

# St Therese's Parish Essendon

14 & 15 May 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C

United Nation's International Day of Families



**First Reading** Acts 14:21-27 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.*

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

**Gospel:** Jn 13:31-35 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

## INTERCESSIONS

*Let us turn to the Lord and commend to the grace of God those who are in need.*

For our Pope, bishops, priests and all religious clergy: that God may be glorified in the Church.

As we approach the election, we pray that Your people may be awakened. Let them realize that while politics is not their salvation, their response to You requires that they be politically active.

We pray for all who suffer exhaustion or loneliness in caring for a loved one: may they feel the comfort of God's

We pray for ourselves: that by our love for one another, everyone may know that we are Christ's disciples.

We ask God to bestow on us the wisdom and insight to care for the earth and to preserve His gifts of water, land and climate for ourselves and the good of those who come after us.

Help us realise that we are all members of one great family and to recognise the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need.

For our school students who are presented as candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation this weekend and who will receive the Sacrament soon: May the Holy Spirit give them strength and guidance.

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

We pray for our own special needs.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Maria Rosa Mambrino and Joseph Said and for those whom we remember at this time, especially Cas Lukauskas, Margot Mulgrew, Luigi Cardamone, Angela Cardamone, Pietrina Giuffre, Des Duffy and John Denis Webster.

*God of kindness and compassion, you make all things new. In Christ we have been transformed and sent out to serve. May our actions always show that we are Christ's disciples. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

**WELCOME TO OUR YEAR 6 STUDENTS** who present themselves at Masses this weekend. We join as a parish to support them as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the end of May.



**LAUDATO SI' WEEK** (16-24 May) is a celebration of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* and a call to action for Catholics around the world to care for our common home. We are called to be Easter people, acknowledging the dark places in ourselves, our families, neighbourhoods, nation, and wider world, while praying and planning for a more peaceful and interconnected world. The Australian Bishops' Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace invites all people on a seven-year journey toward integral ecology. Therefore, they commend prayer, reflection, study, dialogue, and action across Laudato Si' Week.

'All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents.' (LS n 14) Check the websites: [laudatosi.org](http://laudatosi.org) and [laudatosiactioplatform.org](http://laudatosiactioplatform.org) to engage with Pope Francis' vision of integral ecology.



**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES** Sunday May 15 is the United Nation's International Day of Families. This year's theme is Families and Urbanisation. The theme focuses on how sustainable urbanization should empower families and help them live a better life. Unfortunately, in Australia one in every 65 households is homeless, according to the 2016 census. This includes one in every 145 families with children under the age of 18. There has been a disproportionate increase in the last few years in the number of homeless families mainly due to the rising numbers experiencing domestic and family violence, poverty and a lack of affordable and suitable accommodation. Indigenous people generally experience higher rates of homelessness compared with non-Indigenous people and it is highest among young people, including children. The legacy of colonisation is deeply implicated in the contemporary disadvantage of many Indigenous people.

Families have diverse experiences of homelessness and research shows that the impact of homelessness on children and parents is significant and ongoing. Typically, they experience multiple adverse events, including mental and physical ill health. Poverty is a risk factor for homelessness, and housing tenure has a major impact on poverty. The risk of poverty is higher for households renting privately than for homeowners or home purchasers.

Homelessness escalates the risk of contact with statutory child protection services. Sadly, this particularly affects women who have experienced family violence. Once homeless, a woman must demonstrate that appropriate accommodation is available to be reunified with her children. However, because she has been separated from her children, she can only be allocated housing for her needs, not for her children, and this can prevent reunification.

This International Day of Families reminds us that having a home is a basic human right. Learn more about International Day of Families here: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-of-families>

**MASS TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC** Sunday 22 May, 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne. Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly. You are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the Mass by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel (inside St Patrick's Cathedral) during May or online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF>.

**RIPOSI IN PACE** Last week we learned the sad news of the death of long-time parishioner Maria Rosa Mambrino. At the parish we knew her as Maria although others knew her as Rosa, she was a devoted Mass attendee and kind friend to the parish office staff. A Requiem Mass will be held for Maria on Wednesday 18 May at 11:30am.

