

# St Therese's Parish Essendon

21 & 22 May 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C

Propagation of the Faith/Catholic Mission Appeal



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**First Reading** Acts 15:1-2. 22-29 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.*

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

**Gospel:** Jn 14:23-29 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

## INTERCESSIONS

*Sisters and brothers, with Christ our gift of peace, let us turn to God with our intentions*

We pray for the Pope and all pastors and leaders in the Church: may they always act in the love of the heart of Jesus and the wisdom of the Spirit

We pray for peace in the Ukraine: may we all do our bit to support those affected by war.

We pray for those caught up in violence: that the God of peace may be their shelter

We pray for all those who struggle to find meaning in their lives: may Christ be lamp for their way and a path for their steps.

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

We pray for those who are ill, especially Fr Eric Hodgens, Sr Mary Dennett, Dawn Ward, John Stein, Michael Daly and Ray Fogarty.

We pray for those who have died recently: Sarah McCarthy, Joseph Said, Matteo Cursio and Briony Neill and for those whom we remember at this time, especially Concetta Costantino, Julio Navas, Frederick Ursic, Nihal Ellawala, Duc Nguyen and Des Duffy.

*God our Father, you give us the greatest gift of love. Hear our prayers and help us to no longer be troubled or afraid, but to embrace your gift of peace and remain faithful to your loving word. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*



**'PRAY, LEARN, ACT': CATHOLIC MISSION IN ETHIOPIA** An open invitation is extended to meet Cardinal Berhaneyesus Demerew Souraphiel, Cardinal Archbishop of Addis Ababa. On Thursday 2 June 2022 a Mass at 10am at St Ambrose's Church, Sydney Road, Brunswick will be followed by a 'Cuppa with the Cardinal.' Cardinal Souraphiel will outline exciting joint projects with Catholic Mission which promise to reach out to people in need, share faith and save lives. This week is our annual appeal for Catholic Mission. Learn more here: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/see-our-work-in-action/community>

**CATHOLIC MISSION BEGAN WITH THE VISION OF ONE WOMAN** 2022 is special year for Catholic Mission as it marks significant anniversaries in their history. Two-hundred years ago, a young Frenchwoman, Pauline Jaricot, had the vision of an international network of prayer and support for the work of mission. In May 2022 Pauline Jaricot's beatification will take place, a key milestone on the journey towards being recognised as a saint. This year also marks the 200th anniversary of the Foundation for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, which in Australia is known as Catholic Mission.

## BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

This week Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones.

**The Deberety Goat Rearing Centre is a dream of the local Church and community in Emdibir. When established, the Centre aims to provide nutritious goats milk for families in need, like Neela's\*, so that babies like Ajani\* can be healthy and strong.**

Please give generously today to help kickstart this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope provided, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia](http://catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

\*Name altered to protect identity



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**MORNING MASS TUESDAY 24 MAY** Please note that our usual morning Mass will be replaced by a rosary (9:45am) and Requiem Mass for the late Matteo Cursio.

### PARISH DATES

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Saturday 21 May	Annual Appeal: Propagation of the Faith/Catholic Mission	
Sunday 22 May	Annual Appeal: Propagation of the Faith/Catholic Mission RE Programme (Confirmation) Session 3 Students present as candidates for Confirmation Parish Baptisms	All Masses 9:30am 10:30am 12:00pm
Tuesday 24 May	Rosary and Requiem Mass for Matteo Cursio	9:45am
Friday 27 May	National Reconciliation Week begins	
Saturday 28 May	Sacrament of Confirmation Mass (school candidates) Sacrament of Confirmation Mass (school and RE candidates)	4:00pm 6:00pm
Sunday 29 May	Parish Baptisms	12:00pm
Friday 3 June	National Reconciliation week ends (30 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mabo decision)	
Tuesday 7 June	Parish Leadership Team Meeting	7:30pm
Wednesday 8 June	SVDP Essendon Regional Conference in PACE	7:30pm
Thursday 16 June	Mass at Arcadia	
Saturday 18 June	Winter Appeal – St Vincent de Paul Society	
Sunday 19 June	Winter Appeal – St Vincent de Paul Society Welcoming Mass for Baptism families Refugee & Asylum Seeker team meeting in Boardroom	All Masses 10:30am 11.30am
Monday 20 June	SVDP – Essendon Conference in PACE Function room	7:00pm
Friday 24 June	Term 2 concludes	
Sunday 26 June	Parish Baptisms	12:00pm

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**St Vincent de Paul helpline:** 1800 305 330 WEEKDAYS 10:00am–3:00pm

