

St Therese's Parish Essendon

10 and 11 September 2022

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Eucharist Masses ~ Season of Creation

St Therese's Centenary 1922 – 2022



First Reading Phil 1: 3-6. 8-11 A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel John 6: 51- 58 A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowd: "I am the bread from heaven! Everyone who eats it will live forever. My flesh is the life-giving bread that I give to the people of this world." They started arguing with each other and asked, "How can they give us his flesh to eat?"

Jesus answered: "I tell you for certain that you won't live unless you eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of Man. But if you do eat my flesh and drink my blood, you will have eternal life, and I will raise you to life on the last day. My flesh is the true food, and my blood is the true drink. If you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you are one with me, and I am one with you.

The living Father sent me, and I have life because of him. Now everyone who eats my flesh will live because of me. The bread that comes down from heaven is not like your ancestors ate. They died, but whoever eats this bread will live forever."

PLEASE NOTE The readings at Masses this weekend (printed above) are selected for the First Eucharist Masses and are not the readings of the day. Those are: First Reading Ex 32: 7-11. 13-14, Gospel Lk 15: 1-32

INTERCESSIONS

Today, we pray together, especially for these children of our Catholic community who will receive the risen Lord, the Bread of Life, for the first time.

We pray for Francis our Pope, Peter our Archbishop, Father John and all God's people who help us along our faith journey. May they continue to guide us wisely.

We pray for those who have helped us prepare for our First Eucharist; our families, our present and past teachers and the **parishioners of St. Therese's. We are grateful for their love, encouragement and guidance.**

We pray for all children receiving the Body of Christ for the first time and for those who will be sharing in the Eucharist today. May they grow in love for you and one another.

We pray for the people in the world who are struggling to find peace and understanding. Bless them with your love and guidance so that they may live in peace.

Lord, we pray for those special people in our lives who cannot be with us today. May they watch over us and delight in our joy as we receive the Body of Christ for the first time. Keep them forever with You in Your eternal love and care.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Alex Scott, Joe Meli, Giovanni Paolo, Mario Aquilino and Queen Elizabeth and for those we remember at this time, especially Carmela Gazzara, Dot Neal, Bert Maule, Margaret Cooper, Tony O'Brien, Eileen Lacy, Maria Navas, Annette Kenny, Mario Campo and Bruno Martino.

Father, we ask you to hear the prayers we offer you today. Send your son, Jesus, to these children in a special way to help them grow in the spirit of your love. We make our prayers through Christ, your Son. AMEN



FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES This weekend we welcome students, friends and families of our school and RE programme to the celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist. The Sacrament will be held at each of the weekend Masses with staff and students from our school participating in the Liturgy with reading and singing. Our usual lectors will have the weekend off while our music team will be supporting the students across the Sunday Masses. We expect the Eucharist Masses to be very well attended and would appreciate extra parishioner assistance with Eucharistic ministry and collector duties and we thank our regular volunteers for their ongoing commitment.

Please note: Regular Mass attendees should be aware that Masses will be very busy this weekend and many of our pews will be reserved for candidates and their parents. Professional photographs will be taken inside at the rear of the church for at least 45 minutes prior to the commencement of Mass. There will be a small studio set up which will disrupt a small section of church seating.

WELCOME BACK FR JOHN This weekend Fr John returns to us just in time to celebrate First Eucharist Masses. Our grateful thanks go to Fr Tony Feeney, Fr Tony Cox, Fr George Hogarty, **Fr Kevin O'Neil and the other Columban priests who have presided at our Masses during Fr John's absence.** Thanks also to our many parishioners who supported the visiting priests with opening up and setting up for Masses and providing morning tea when needed. We really appreciate **everyone's assistance in keeping the parish running during Fr John's absence.**

ANOINTING MASS AND MORNING TEA As part of our centenary celebrations we look forward to the return of our usual Anointing Mass on Thursday 6 October with a morning tea in PACE to follow. The anointing Mass will be at 10:00am and the morning tea will begin after Mass has concluded. We are grateful for the support of our Senior Friendship Group who will be hosting the morning tea. If you, or someone you care for would like to be added to the Senior Friendship Group contact list (to be notified of any future SFG events) please let the office know. All going well, the SFG will begin regular

PARI SH GARDEN AND MAI NTENANCE TEAM Spring has sprung and the rewards of the recent hard work of our garden and maintenance team are showing. What better way to celebrate the Season of Creation than by tending to and nurturing the plants and earth here in our own parish? Many thanks to all those who turned up or contributed to the fertilising and mulching of our garden beds last weekend. The job is nearly done with just a few beds to do. The volunteer labourers would like to extend a special thanks to Pauline Kennedy and to Noreen McCartney for supplying a delicious morning tea that kept the energy levels up all morning. Thanks again to The Green Centre for donating the huge pile of mulch!



