

St Therese's Parish Essendon

26 & 27 February 2022

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Project Compassion Sunday



First Reading Sir 27:4-7 A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

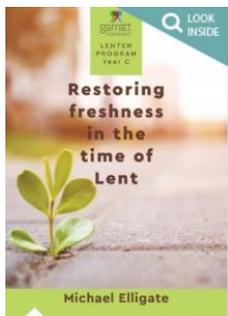
In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

Gospel Lk 6:39-45 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

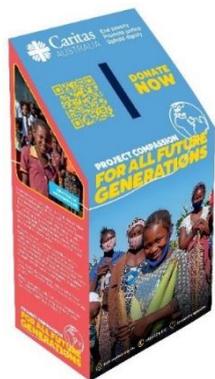
A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'



INVITATION TO JOIN LENTEN SPIRITUALITY PROGRAM – you are invited to participate in this year's Lenten Spirituality Program based on Fr Michael Elligate's 'Restoring Freshness in the Time of Lent' program. In this program, Michael proposes that during seasons of disruption and chaos, creation is constantly renewed in its freshness and we are called to find a new intimacy with God. By paying prayerful attention to the ancient Jewish psalms, and reading the gospels for the Sundays of Lent, we invite a new freshness into our own lives. The program will run, subject to numbers, during the weeks of lent in PACE on a Thursday at 10:30am and 7:30pm. Numbers will be limited to a maximum of 20 participants per session. If you are interested please register with the office and indicate your preference for a morning or evening session.



PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations. With your help, Caritas Australia assists vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. Donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



PARISH COMMUNITY GARDENING TEAM We are looking for some enthusiastic and energetic garden lovers to help form a parish 'garden and maintenance' team. The parish gardens are a great asset for the church and school community, but we need help in keeping the garden looking good. We are not looking for people to go to meetings, but people who have some time, during the week or weekends, to periodically help with planning the garden, periodic pruning of plants, weeding and fertilising, and propagation of new plants. We see this as a great opportunity to build 'community' through working together on the team. Grab a few friends and come along, we can't do it without you! If you are interested in participating, please contact the Parish Office on 9401 6330 or email essendon@cam.org.au.

NEW COVID RULES AT ST THERESE'S AS OF 11:59pm FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY

- Face coverings are not mandatory within Places of Worship or workplaces. Health officials have emphasised that face coverings are recommended for workers who "serve or face" members of the public.
- QR code check-in to Places of Worship and Parish offices are no longer required. This includes parish meetings in PACE.
- No vaccination requirements nor any requirement for organisers to check vaccination status for attendees at places of worship for weddings, funerals, or general worship. However, workers at places of worship (staff and volunteers) must still be up-to-date with their vaccinations and have provided evidence of this to their 'employer.'
- When PACE is hired out to non-Church community groups, vaccination status may still be required. There are no density limits in PACE. Hospitality COVID rules apply.
- There are no limits on participants or density requirements at places of worship for weddings, funerals, or general worship.
- ASH WEDNESDAY: The Blessing of Ashes can take place but remembering with prudence that Ashes should still be distributed in the 'Roman style', by sprinkling over the head.

PARISH DATES		
Sunday 27 February	Project Compassion Sunday Parish Baptisms	12:00pm
Wednesday 2 March	Ash Wednesday School Mass (Year 6 & Year 4) Ash Wednesday evening Mass	10:00am 7:00pm
Sunday 6 March	RE programme (First Reconciliation) – Session 1 in PACE	9:30am
Wednesday 9 March	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass SVDP Essendon Regional Conference in PACE	10:00am 7:30pm
Thursday 10 March	Lenten Spirituality Program with Sr Regina in PACE	10:30am 7:30pm
Monday 14 March	Labour Day Public Holiday – parish office closed	
Thursday 17 March	Lenten Spirituality Program with Sr Regina in PACE	10:30am 7:30pm
Friday 18 March	School Mass for St Patrick's Day	10:00am
Sunday 20 March	RE programme (First Reconciliation) – Session 2 in PACE	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
Thursday 24 March	Lenten Spirituality Program with Sr Regina in PACE	10:30am 7:30pm
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 in PACE Parish Baptisms	All Masses 9:30am 12:00pm
Wednesday 30 March	First Reconciliation Sacrament Mass	7:00pm
Thursday 31 March	Lenten Spirituality Program with Sr Regina in PACE	10:30am 7:30pm

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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 **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.