PARISH DATES		
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
Wednesday 18 May	Requiem Mass for Maria Mambrino	11.30am
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 RE students present as candidates for Confirmation Parish Baptisms	All Masses 9:30am 10:30am 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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**St Vincent de Paul helpline:** 1800 305 330 WEEKDAYS 10:00am–3:00pm

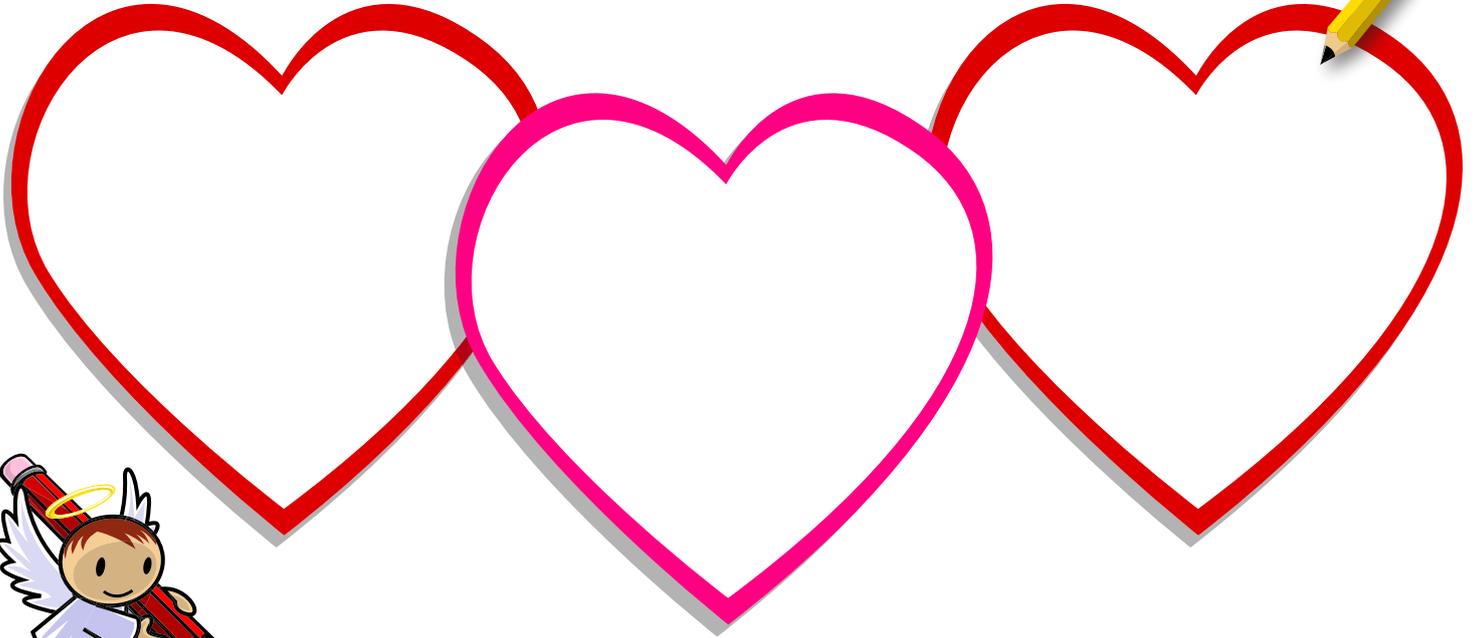
**Mass Online:** Follow this [link here](#)

**Weekday Masses:** Tuesday to Friday 10:00am **Weekend Masses** Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 9:00am, Sunday 10:30am

