

St Therese's Parish Essendon

23 and 24 July 2022

Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year C

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

St Therese's Centenary 1922 – 2022



First Reading Gen 18:20-32 A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Gospel Lk 11:1-13 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come: give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

INTERCESSIONS

Dear friends, in the hope of receiving the goodness of God, we make our prayers before the Lord.

We pray for the Pope and our bishops: that they may lead us into an ever-closer friendship with God.

We pray for the leaders of all nations: may they balance the need for national security with justice and compassion for all the refugees desperate to find a place to call home.

We pray for everyone affected by natural disasters, here at home and abroad: May they receive grace and assistance to rebuild their lives.

We pray that the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people, will share their experience and wisdom to help young people look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

During "Donate Life" week, may we share greater awareness of the need for organ donation that is so very lifesaving.

We pray for those who are ill, especially Peter Tyrell, Ted Vanderlaan, Dawn Ward, Sr Mary Dennett, Toni Lukauskas, Denise Peyton and Laurie Larmer.

We pray for friends and family effected by the COVID pandemic, for those who are ill and for those who care for them. We pray for our own special needs.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Christopher Montalti, Fernando Stromei, Laura Campana, Brian Cusack and Micheline Matrenza and for those whom we remember at this time, especially Eugenio Croce, Maurice Camilleri, Ana Marija Ivana Udovicic and Vilma Manzotti.

Loving Father, hear us today, and help us to pray as Jesus taught us and to forgive as he showed us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY This Sunday we celebrate the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme this year is "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Ps 92: 15). It is an opportunity to proclaim once more, with joy, that the Church wants to celebrate together with all those whom the Lord **has "filled with days"**.

Pope Francis asks the young amongst us to "seek out those elderly persons who feel most alone, at home or in residences where they live. Let us make sure that no one feels alone on this day. Expecting a visit can transform those days when we think we have nothing to look forward to; from an initial encounter, a new friendship can emerge. Visiting the elderly who live alone is a work of mercy in our time!"

To the older person the pope asks this: "Cultivate your interior life through the assiduous reading of the word of God, daily prayer, reception of the sacraments and participation in the liturgy. In addition to our relationship with God, we should also cultivate our relationships with others: first of all by showing affectionate concern for our families, our children and grandchildren, but also for the poor and those who suffer, by drawing near to them with practical assistance and our prayers."

GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS Welcome Father Gerard Spillane, brother of parishioner Rick, who is celebrating his 50th anniversary of ordination this Sunday and will be celebrant of the 10.30am Mass. Gerard was ordained here by his uncle Bishop Alo Morgan on 22nd May 1972, followed by his Mass of Thanksgiving the next day. We welcome him back to Essendon for this happy occasion, and join his family and friends in congratulating him and wishing him many more years of health and ministry, from being parish priest of Gisborne, prior to his retirement as Pastor Emeritus.

LITURGY OF THE WORD ON TUESDAYS UNTIL SEPTEMBER On Monday we bid adieu to Fr John as he takes a well-earned five week break. **During Fr John's leave Liturgy of the Word with Communion will replace morning Masses on Tuesdays.** Morning Masses from Wednesday to Friday will remain as usual. We are again very grateful for the support of the Columbans in Strathmore who are filling in for Fr John during his absence.

PARISH CALENDAR	Sunday 24 July	Fr Gerard Spillane saying Mass Parish Baptisms	10:30am 12:00pm
	Tuesday 26 July	Liturgy of the Word with Communion	10:00am
	Friday 29 July	Enrolments close for Sacrament of First Eucharist	
	Tuesday 2 August	Liturgy of the Word with Communion Parish Leadership Team Meeting	10:00am 7:30pm
	Friday 5 August	School Mass for Feast of Mary Mackillop (Year 3)	10:00am
	Tuesday 9 August	Liturgy of the Word with Communion	10:00am
	Wednesday 10 August	SVDP Essendon Regional Conference in PACE	7:30pm
	Saturday 13 August	Annual Appeal: Catholic Care	
	Sunday 14 August	Annual Appeal: Catholic Care	All Masses
	Monday 15 August	SVDP – Essendon Conference in PACE Function room	7:00pm
	Tuesday 16 August	Liturgy of the Word with Communion	10:00am
	Wednesday 17 August	Faith Night Sacrament of First Eucharist	7:00pm
	Sunday 21 August	RE Programme (Eucharist) Session 1	9:30am
	Tuesday 23 August	Liturgy of the Word with Communion	10:00am
	Friday 26 August	School Mass in celebration of Grandparents	10:00am
Sunday 28 August	RE Programme (Eucharist) Session 2	9:30am	
Tuesday 30 August	Liturgy of the Word with Communion	10:00am	

