

St Therese's Parish Essendon

24 and 25 September 2022

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
World Day of Migrants and Refugees ~ Season of Creation

St Therese's Centenary 1922 – 2022



First Reading Am 6: 1. 4-7 A reading from the prophet Amos

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; **the sprawlers' revelry is over.**

Gospel Lk 16: 19-31 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

INTERCESSIONS

Trusting in God who raises up those who are bowed down, let us bring our needs before the Lord.

We bring before the Lord all those who are in need, especially those who lack the basic necessities of life: food, shelter and heating.

We remember the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society and other groups who strive to alleviate the sufferings of those who are most vulnerable in our society and area.

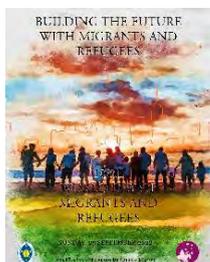
We pray for those who are working to bring about a more fair and just treatment of those who are less fortunate; we remember migrants and other people who have had to leave their homes as a result of war, famine and other reasons.

As we approach National Police Remembrance Day may we pray for those police men and women who have lost their lives in the line of duty. We pray for their families, and we pray that God will protect all our serving police officers.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Dawn Ward, Merna Moloney, Timothy Beckley and John Manser and for those we remember at this time, especially Margaret Conlan, Ann Perrett, Marg Kovacs, Anthony Guiney, Jennifer Riley, Francesca Bonnici, Anna Natoli, Bruno, Raffaele & Mario Martino, Antonia, Giuseppina & Grazia Martino, Cecilia Martino, Domenico Monteleone, Domenica Monteleone, Giuseppe Monteleone, Carmela & Michelangelo Mammone, **Vincenza Mammone, Concette Mammone, Domenica D'anna, Vincenzo D'anna, Maria Rullo, Concetto Campisi, Francesco Campisi, Francesco Cardillo**

God of the poor, you reach out to all people and provide for their needs. Hear our prayers and open our eyes to see you more clearly in every human person. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

AMEN



WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES & ANNUAL APPEAL This weekend is our annual appeal to fund the ongoing work of our Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Group (RASSG). These are difficult times for many refugee families; some with small children who are still waiting in hope as they seek protection and the chance to find safety, security and a future in this country. With your support our parish volunteers assist the families both pastorally and materially throughout the year. Envelopes for the RAASG Annual Appeal are available on the pews and on the church side tables. Our collectors will also stand at the exits at the end of Mass to collect any loose cash donations or envelopes. If you would like to donate via the church account, details are: Name: St Therese's Church, BSB: 083 347, Account number: 67640 1701 Reference RASSG Thank you for your ongoing support.

VALE MERNA MOLONEY, VALE DAWN WARD We are saddened to report the deaths of two treasured parishioners: Merna Moloney (26.02.1925 ~ 18.09.2022) and Dawn Ward (03.10.1926 ~ 19.09.2022). Both wonderful women would be well known to many in our congregation, having been devoted and active parishioners for many, many years. Our sincere condolences and prayers go to Dawn's and Merna's families. Requiem Mass for Merna Moloney will be held here on Thursday 29 September at 10:00am and for Dawn Ward on Friday 30 September at 11:00am.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES The parish office will be closed next Tuesday 27 September and on the following Monday 3 October. When closed the office will be contactable (for emergencies only) on our after-hours number: 0490 956 610.

PARISH CALENDAR	Thursday 22 September	National Day of Mourning for Her Majesty The Queen Parish office closed Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass	10:00am
	Friday 23 September	Friday before Grand Final public holiday Parish office closed	
	Saturday 24 September	Refugee Week: Refugee & Asylum Seeker Collection	
	Sunday 25 September	World Day of Migrants and Refugees Refugee Week: Refugee & Asylum Seeker Collection Refugee & Asylum Seeker Meeting- PACE function room Parish Baptisms	All Masses 11:30am 12:00pm
	Tuesday 27 September	Parish Office Closed	
	Thursday 29 September	Requiem Mass for Merna Moloney	10:00am
	Friday 30 September	Requiem Mass for Dawn Ward	11:00am
	Saturday 1 October	The Feast Day of St Thérèse of Lisieux	
	Sunday 2 October	Daylight Savings begins	2:00am
	Monday 3 October	Parish Office Closed School term 4 commences	8:45am
	Tuesday 4 October	Feast of St Francis of Assisi, end of Season of Creation Funeral service for John Henry Manser Parish Leadership Team Meeting	11:00am 7:30pm
	Thursday 6 October	Anointing Mass Morning Tea in PACE	10:00am 10:30am
	Saturday 8 October	Garden Working Bee – top dressing lawns and mulching Annual Appeal: Intentions of the Holy Father	9:00am
	Sunday 9 October	Annual Appeal: Intentions of the Holy Father	All Masses
	Wednesday 12 October	SVDP Essendon Regional Conference in PACE	7:00pm
	Friday 14 October	Whole School Mass (for St Therese Feast Day)	10:00am
	Sunday 16 October	Welcoming Mass for Baptism families	10:30am
	Monday 17 October	SVDP – yEssendon Conference in PACE Function room	7:00pm
	Friday 21 October	Fr John's 70th Birthday Book Week celebrated at school	
	Saturday 22 October	Annual Appeal: World Mission Sunday	
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Saturday 29 October	Combined Music and Liturgy Team Meeting in PACE	10:00am	
Monday 31 October	Parish office closed for Melbourne Cup long weekend		

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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 Mass online: click here 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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The support of the priest by the layman comes, first of all, and to a very limited extent, from the Sunday collection plate. Limited because the vast percentage of his contribution is reserved for the administration of the diocese, the parish, parochial buildings, schools, and their upkeep.

