

# St Therese's Parish Essendon

27 and 28 August 2022

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Social Justice Sunday

**St Therese's Centenary 1922 – 2022**



First Reading Sir 3: 17-20, 28-29 A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

*Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.*

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, **he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady**, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, **an attentive ear is the sage's dream.**

Gospel Lk 14: 1. 7-14 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.*

On a Sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. **He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'**

**Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'**

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## INTERCESSIONS

*God is the giver of all good gifts. Let us now pray to him for our needs, and for the needs of the Church and the world.*

For the Church throughout the world, that we might listen to the voices of those made powerless with openness, and respond with practical and prayerful sensitivity to the complex social realities of violence and abuse in our own communities and beyond.

We pray for the success of Legacy week: As we remember the sacrifices made by Australian soldiers and their families giving toward Legacy week is another way of showing our support.

We pray for faith communities and organisations working with victims of abuse and violence: That we might engage with the complex personal and structural issues around violence and abuse with intelligence and integrity, courage and compassion, tenacity and truth.

We pray for the people of Ukraine, still enduring the hardships of war six months on from the invasion of Russian forces.

We pray for the children presenting as candidates for First Eucharist this weekend. May they have support within their family and from our parish community on their faith journey.

We pray for those who are ill, especially: Kerri Geary, Dawn Ward, Sr Mary Dennett, Toni Lukauskas, Ana Costea, Laurie Larmer, Maree O'Shea, Don and Nancy Woodall and Neville Quiah.

We pray for our own special needs.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Meagan Carroll, John Boucher, Mary Malone and Peter Calnan, and for those we remember at this time, especially Domenico Germano, Vin Ashby, Lou Frilay, Sr Margaret O'Dwyer and Christopher Lane.

*Merciful God, fill our hearts with your love and keep us faithful to you and to the Gospel. Grant this through Christ our Lord. AMEN*

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**SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY** Each year, the Australian Catholic Bishops release a major social justice statement for Social Justice Sunday. The statements encourage the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues. In their statement for 2022-2023, *'Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse'*, the Bishops add their voice to global campaigns to confront and call out destructive attitudes and behaviours that lead to life-limiting and long-lasting impacts on many vulnerable members of our families, churches, and society. The statement invites us all to nurture relationships marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control. The Statement can be found online at: [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/)

**FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES** We welcome students and families from our school and RE program to all our weekend Masses. The students will celebrate the Sacrament of First Eucharist on 10 and 11 September and are presenting themselves as candidates for the Sacrament at this weekend's Masses.



**ST THERESE'S GARDEN TEAM – WE NEED YOUR HELP!** With Spring rapidly approaching, we are planning to fertilise and mulch all of the garden beds, to prepare for replanting and control the growth of weeds. We plan to undertake these activities on Saturday 3 September commencing at 9:30am, and would appreciate any additional help we can get from the parish community. We will have 8 cubic metres of mulch to distribute around the garden beds, so if you can spare some time that day, and possibly bring a wheelbarrow, rake and/or bucket, we would love to see you! Any enquiries to Kevin McCartney 0418 565 225. *St Therese's Garden Team*

**NEXT WEEKEND: PRIEST'S RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL.** This annual collection supports those who served, including our sick and retired clergy. Archbishop Peter Comensoli invites us to share with him the responsibility of caring for those men who have so generously served in our Archdiocese. Thank you for your consideration and you will find Envelopes on all entry door tables.

**ST THERESE'S MEN'S CHOIR** will be singing at the 10.30am Mass on Father's Day Sunday 4 September. The final rehearsal will be held 1 September. Please ring Mick O'Brien on 0403 105 301 to get more details on the location of rehearsal as it is not held in the church. It would be wonderful to welcome some new faces and voices to the group!