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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 Reconciliation: Saturday 5:45pm	
	<i>St Therese's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.</i>	
	<i>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.</i>	

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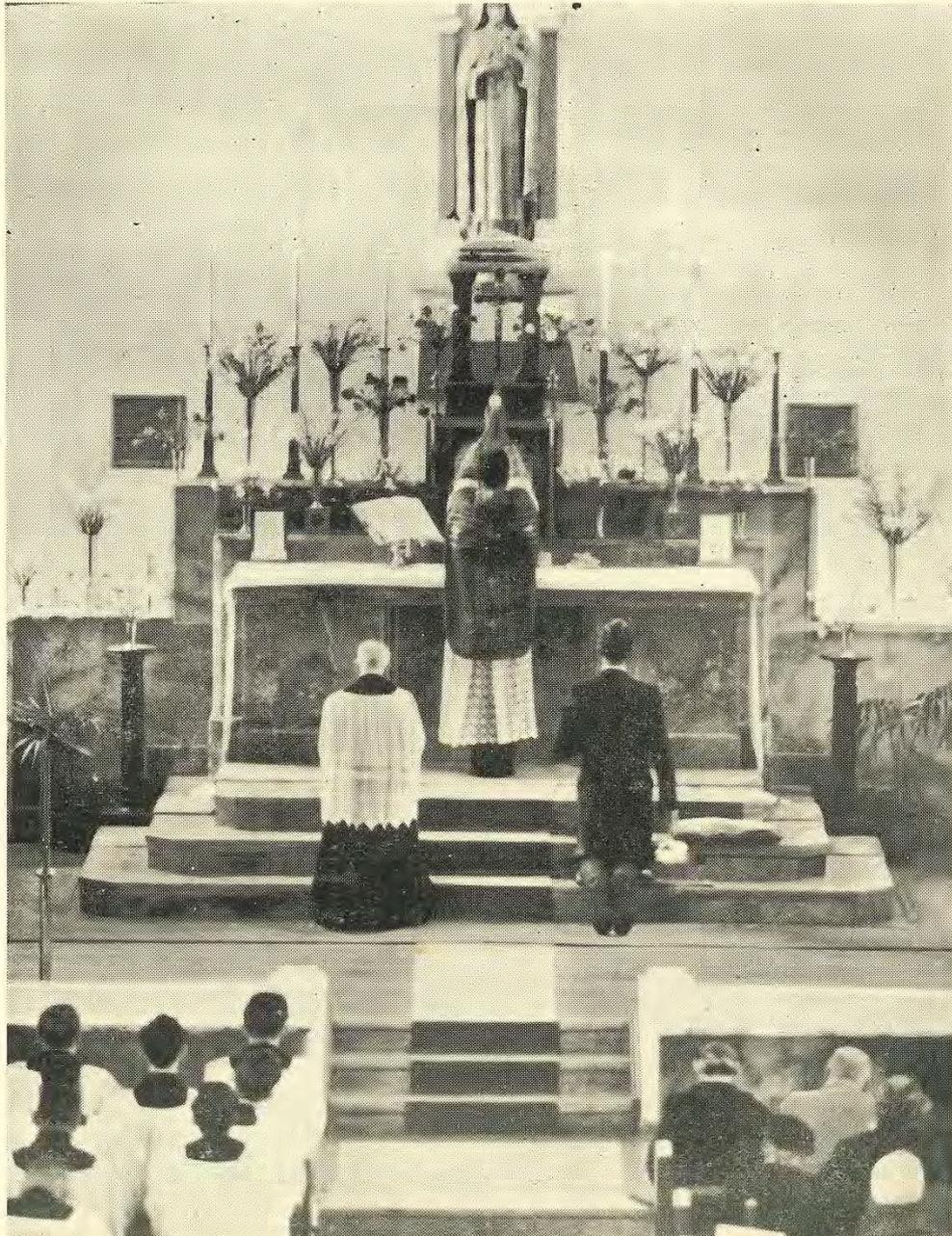
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FIRST MASS

—Rev. Father J. O'Callaghan



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Therese Martin, daughter of a retired jeweller in the Normandy town of Alencon, was born on January 2nd, 1873. At the age of 15, by a Papal dispensation, she entered the Carmelite Convent in Lisieux. There, nine years later, after a long and painful illness, she died.