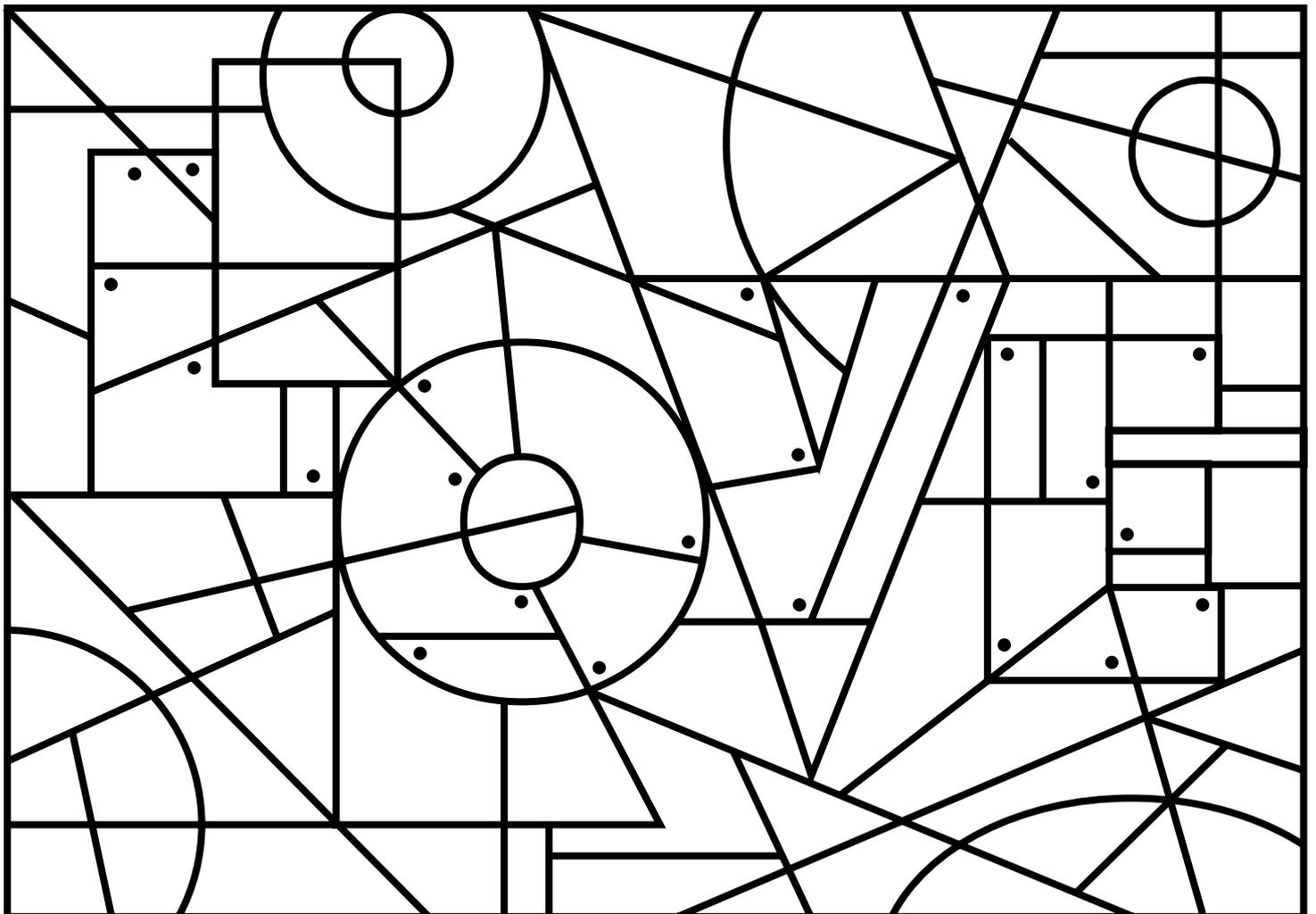
*St Therese's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country of the land on which our church stands and recognize their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and to Elders past, present and emerging.*

# Love one another

Jesus tells us to love each other as he loves us. Draw some people whom you love.



Colour the shapes that contain dots • red. Fill the other shapes with different colours.



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Jesus tells us to love each other as he loves us. How did Jesus show us that he loves us?



## Write or Draw

things you can do to show your love for others?



Use the words below to **complete** these Scripture passages

### FAMILY

“Love your \_\_\_\_\_, do good to those who \_\_\_\_\_ you.”

*Luke 6:27*

“You shall love the \_\_\_\_\_ your God with all your \_\_\_\_\_, and with all your soul.”

*Matthew 22:37*

“You shall love your \_\_\_\_\_ as yourself.”

*Matthew 22:39*

“Just as I have \_\_\_\_\_ you, you also should love one \_\_\_\_\_.”

*John 13:34*

**Lord**    **enemies**  
**hate**    **loved**    **heart**  
**neighbour**    **another**

### Friends

### PEOPLE in need