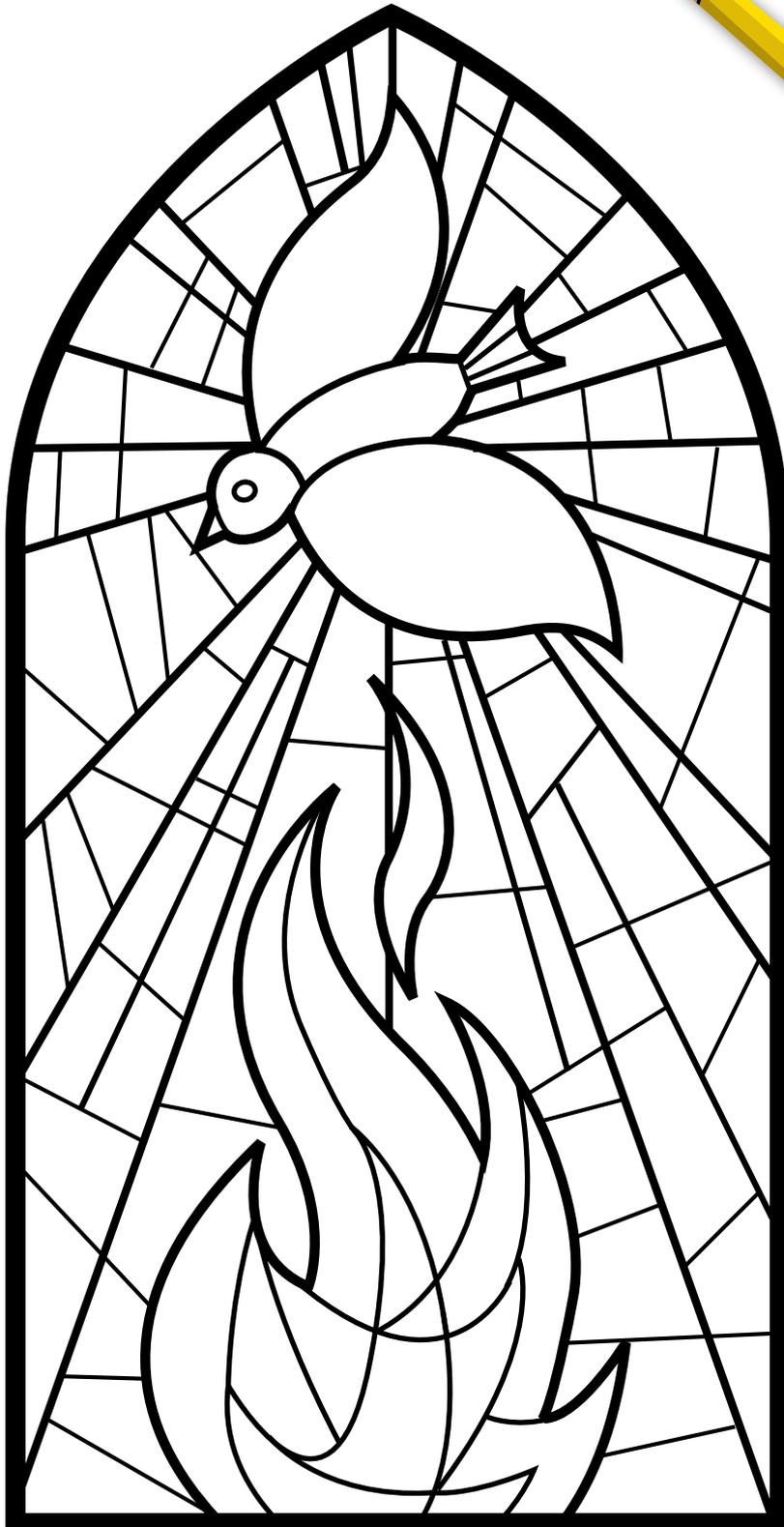
**Mass Online:** Follow this [link here](#)

**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.*

# The Holy Spirit will help you

Jesus told his disciples that after he was gone, God the father would send the Holy Spirit to help them remember Jesus' teachings. Draw Jesus and write down some of the things he teaches us?



Colour in the stained glass window showing the symbols of the Holy Spirit

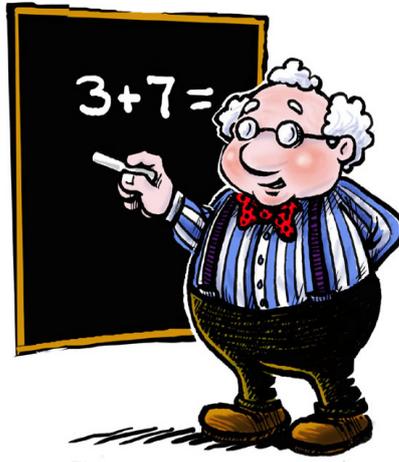
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Below are some of the people we have to obey. Who are they and what sort of things do they ask us to do?

Draw a picture of another person who you obey. How are you obedient?






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Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to help us obey him. Write down the things that the Holy Spirit can help you do for Jesus.

What did Jesus tell his disciples about the Holy Spirit? Unscramble the tiles below to reveal his message.

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