

# St Therese's Parish Essendon

3 and 4 September 2022

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

**Father's Day ~ Season of Creation ~ National Child Protection Week  
St Therese's Centenary 1922 – 2022**



First Reading Wis 9: 13-18 A reading from the book of Wisdom

*Who can comprehend the will of God? What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord?*

The **reasoning's** of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom

Gospel Lk 14: 25-33 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.*

**Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.**

**'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'**

## INTERCESSIONS

*Let us lift up our hearts in prayer to God who is our refuge and our strength.*

We pray for all those whom God has called to follow Christ, and we pray for people contemplating how to live a simpler life for the sake of our environment.

We pray for those who are working in forms of modern slavery and human trafficking, and those whose labour is exploited. We pray for those who strive to free them.

We pray for all people whose relationships are difficult, confused, complicated and unhappy.

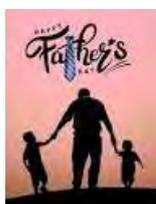
We pray for all dads, and those men who play an important role in our lives. May we cherish their love and support, and show them that we really care.

We pray for those who are ill.

We pray for our own special needs.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Peter Calnan, Joe Meli, Giovanni Paolo and Mary Hereson and for those we remember at this time, especially **Dot Neal, Rees McCarthy, Anne O'Sullivan, John Sweeney, Eileen O'Dwyer**, Fortunato Monardo, Giuseppina Giampiccolo, Gaetano Giampiccolo, Orazio Giampiccolo, Sven Nilsson, Salvatore Ganci, Giuseppe Ganci, Paolo Garro, Giuseppe Cricri and Antonino Minniti.

*God of every age, through your Spirit of Wisdom you guide our steps on the paths of holiness. Help us to set our priorities and remain faithful to your gospel. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN*



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY** Father's Day is a time to remember that fathers do many things. They work, cut grass, teach, pay bills and much more. It is a day to recognise and celebrate our fathers and perhaps give a gift on a special day of the year.

Today, in a special way, let us be grateful for:

- **Our fathers**, who love us and support us through life.
- **Our Church leaders**, who take on the paternal role of guiding us through life.
- **And God our Father**, who will always teach justly and grant us boundless mercy.

**PRIEST'S RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL.** Caring for those who care. This important Appeal helps raise funds to enable the Foundation to care for approximately 90 of our priests in retirement. While many of these priests no longer hold official appointments in our parishes, they continue with great generosity to serve the people of the Archdiocese through regular supply and chaplaincy work. It costs the PRF approximately \$3 million annually to support our retired priests through the provision of accommodation, medical care and support. Envelopes are on all door entry tables.



**FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES** Next weekend we welcome students, friends and families to the celebration of our school and RE programme 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 Masses. We expect these 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 these Masses will be very busy. 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.

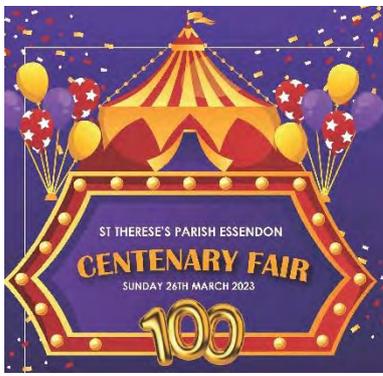
**ANOINTING MASS AND MORNING TEA** As part of our centenary celebrations we look forward to the return of our usual Anointing Mass on Thursday 6 October with a morning tea in PACE to follow. The anointing Mass will be at 10:00am and the morning tea will begin after Mass has concluded. We are grateful 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 morning teas again after the October gathering.

**PARISH GARDEN WORKING BEE** A reminder about our parish garden working bee on Saturday morning at 9:30am. We have a huge delivery of mulch arriving to be spread across the gardens all around the church and office grounds. Any help will be much appreciated. If you can bring a wheelbarrow, rake and shovel all the better! Many thanks to the Green Centre <https://www.thegreencentre.com.au/> (a parishioner-owned business) for generously supplying the mulch. Morning tea will be provided in PACE.

**OUR GRATEFUL THANKS** go to Fr Tony Cox, Fr George Hogarty, Fr Kevin O'Neil and the Columban priests who have presided at our Masses during Fr John's absence. This is Fr Tony's last weekend with us and Fr George will say Masses next week from Wednesday to Friday.