A sister in Carmel had said, "Our Mother Prioress will not find much to write about in the obituary notice. Though she is very good, she has never done anything worth talking about." But almost immediately after her death, her obedience-written autobiography was a best seller, and miracles through her intercession multiplied across the wide world. Especially after her death, she was God's answer to the man who thinks that an enclosed life is a wasted life. In 1925, only 28 years after her death, she was canonised by Pope Pius XI.

In the quiet of her Carmel, Sister Therese hardly knew of Australia's existence. But today, under Our Lady Help of Christians, Saint Therese ranks the missionary equal

of Francis Xavier as Australia's National Patron. Her feast-day is October 3rd.

Throughout the world there are now hundreds of parishes under her patronage. But even amongst these, we of Essendon, may lay a very special claim. Because **WE WERE THE FIRST IN THE FIELD.** Father Peter O'Brien made very sure of that.

This parish was formed in 1922. It could not be named for her immediately, because she was not yet beatified. So Father Peter had resort here to a small piece of skulduggery. He didn't call it anything like that of course, and we are very grateful to possess the whole record of this matter in his own words — the precise words of an historian — "The Archbishop therefore graciously consented to name the proposed Church-School "St. Teresa's" after St. Teresa of Avila, till such time as "the new glory of Carmel" should be raised to the Altars of the Church. When that happy event came to pass — on the very day, Sunday, March

17th, 1925, and at the very time of the Canonisation Ceremony in Rome — after a solemn novena of preparation, the Parish was formally dedicated to its new Patroness."

In this invaluable extract we are especially grateful for the parenthesis indicating the synchronising of watches. From the very moment of her official Sainthood, this was St. Therese's Parish. So if any other pastor in the world raced Father Peter for the honor, that pastor's watch must have been fast.

We trust that we shall always be pardoned a forthright pride in this seniority of dedication. After all it is a record that must stand for eternity. At the same time, we would do well to remember that this all happened a generation ago, and we personally may not rest on others' laurels. One record should stimulate another. We shall always be the first. We should always be the best.

Incidentally we also trust that the great St. Teresa of Avila did not much resent our little artifice of 30 years ago. In fact we like to think that, in their Carmel sisterhood, the Eagle was really pleased to do those three short years pinch-hitting for the Dove.

