RE candidates (public Mass)	Both Masses 10:30am
Wednesday 15 December	St Therese’s School End of Year Mass End of Term 4	12:00pm 3:30pm
Thursday 16 December	Christmas Mass at Arcadia	11:00am
Tuesday 21 December	Communal Reconciliation Mass St Therese’s Volunteers Function	7:00pm 8:00pm – 10:00pm
DATES WILL BE UPDATED REGULARLY		



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE Our perpetual Book of Remembrance has now been printed and is available for viewing in our church. It will remain in place in front of the lectern for the month of November.

NOVEMBER OFFERING: Envelopes for November Masses are now available on all entry tables. The envelopes can be placed in the collection plates or 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.

ON SALE NOW – ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Selling Christmas Cards & Columban Calendars at the back of the Church after each weekend Mass. **Cards:** pack of 8 for \$5.00, **Calendars** \$9.00 each.

FOR SALE ON ENTRY TABLES: The Far East \$1.50

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS. 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. 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.

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

Mass Online:

Follow this [link here](#)

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday to Friday 10:00am (fully-vaccinated attendees only)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6:00pm (fully-vaccinated attendees only)

Sunday 9:00am (fully-vaccinated attendees only)

Sunday 10:30am (fully-vaccinated attendees only)

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 respects to them and to Elders past, present and emerging.