

# St Therese's Parish Essendon

5 & 6 February 2022  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C



**First Reading** Is 6:1-8A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Here am I! Send me.*

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

**Gospel** Lk 5:1-11 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*They left everything and followed him.*

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

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## INTERCESSIONS

*God stretches out his hand and saves those who call on him. Let us make our prayer for those in need.*

For our Pope, bishops, priests and all who preach the Gospel of Christ: that they be messengers of hope to a despairing world. Lord, hear us

For government officials and people on positions of influence: that there may be a more generous sharing of the world's resources. Lord, hear us

For all those who have just started back at school, teachers, students and volunteers: may their year be filled with joy and hope as well as learning. Lord, hear us

For all those people working to keep us safe from Covid: may the Lord keep them safe, strong and fulfilled. (Pause) Lord, hear us

We pray for those who are ill, especially: Jim Ruth, Sister Mary Dennett, Vera Lynch and Mary Cooper,

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

We pray for those who have died recently: Cas Lukauskas, Maurice Corkill and Josephine Rabar. And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Penny & Les George, Alec & Mary Taylor, Monica Dempsey, Marilyn Black, Angela-Antonietta Salpietro, Albert Ridgeway, Joe Campo, Ula McColl, Kevin O'Dwyer, William O'Dwyer and Mary Quinlan Lord, hear us

Priest: Loving God, through your Son the followers of Christ heard your words of life. Hear our prayers today, and help us to be witnesses to your word by leaving all that we own to follow your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2022** We have confirmed dates and most details for our RE Programme for this year and applications are now open. As always, the first Sacrament this year will be First Reconciliation, with the Sacrament Mass scheduled for 30 March. Our education programme will begin online on 6 March.. Enrolments for First Reconciliation close Friday 18 February. Our RE students receive Sacraments alongside St Therese's Primary School children and are required to present at a weekend Mass as candidates for the Sacrament and to attend a Faith night. More information about this year's programme can be found here: <https://www.stthereses.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Details-for-Sacramental-Programme-2022.pdf> It is likely all our education sessions will be delivered online this year as we try to mitigate the risk of COvid infections among our groups and we will confirm this for the other Sacraments as the year progresses. For more information and to apply for the programme please contact the parish office

**PARISH GARDENING & MAINTENANCE TEAM** We are forming a 'Gardening & Maintenance Team' looking at the ongoing health of our garden, with weeding and planting programs, seasonal pruning and fertilising, and propagation of new plants. If not interested in gardening you could consider joining the maintenance crew. This would involve the monitoring and carrying out of maintenance jobs around the church as required. The team would meet periodically and plan activities, including working bees to complete some tasks. We see this as a great opportunity to not only support the parish, but also to build community through working together in a relaxed, outdoor environment. 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> St Therese's is a wonderful parish and being involved is a great way to get to know people. We look forward to your involvement and help. From Parish Leadership Team

**WORKS INSIDE OUR CHURCH** Visitors will have noticed ongoing work in the back corner of our church. This is the end of repairs from water and storm damage and should be concluded next week.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD** services will replace our Masses on Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 February.

PARISH DATES		
Tuesday 8 February	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass	10:00am
Wednesday 9 February	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass SVDP Essendon Regional Conference in PACE	10:00am 7:30pm
Saturday 12 February	Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal	
Sunday 13 February	Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal	All Masses
Monday 14 February	Parish office closed	
Friday 18 February	Enrolments close for First Reconciliation RE programme	
Monday 21 February	SVDP – Essendon Conference in PACE Function room	7:00pm
Sunday 27 February	Parish Baptisms	12:00pm

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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.*