Secondly, from Christmas and Easter dues or offerings.

Thirdly, from the stipends offered for Mass.

THE MASS STIPEND

There is a good deal of confusion regarding the Mass stipend, and it is important that Catholics know what it is all about.

When you ask a priest to say

Mass for you, you offer him something as a means of contributing to his support. He doesn't have to be paid, but you recognize your obligation by offering him a stipend. For many years the minimum stipend, fixed about 1900, has been five shillings. That does not mean that you cannot have a Mass said unless you produce five shillings. On the contrary, each of us must have had the experience of a priest voluntarily saying a Mass for his or her intentions without any stipend. Of course, there is no need to stress that no amount of money could possibly equal the value of the Mass. That is obvious.

Now a priest can only say a certain number of Masses each year—there are only 365 days less Sundays — and a certain number of those days are reserved for a Mass for his parishioners. He is bound to say this Mass. The number of Masses a priest can say for specific reasons is, then, strictly limited.

There are many people who, fully aware of their obligations and having a decided appreciation of the Mass, ask a priest — generally well known to them—to say Mas-

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ses for their intentions and offer money without stipulating the number of Masses to be said. Five pounds given in such circumstances could mean that the priest would have to ask other priests to say the twenty Masses for him.

SUPPOSE A PARISHIONER GIVES OR WILLS £500 TO A PRIEST FOR MASSES. IN THAT CASE THE PRIEST IS BOUND TO SAY 2000 MASSES. OBVIOUSLY THAT IMPOSES AN IMPOSSIBLE BURDEN ON HIM. WHAT USUALLY HAPPENS IS THAT THE PRIEST APPORTIONS OUT MASSES TO RELIGIOUS ORDERS ON THE BASIS OF 5/- FOR EACH MASS.

Points to remember, then, are these:—

● WHEN MAKING AN OFFERING TO A PRIEST FOR MASSES, STATE CLEARLY THE NUMBER OF MASSES YOU WANT SAID. A PRIEST SHOULD NOT BE LEFT IN DOUBT CONCERNING A MATTER WHICH INVOLVES A SERIOUS OBLIGATION TO HIM.

● SINCE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE MASSES SAID FROM TIME TO TIME FOR OUR PARTICULAR INTENTIONS, IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT THE 5/- STIPEND WAS FIXED APPROXIMATELY 50 YEARS AGO AND IS A BIT OUT OF DATE IN COMPARISON TO WHAT A PRIEST HAS TO PAY THESE DAYS TO MAINTAIN HIMSELF. A SUIT IN 1900 WOULD PROBABLY COST ABOUT £2. TODAY A SIMILAR SUIT WOULD COST ABOUT £25. THAT IS ONLY ONE ITEM, BUT IT IS ENOUGH TO ILLUSTRATE THE POINT. OBVIOUSLY THE

MINIMUM SHOULD BE AT LEAST 10/-.

● IN NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES A PRIEST IS OBLIGED TO SAY A STIPEND MASS WITHIN A MONTH. THAT IS OFTEN IMPOSSIBLE. THE OBVIOUS THING THEN IS TO ASK HIM TO SAY IT AT HIS CONVENIENCE.

Priests do not like persons giving them Mass stipends in the Confessional, nor on the occasion of their visits to your home to give Holy Communion to the sick. There are more appropriate times and places to present these offerings.

Catholics, generally speaking, are not aware of these things because a priest will never mention them. We can and do because we can do so without having to risk facing a charge of being mercenary.

—From "The Catholic Worker," 1952.

ST. TERESA'S TENNIS CLUB

Premiership Dance.

To honor the Club Premiers in the "B" Grade of the Northern Suburbs Competition, a Premiership Dance was held in the R.S.L. Hall, Holmes Road, on Thursday, May 10th.

A very enjoyable night resulted and during the evening club presentations were made to Rev. Fr. P. J. McQuillan, P.P., past Spiritual Director and Treasurer, and to Miss Patricia Bartley past Secretary.

The Club takes this further opportunity of expressing its gratitude and best wishes to the revered Parish Priest of Keilor and to the now Mrs. James Boland.

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MARKET STALLS - FINAL CALL

Would you like to host a Market Stall at our Fair? If so, please contact the Centenary Fair Committee before 30 September with your business details.
stscentenaryfair@gmail.com.