**THANK YOU** to the Columban Fathers who continue to support us during Fr John's absence.

PARISH CALENDAR	Saturday 27 August	Students present as candidates for the Sacrament of First Eucharist	6:00pm
	Sunday 28 August	Social Justice Sunday Legacy Week Begins Students present as candidates for the Sacrament of First Eucharist RE Programme (Eucharist) Session 2	All Masses 9:30am
	Tuesday 30 August	Liturgy of the Word with Communion	10:00am
	Thursday 1 September	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation Season of Creation begins	
	Saturday 3 September	Parish Garden Working Bee – Fertilising and Mulching Annual Appeal: Priests Retirement Foundation	9:30am 6:00pm
	Sunday 4 September	<b>Father's Day</b> National Child Protection Week begins Annual Appeal: Priests Retirement Foundation RE Programme (Eucharist) Session 3	All Masses 9:30am
	Tuesday 6 September	Parish Leadership Team Meeting	7:30pm
	Friday 9 September	Student-free day at St Therese's school	
	Saturday 10 September	First Eucharist Mass: Class 4GC	6:00pm
	Sunday 11 September	First Eucharist Mass: Class 4S First Eucharist Mass: Class 4L and RE Programme	6:00pm 10:30am
	Wednesday 14 September	SVDP Essendon Regional Conference in PACE	7:00pm
	Friday 16 September	School term 3 concludes	3:30pm
	Sunday 18 September	Welcoming Mass for Baptism families	10:30am
	Monday 19 September	SVDP – Essendon Conference in PACE Function room	7:00pm
	Saturday 24 September	Refugee Week: Refugee & Asylum Seeker Collection	
	Sunday 25 September	Refugee Week: Refugee & Asylum Seeker Collection Refugee & Asylum Seeker Meeting- PACE function room Parish Baptisms	All Masses 11:30am 12:00pm
Friday 30 September	Friday before Grand Final public holiday office closed		

PARISH CONTACTS	<p>Parish Priest: John Hannon <a href="mailto:john.hannon@cam.org.au">john.hannon@cam.org.au</a>          Office Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm          Office Telephone: 9401 6330 After Hours: 0490 956 610          Office email: <a href="mailto:essendon@cam.org.au">essendon@cam.org.au</a> Website: <a href="http://www.stthereses.org.au">www.stthereses.org.au</a></p>		
	<p>Administration: Kathy Gilmour <a href="mailto:kathy.gilmour@cam.org.au">kathy.gilmour@cam.org.au</a> (Monday &amp; Tuesday)          Administration: Jac Radcliffe <a href="mailto:jac.radcliffe@cam.org.au">jac.radcliffe@cam.org.au</a> (Wednesday to Friday)          Bookkeeper: Irene Fritsche <a href="mailto:irene.fritsche@cam.org.au">irene.fritsche@cam.org.au</a> (Tuesday &amp; Friday)          Baptism/Pastoral Outreach: Leanne Torr <a href="mailto:leanne.torr@cam.org.au">leanne.torr@cam.org.au</a></p>		
	<p>Parish Leadership Team: <a href="mailto:essendon.plt@cam.org.au">essendon.plt@cam.org.au</a>          Safeguarding Officer: Olivia Metcalf <a href="mailto:essendon.safeguarding@cam.org.au">essendon.safeguarding@cam.org.au</a>          PACE Function Room Enquiries: <a href="mailto:essendon.pace@cam.org.au">essendon.pace@cam.org.au</a></p>		
	<p>School: email <a href="mailto:info@stessendon.catholic.edu.au">info@stessendon.catholic.edu.au</a> phone 9374 6100</p>		
	<p>St Vincent de Paul helpline: 1800 305 330 WEEKDAYS 10:00am–3:00pm</p>		
	<p>Weekday Masses: Tuesday to Friday 10:00am          Weekend Masses: Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 9:00am, Sunday 10:30am</p>		
	<p><b><i>St Therese's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.</i></b></p>		
	<p><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></p>		



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## Changes At St. Teresa's



### CHANGES AT ST. TERESA'S

- 1.—Father Wedge, P.P.
- 2.—Father Donovan, new Assistant Priest.
- 3.—Father John Brosnan.
- 4.—New Head Teacher at St. Teresa's.



