

St Therese's Parish Essendon

30 April & 1 May 2022
Third Sunday of Easter Year C



First Reading Acts 10:34. 37-43 - A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Gospel: Lk 24:1-12 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered their eyes. But the two men said to them, 'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day?' And they remembered his words.

When the women returned from the tomb they told all this to the Eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense, and they did not believe them.

Peter, however, went running to the tomb. He bent down and saw the binding cloths, but nothing else; he then went back home, amazed at what had happened.



INTERCESSIONS

Brothers and sisters, fulfilled by the love of our risen Lord, we turn to God with our intentions.

We pray for the Church: May people find in her, the truth that guides and nourishes through life.

We pray for our world: may all nations learn to share in their prosperity for the good of all.

We pray for our young people: May their talents be used to create a better world.

We pray for all victims of road trauma and their families: May we continue to increase the safety of all road users.

We pray for those who are ill, especially Fr Eric Hodgins, Sr Mary Dennett, Dawn Ward, John Stein, Carmela Ozzimo.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Concetta Costantino and for those whom we remember at this time, especially Anna Maria Minniti, Marianna Nardo, Giovanni Sfregola and Audrey Churchill.

God our Father, your Son showed himself as risen from the dead. Hear our prayers and help us to be ever present to those in need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



PROJECT COMPASSION Please return your envelopes and boxes now, as your ongoing support for Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia to lift the voices of the poor and promote the dignity of each person. Thank you to those who have already returned their project compassion donations, we are extremely grateful for your generosity.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT Christian denominations throughout Australia collect data regarding the number of individuals who attend Sunday/weekend worship. Thanks in advance to our collectors who will be conducting our Parish Mass 'count' at all Masses beginning next weekend. The count will be recorded on 7&8 May, 14&15 May, 21&22 May with the final week being the 28 & 29 May.

BEST-SELLING AUTHOR JOAN CHITTISTER will speak at the Melbourne Town Hall on 12 May, 7pm-9pm. A parishioner has kindly donated tickets for anyone who can use them and we have 4 tickets remaining. First in, best dressed! Please contact the parish office if you'd like to claim tickets.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. On that Sunday each year you are invited to make your contribution to the training of seminary students for the Catholic priesthood. The Bishops of Victoria and Tasmania have established an annual Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal and invite donations that will support the education of students at Corpus Christi College, Melbourne. You can contribute to the appeal online here <https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/> or donation forms will be available on our entry tables next weekend.

ALPHA The Alpha course begins at St Monica's Symons Centre on 5 May from 7 pm to 9 pm, beginning with a light meal. For enquiries and registrations contact 0403 512 936. Watch the video here: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/185259253> Allow the Holy Spirit to touch your life and encounter Jesus in a personal way.

FUNERAL NEXT FRIDAY Please note that the funeral of Concetta Costantino will replace our morning Mass on Friday 6 May. The funeral will begin with a Rosary at 10:00am followed by Requiem Mass at 10:30am.

PARISH DATES		
Sunday 1 May	RE Programme (Confirmation) Session 1	9:30am
Tuesday 3 May	Faith Night Sacrament of Confirmation Parish Leadership Team Meeting	7:00pm 7:30pm
Friday 6 May	Rosary then Requiem Mass for Concetta Costantino	10:00am
Saturday 7 May	Annual Mass Count	
Sunday 8 May	Good Shepherd Sunday Mother's Day Annual Mass Count	All Masses
Wednesday 11 May	SVDP Essendon Regional Conference in PACE	7:30pm
Saturday 14 May	Annual Mass Count Students present as candidates for Confirmation	6:00pm
Sunday 15 May	RE Programme (Confirmation) Session 2 Students present as candidates for Confirmation Welcoming Mass for Baptism families Annual Mass Count	Cancelled All Masses 10:30am All Masses
Monday 16 May	SVDP – Essendon Conference in PACE Function room	7:00pm
Saturday 21 May	Annual Mass Count Annual Appeal: Propagation of the Faith	
Sunday 22 May	Annual Appeal: Propagation of the Faith Annual Mass Count RE Programme (Confirmation) Session 3 Parish Baptisms	All Masses 9:30am 12:00pm
Friday 27 May	National Reconciliation Week begins	
Saturday 28 May	Annual Mass Count Sacrament of Confirmation Mass (school candidates) Sacrament of Confirmation Mass (school and RE candidates)	4:00pm 6:00pm
Sunday 29 May	Annual Mass Count Parish Baptisms (extra week)	All Masses 12:00pm

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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.