FOOD & CATERING

Do you have a business in: Table and chair hire, Umbrellas/weather protection/marquees, Fridges/freezers hire and would like to showcase your business at the Centenary Fair, we would love to hear from you!

Please contact the Centenary Fair Committee.

DONATION DAYS

Our Centenary Fair is largely dependent on donations from our community & during term 4 & term 1 2023. During Term 4 and Term 1 2023 we will be holding a number of donation days.

Donations will include: 2nd hand books, glass jars, fun/student related stationery, gift cards, cake decorating items, lollies & sweets.

We will be holding a **Plant Stall**, so please start growing your seedlings!

LOOK OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING OUR DONATION DAYS!

LIVE & SILENT AUCTION

As part of our Centenary Fair we will be holding both a Live and a Silent Auction.

We are seeking the following donations for our auctions: Travel & Accommodation packages, Experiences (dining/movies/family fun), Sporting Memorabilia, One-on-One services/sporting sessions, Sporting Memberships, Health & Beauty Treatments, In-home Dinner Party experiences, Home Cleaning or Maintenance Packages.

If you would like to donate to our Auctions please contact the Centenary Fair Committee stscentenaryfair@gmail.com.

SPONSORSHIP

There are still a few sponsorship packages available. If you would like further information regarding these packages or to sponsor our Fair, please contact the Centenary Fair Committee stscentenaryfair@gmail.com

All support will be acknowledged according to the sponsorship package elected.

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW...

We are putting together the
"St Therese's Parish Centenary Magazine"

Students will have the opportunity to design our magazine cover & families will have an opportunity to contribute: recipes, gardening, styling & lifestyle tips.

Look out for more information!

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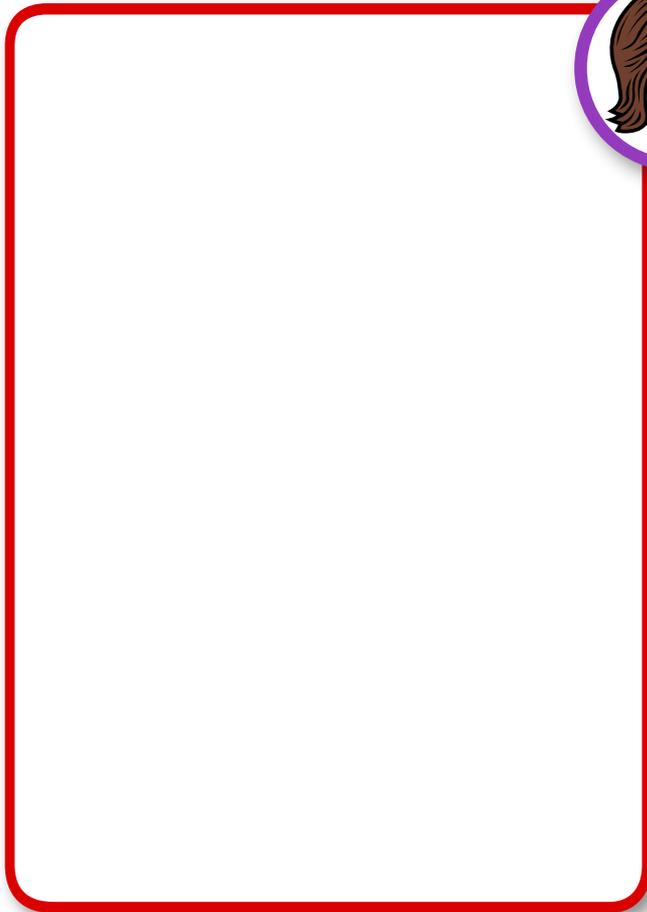
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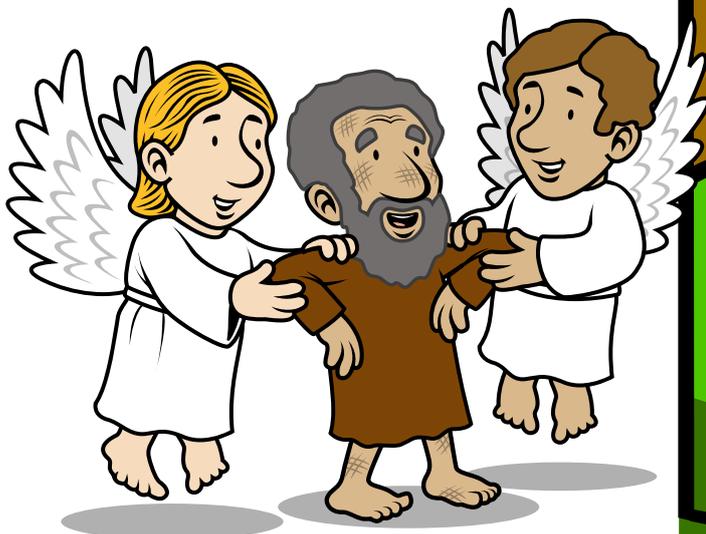


Jesus told the story of the rich man and poor man who died. What should the rich man have done while he was still alive?



If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.

Help the angels take Lazarus up to heaven.



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