

St Therese's Parish Essendon

5 & 6 March 2022
First Sunday of Lent Year C



First Reading Dt 26:4-10 A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

Gospel Lk 4:1-13 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.



A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Gracious God, we pray for the people of Ukraine suffering from war.

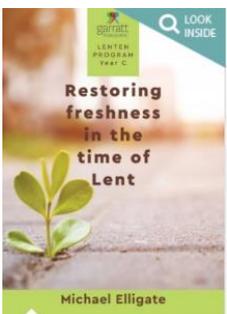
May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure their suffering and hardship.

Transform the hearts and minds of those who perpetuate the violence and oppression.

Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference.

We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.



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 during the weeks of lent in PACE on a Thursday at 10:30am and 7:30pm beginning on Thursday 10 March. 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 Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia- supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, Anatercia can easily access clean drinking water, community members are able to grow healthy crops all year round, and there is enough nutritious food to eat. Anatercia feels better supported by her community, has more time to study and do her homework, and hopes to fulfil her dream of becoming a nurse. Read her story here: <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/anatercia-story/> 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 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.

2023 PREP ENROLMENTS Enrolment for Foundation (Prep) 2023 open 15 March with and open day and information evening on 16 March. For more information visit: <https://www.stessendon.catholic.edu.au/our-enrolments>

PARISH DATES		
Tuesday 8 March	Funeral of Fay Slattery	10:00am
Wednesday 9 March	Liturgy of the Word replaces Mass SVDP Essendon Regional Conference in PACE	10:00am 7:30pm
Thursday 10 March	Liturgy of the Word replaces Mass Lenten Spirituality Program with Sr Regina in PACE	10:00am 10:30am and 7:30pm
Monday 14 March	Labour Day Public Holiday – Parish office closed	
Tuesday 15 March	2023 Foundation Enrolments open	
Wednesday 16 March	School open day and enrolment evening	
Thursday 17 March	Lenten Spirituality Program with Sr Regina in PACE	10:30am and 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 and 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 and 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.