### FATHER WEDGE, P.P.

In this issue of "The Teresian" we desire to offer our congratulations to our former assistant priest, Father Ian Wedge, on his appointment as Parish Priest of Berwick in the fast-growing Dandenong belt. Father Wedge's many friends at St. Teresa's join gratefully in wishing him every success and happiness, and a fruitful pastorate in his new and important charge. We also hope the local pigeons haven't heard about his transfer.



### FATHER DONOVAN — NEW ASSISTANT PRIEST

To replace Father Wedge, the Archbishop has appointed Father Bryan Donovan assistant priest at

St. Teresa's. Educated at St. John's, Hawthorn, St. Kevin's, and Corpus Christi College, Father Donovan was ordained last year, and come to St. Teresa's as his first appointment. We desire to assure him of a warm Teresian welcome. We hope that he stays long with us, and are confident that much mutual good will accrue from our association.

### NEW SUNDAY TIME-TABLE

We are very pleased to announce that, beginning on next Sunday (February 26), there will be **FOUR SUNDAY MASSES** at St. Teresa's. Mass times will be on the hour at 7, 8, 9, and 10. There will also be **TWO SUNDAY MASSES** at West Essendon at 8 and 9.30.

### FATHER JOHN BROSNAN

We are confident that parishioners will appreciate and enjoy the engaging personality of Father John Brosnan, now domiciled at St. Teresa's. Father Brosnan has

recently been appointed full-time Chaplain to Her Majesty's prisons in Victoria, and (we speak respectfully) seems the ideal man for such an assignment. It is because his duties leave Fr. Brosnan free to help us out on Sundays that we have been able to put on the extra Sunday Masses.



### NEW HEAD TEACHER AT ST. TERESA'S

Parishioners must have been surprised at Sister St. Paul's transfer to N.S.W. after only one year as Head Teacher at St. Teresa's; and we should like to record now our sincere appreciation of her sterling work in the school last year, and convey our best wishes in her new appointment.

We trust that her successor, Sister M. St. Jude, will enjoy a longer stay at St. Teresa's. Sister St. Jude has already established herself as a most efficient and successful teacher, and we fully realise our good fortune in having her services in the school. We have no hesitation in promising Sister the wholehearted co-operation of priests and parents.

We are glad to report that the school retains the services of all other members of the 1955 staff.

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**CatholicCare agencies in dioceses will be able to help you to find the assistance that you need. Find nearby Catholic Social Services Australia members here <https://cssa.org.au/our-members/>**

## National Contacts

### Emergencies and Immediate Danger

000 – Police Call this number for emergencies and in cases of immediate danger at any time of the day or night.

If you need someone to translate a phone call into a language other than English, call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on 13 14 50.

If you find it difficult to hear or speak, contact the National Relay Service (NRS) via any of their phone numbers or access points, including 0423 677 767 (SMS relay), 1300 555 727 (voice relay) or 133 677 (TTY).

### Information, Counselling and Support

1800-RESPECT

T: 1800 737 732

W: [1800respect.org.au](http://1800respect.org.au)

Confidential 24/7 information, counselling and support services are available at this number to support people impacted by sexual assault, domestic or family violence and abuse.

1800 Respect has a quick exit button.

### Counselling Online

W [counsellingonline.org.au](http://counsellingonline.org.au)

T (02) 6207 9977 Australian Capital Territory

T 1800 422 599 Regional New South Wales

T (02) 9361 8000 Metropolitan New South Wales

T 1800 131 350 Northern Territory

T 1800 177 833 Regional Queensland

T (07) 3837 5989 Metropolitan Queensland

T 1300 131 340 South Australia

T 1800 811 994 Tasmania

T 1800 888 236 (DirectLine) Victoria

T 1800 198 024 Regional Western Australia

T (08) 9442 5000 Metropolitan Western Australia

Counselling Online is a free and confidential national service to support people affected by alcohol and drug use. Available 24/7.

