

# St Therese's Parish Essendon

19 & 20 February 2022

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C



**First Reading** 1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23 A reading from the first book of Samuel

*The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.*

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

**Gospel** Lk 6:27-38 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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## INTERCESSIONS

*With faithful hearts let us turn to God for all our needs.*

For the Holy Father and all the bishops of the Church: may they lead us in ways of justice and mercy. Lord, hear us

For political leaders throughout the world: that justice and compassion may save us all from fear and foolishness. Lord, hear us

For all of our parishioners who are sick or lonely: may the Holy Spirit give them strength to keep faith in the Lord. Lord, hear us

For all those whose mental health has been adversely affected as a result of Covid: may the Lord give them strength to connect with family and friends or professional counsellors. Lord, hear us

We pray for those who are ill, especially: Jim Ruth and Sister Mary Dennett. Lord, hear us.

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

We pray for those who have died recently especially Carmela Uccello, Angela Cea, Rory Sheridan and Barbara Hinton. And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Maria Monteriso, Angelo Natoli, Rita O'Brien, Luigi Martino and Jan Collins. Lord, hear us

*God of kindness and compassion, you are the source of goodness. Hear our prayer and help us to live as you have taught. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Amen

**CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY APPEAL** There is still time to donate to the Chaplaincy Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community. The Catholic chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres, and those living with HIV/AIDS. Chaplains provide a listening ear, a compassionate presence, along with assistance to cope with emotional pain and loneliness. Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. You can donate using the envelopes available on our entry tables or online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2022** will begin online on 6 March with the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. Enrolments have now closed for our First Reconciliation programme but remain open for Confirmation and First Eucharist. Information about this year's Sacrament dates and programme can be found here: <https://www.stthereses.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Details-for-Sacramental-Programme-2022.pdf> For further information and to apply for the programme please contact the parish office

**JOIN OUR PARISH GARDENING & MAINTENANCE TEAM** No special skills are required, just an interest in gardening or taking on odd jobs! If you are interested in participating, please contact the Parish Office on 9401 6330 or email [essendon@cam.org.au](mailto:essendon@cam.org.au). All volunteers must have a Working With Children Check. Apply or renew here: <https://service.vic.gov.au/find-services/work-and-volunteering/working-with-children-check>

PARISH DATES		
Monday 21 February	Parish office closed SVDP – Essendon Conference in PACE Function room	7:00pm
Sunday 27 February	Parish Baptisms	12:00pm
Wednesday 2 March	Ash Wednesday morning Mass Ash Wednesday evening Mass Project Compassion Appeal begins	10:00am 7:00pm
Sunday 6 March	RE programme (First Reconciliation) – Session 1	9:30am
Wednesday 9 March	SVDP Essendon Regional Conference in PACE	7:30pm
Monday 14 March	Labour Day Public Holiday – parish office closed	
Sunday 20 March	RE programme (First Reconciliation) – Session 2	9:30am
Monday 21 March	SVDP – Essendon Conference in PACE Function room	7:00pm
Wednesday 23 March	Faith Night Sacrament of First Reconciliation	7:00pm
Saturday 26 March	Students present as candidates for First Reconciliation	6:00pm
Sunday 27 March	Students present as candidates for First Reconciliation RE programme (First Reconciliation) – Session 3 Parish Baptisms	All Masses 9:30am 12:00pm
Wednesday 30 March	First Reconciliation Sacrament Mass	7:00pm

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

**Mass Online:**

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**Weekday Masses:** Tuesday to Friday 10:00am **Weekend Masses** Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 9:00am, Sunday 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 respects to them and to Elders past, present and emerging.*