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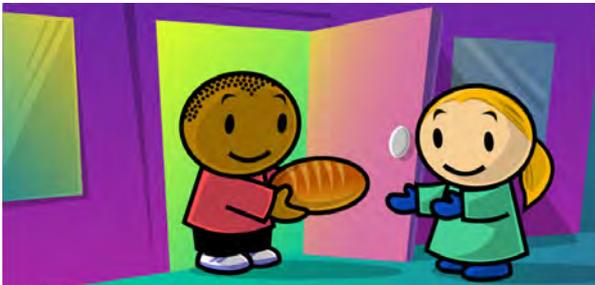
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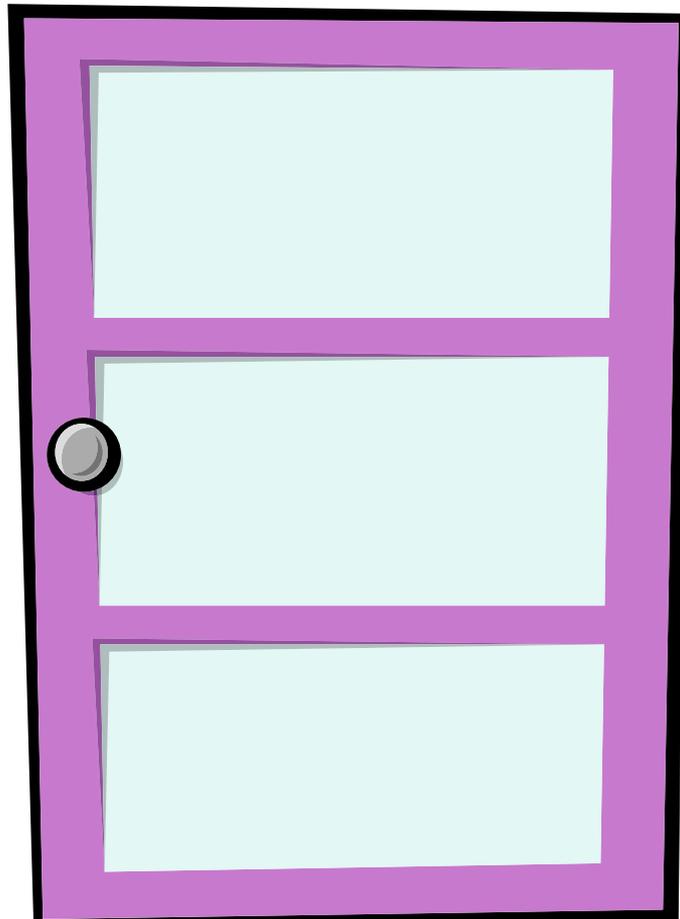
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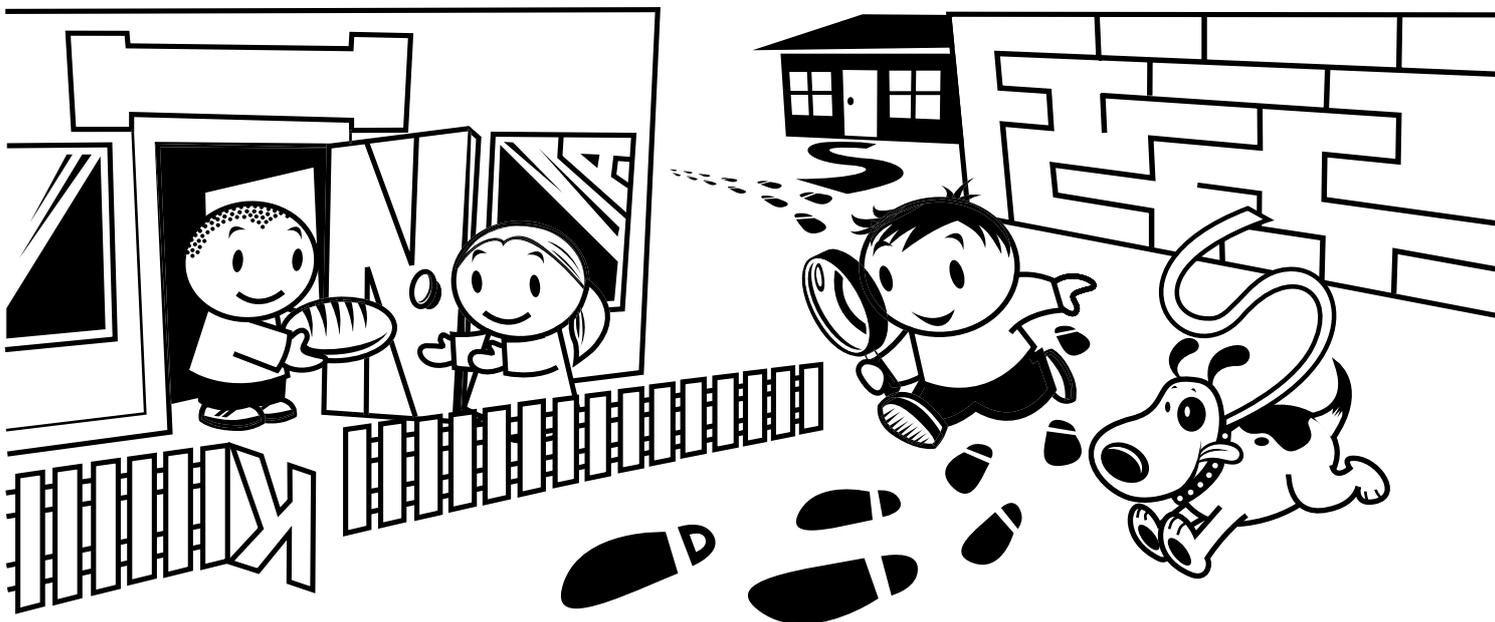
Our _____ who art in _____,
 hallowed be thy _____;
 thy _____ come, thy _____
 be done on _____ as it is in heaven.
 Give us this _____ our daily _____
 and _____ those who trespass
 _____ us, and lead us not
 into _____, but deliver us
 from _____. Amen.

will temptation name evil
 heaven bread forgive Father
 day kingdom earth against

On the door, write down three things you can ask Jesus to help you with



Find the hidden letters in the picture and use them to complete the sentence below.



Everyone who _____ will receive, everyone who searches will _____.