### Rape and Domestic Violence Services (RDVS)

T: 1800 943 539 Domestic Violence Impact Line available 24/7

T: 1800 497 212 LGBTIQ+ Violence Service available 24/7

T: 1800 211 028 Sexual Assault Counselling Australia

Online counselling available 24/7.

RDVS has a quick exit button.

### Children & Young People

T: 1800 55 1800 Kids Helpline Australia offers a free, private and confidential 24/7 phone and online counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25.

W: [kidshelpline.com.au](http://kidshelpline.com.au)

Kids Helpline does not have a quick exit button.

### Men Experiencing Domestic and Family Violence

Mensline: 1300 78 99 78 is specifically for men experiencing Domestic and Family Violence

[www.mensline.org.au](http://www.mensline.org.au)

Mensline does not have a quick exit button.

1800-RESPECT: 1800 737 732 provides confidential 24/7 information, counselling and support service for men as well as women who are impacted by sexual assault, domestic or family violence and abuse.

[1800respect.org.au](http://1800respect.org.au)

1800 Respect has a quick exit button

### Men Concerned about their Own Behaviour

T: (03) 9428 2899 or 1300766491 - The Men's Referral Service is for men who are concerned about their own violent and/or abusive behaviour. Available 12-9pm weekdays.

### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

T: 1800 105 303 - Djirra provides counselling and support services for First Nation Peoples 9am-5pm weekdays.

T: 1800 435 799 - Dardi Munwurro is for Aboriginal men experiencing family violence issues or stressful relationships. Available 24/7.

### Migrant and Refugee Women

T: 1800 755 988 - InTouch provides confidential information, counselling and support services for migrant and refugee women. 9am-5pm, weekdays.

### LGBTIQ+ People

T: 1800 542 847 - WithRespect is for LGBTIQ+ people of all ages and their families, experiencing difficulty in their relationships, including family violence. 9am-5pm weekdays, Wednesdays 9am-11pm, 10am-10pm weekends.

### Understanding Risks

T: 1800 015 188 - Safesteps helps people in Victoria to understand their family violence risks, explore safety options, and make appropriate referrals to services. Available 24/7.

# Invite the poor to your feast



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Who would you invite to your party? Fill out the invitation.

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If you put yourself \_\_\_\_\_ others, you will be put down.

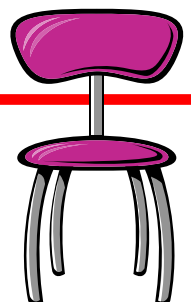
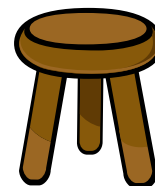
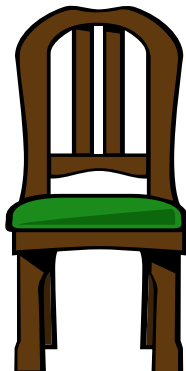
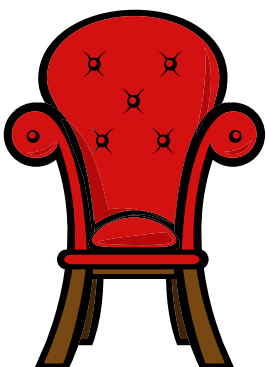
When you are \_\_\_\_\_ to a wedding feast, don't sit in the \_\_\_\_\_ place.

If you \_\_\_\_\_ yourself, you will be honoured.

When you give a \_\_\_\_\_, invite the \_\_\_\_\_, crippled, the lame and the \_\_\_\_\_. They \_\_\_\_\_ pay you back.

CANNOT      GUEST  
 HUMBLE      INVITED  
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 ABOVE      WORST  
 POOR

If you were invited to a party where would you sit? Circle the chair you would sit in and write down why you would sit there.



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