PARI SH CALENDAR	Tuesday 13 September	Funeral of Mario Aquilina	11:00am
	Wednesday 14 September	Funeral of Joe Meli SVDP Essendon Regional Conference in PACE	11:00am 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	
	Sunday 2 October	Daylight Savings begins	2:00am
	Monday 3 October	School term 4 commences	8:45am
	Tuesday 4 October	Feast of St Francis of Assisi, end of Season of Creation Parish Leadership Team Meeting	7:30pm
	Thursday 6 October	Anointing Mass Morning Tea in PACE	10:00am 10:30am

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	St Vincent de Paul helpline: 1800 305 330 WEEKDAYS 10:00am–3:00pm	
	Weekday Masses: Tuesday to Friday 10:00am Weekend Masses: Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 9:00am, Sunday 10:30am	
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	<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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this time she herself had too much Scotch blood in her. This is only a story of course, probably medically unsound, and probably invented by a Scotchman. But we could let it illustrate for ourselves the obvious and undeniable fact that the more of Christ's Blood we get into ourselves by Holy Communion, the more Christ-like we ourselves must become.

Thus also one further fact more clearly emerges. We are all blood relatives in the Blood of Christ. In early days when the Pope, in the Lateran Basilica consecrated the Sacred Elements, a portion of the Precious Blood from the Pope's Chalice was sent to the seven 'sub-urban' bishops, and none touched lips to the chalice until the portion from the Pope's consecration had been added to his own. In this way Pope and bishops saw themselves irrevocably bound together in the Blood of Christ. So it is with us all. Whoever has knelt beside us at Holy Communion now pulses with the same Blood as we do. In the Mystical Body of Christ, this is the core of charity — Blood is thicker than water.

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Press Squad Revived



The Australian Hierarchy has inaugurated this month a nationwide campaign with the objective of bringing a Catholic paper weekly into every Catholic home. To help in this campaign we have decided to revive St. Teresa's Parish Press Squad. After today the Catholic papers will not be sold at the Church Door on Sundays but will be delivered earlier to Parishioners. Accordingly we ask that all who desire papers delivered should leave the necessary information with the boys this morning. Forms are provided for this purpose.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Christina Hansford

Andrew Callaghan (former Parishioner)

Amy Barry

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CENTENARY GAZETTE

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Alan Murphy, "manager" (at left), and Bernie Bergin handing out papers and periodicals to boss of St Raphael's, Reservoir, Press Squad.

OUR COVER PICTURE

Reservoir Parish Press Squad

The Press Squad at St. Gabriel's Parish, Reservoir, was formed about ten years ago, when the Rev. Fr. N. Coleman was assistant priest. Today it has twenty-one members, from eleven to fifteen years of age, most of them pupils of the Marist Brothers at their regional school, Immaculate Heart College, Preston.

After school every Thursday afternoon these boys are issued with their papers—Catholic weeklies, magazines and periodicals—and in making their deliveries on bicycles they call at 300 homes in the parish, which has a radius of a mile and a half. Every week these boys deliver over 150 copies of *The Advocate*.

Directing the Press Squad are three parishioners, Messrs. W. Murphy, K. Pattison and S. Bergin, each of whom has sons who are members of the Squad. The Spiritual Director is the Rev. Fr. V. Rubeo.

It is a source of satisfaction and pride that three former members of the Squad—Anthony O'Meara, Chris Pattison and Peter Peddie—are at Wangaratta training to be Marist Brothers.

Of the present members of the Squad the one with the longest service is Michael Bergin, with seven years to his credit.

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The front cover and article from *The Advocate*, Thursday 14 December 1961, paying tribute to Reservoir Press Squad members.

ST. THERES'S - ESSENDON

The Press Squad

BY EDWINA HALL

THERE IS NOTHING BETTER than waking up to the newspaper sitting on your doorstep waiting to be read, courtesy of the paperboy.

In Melbourne from the 1940s, Catholic communities in Essendon and Reservoir—and possibly others—had their own paper delivery boys known as the Press Squad. These

young tackers would deliver the Catholic papers and periodicals of the day, including *The Advocate*, to parishioners' doors.

One past Press Squad member who was able to shed some light on those days gone by is Denis Sully, now based in Western Australia, who is a past parishioner at St Therese's in Essendon.

Denis remembers his parish priest, Fr Patrick McQuillan, beginning the Press Squad operation in about 1946.

"He was very much in favour of getting the young people involved. He

got the Press Squad to be involved in a sort of youth movement, I guess you'd say.

"Father would approach young people as he did me and say, 'Would you deliver the Catholic papers?' and I said, 'Oh yes', as I thought I'd better do what Father asked me."

Denis recalls that Fr McQuillan would leave a calico bag outside the presbytery with the Catholic papers ready for delivery, names and addresses attached, and that the squad would deliver the papers to the streets closest to their homes.



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I was lost but now I am found



24th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

Gospel Luke 15:11-32

Jesus said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant, "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

God wants us to know that he will always forgive us. Draw yourself saying this prayer to God.

Dear God,
help me when I turn
away from you.
You always call me back,
help me listen
to your voice.
Give me the strength to
forgive as you forgive.
Amen.



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FINISH



"He was lost and now has been found."

I was lost but now I am found

Can you help the prodigal son find his way back to his father?



He was lost and now has been found!



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Dear God, help me
when I turn away
from you.

You always call
me back, help me
listen to your voice.

Give me the
strength to forgive
as you forgive.
Amen.