PARISH CALENDAR	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	<b>Student-free day at St Therese's school</b>	
	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	

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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	
<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>	



**BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP** Please contact the Centenary Fair Committee [stscentenaryfair@gmail.com](mailto:stscentenaryfair@gmail.com) for more details regarding the sponsorship packages available. All Business support will be acknowledged according to the sponsorship package elected. For more information on these sponsorship packages, please click this link: [Click here](#)

**MARKET STALLS** As part of our Centenary Fair festivities, we are looking to host Market Stalls which we intend to place strategically around the school to cater for a range of different interests. The Fair Committee is seeking an **'Expression of Interest'** from stallholders who may want to host a Market Stall at the event. If you would like to be involved in this exciting event and have something to offer, please complete this form: [click here](#). We will be in touch once we have a final list of interested stallholders. Please **note that our 'Expression of Interest' Applications close on 30 September 2022**



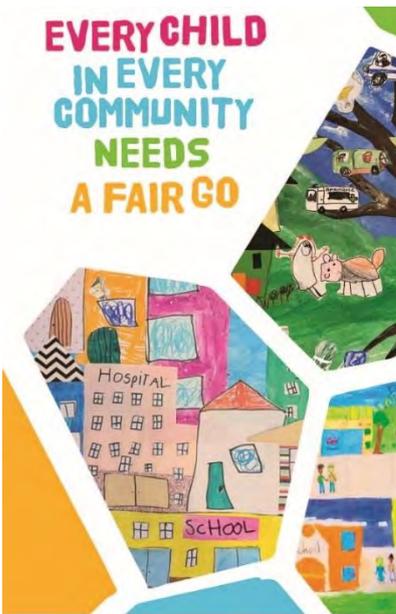
## Palms Australia

**PALMS AUSTRALIA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** A number of overseas parishes in Asia, the Pacific and Africa are seeking Australian Catholics for Global Mission. For those of the faithful who hear the call Palms are offering an online information session to meet one who is already living and working in Mission in Pago Pago, American Samoa.

American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities.

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Register for a Webinar on Saturday September 24th at 11:30am where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now: <https://palms.org.au/event/embrace-palms-return-to-global-mission/> Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our 13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16th to 28th: <https://palms.org.au/encounters/trek-for-timor-leste-encounter/>



**NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 4 – 10 SEPTEMBER 2022** National Child Protection Week will **continue to embrace the overarching message that 'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go'**. Children and young people thrive when they grow up safe, connected and supported in their family, community and culture. In recognition of Child Protection Week 2022 NAPCAN are presenting a week of webinars (free to join).

- Monday 5 September 10:00am: National Child Protection Week Launch
- Monday 5 September 2:00pm: Safe and Supported: How is Australia coming together at the national level to protect our children?
- Tuesday 6 September 10:30am: How deep connection to culture is keeping children safe and supported.
- Wednesday 7 September 1:00pm: Supporting young parents with an out-of-home care experience
- Thursday 8 September 10:30am: Are Aussie kids OK? Preview data from the Australian Child Maltreatment Study
- Friday 9 September 10:30am: **Creating a 'one-stop shop' for the needs of families:** Co-design, evaluation & sustaining change

For more information and to register for any of these free webinars visit: <https://www.napcan.org.au/final-official-program-webinars-events-2022/>



## The Burning Bush

Ex 3:1-12

**SEASON OF CREATION 2022: LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF CREATION** The Season "Celebration" begins on **1 September**, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

Each year, the ecumenical steering committee proposes a theme for the Season of Creation. The theme for 2022 is: 'Listen to the Voice of Creation'. During the COVID-19 pandemic, many of us have become familiar with the concept of being muted during virtual conversations. Often, people using a platform do not have the capacity to unmute themselves. Even more do not even have access to digital platforms, and so their voices are never heard. Many voices are muted in public discourse around climate change and the ethics of Earth-keeping. These are the voices of those who suffer the impacts of climate change. These are the voices of those who hold generational wisdom about how to live gratefully within the limits of the land. These are the voices of a diminishing diversity of more-than-human species. It is the voice of the Earth.

Listening to the voice of creation offers members of the Christian family a rich entry point for interfaith and interdisciplinary dialogue and practice. Christians walk a shared path as those who hold different kinds of knowledge and wisdom in all cultures and sectors of life. By listening to the voice of all creation, humans joined in our vocation to care for our common home (oikos).

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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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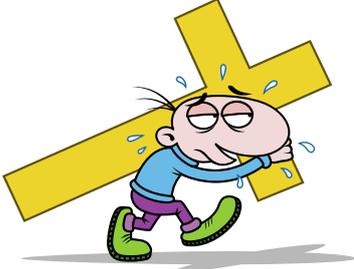


Love God more than  
your own life



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Jesus tells us that choosing his way is not always easy.  
When might it be hard to do what Jesus asks us?



What are some good choices  
you can make this week?  
Tick the good choices and  
cross the bad ones.



The  
**Love  
Maze**  
Find the path to God

HELP AROUND THE HOUSE  
WITHOUT BEING ASKED TO

DON'T WORRY ABOUT  
SAYING MY EVENING  
PRAYERS

CONTRIBUTE TO THE  
OFFERTORY PLATE

MAKE FRIENDS WITH  
SOMEONE NEW

MAKE FUN OF THE  
TEACHERS

OWN UP TO MAKING  
A BAD DECISION

TURN OFF THE T.V.  
AND READ A BOOK

STOP DOING YOUR  
HOMEWORK AND GO  
OUTSIDE TO PLAY

DO SOMETHING NICE  
FOR YOUR PARENTS

