

St Therese's Parish Essendon

14 & 15 January 2023

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A
St Therese's Centenary Year 1922 – 2022



First Reading Is 49:3. 5-6 A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Gospel Jn 1:29-34 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

INTERCESSIONS

Dear friends, let us bring our intentions before the Lord, who we trust in love.

We pray for our Holy Father, the Pope, and for our bishops: that they may reach out to the world with the love of God.

For those who have faltered in the journey of love: that they may go forward, and not be afraid to turn the corner

For those who are in pain, who can find no rest: may they be assured that pain is for a time but love is for ever.

We pray for all those on holiday and travelling at this time. May they remain safe as they look forward to the new school and working year ahead

We pray for those who are ill, especially Pat O'Dwyer

We pray for those who have died recently especially Cardinal George Pell, Maree O'Shea, Kevin McSweeney, Joan McKenna, Tony Pantano, Anna Di Francesco and June Bethelsen; and for those whom we remember at this time, especially Pat Tighe, Gordon Lynch, Gianni Mazzarotta, Marie Clifford, George Fewster, John Rodrigues, Sean O'Sullivan, Desmond Kenneally and Anthony Dias.

Loving Father, you turn the water into our new wine of eternal joy. Hear our prayers and help us to trust in your word as we live your Gospel. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

WELCOME FR GEORGE HOGARTY: SAINT COLUMBAN'S MISSION SOCIETY This week we welcome Fr George Hogarty SSC who will preside at all our weekend Masses.

Dear Parishioners of Saint Therese's parish in Essendon,

I am Fr. George Hogarty, a Columban Missionary who has worked in South Korea in Asia and in both Chile and Peru in South America. On the weekend of Saturday the 14th and Sunday the 15th of January 2023, I will be sharing some of my experience of the work of the Missionary Society of Saint Columban, or the Columbans as we are generally known in the Sunday masses.

*The Columbans were founded by two Irish Diocesan priests, Frs. Edward Galvin and John Blowick in 1916 and were originally known in Ireland as the Maynooth Mission to China. However, two years later when Rome gave canonical approval on the 29th of June 1918 to the original Maynooth Mission, it took the name The Missionary Society of St. Columban after its patron Saint Columbanus, the Irish missionary monk who evangelized pagan Europe in the sixth century. St. Columbanus or Columban is distinct from St. Columba, another Irish missionary Monk who went to the Island of Iona in Scotland roughly around the same time. Columban is famous for his words **Cristi Simus, non nostri** which is translated as **We are Christ's, not our own.***

Since 1918, Columban priests, and later the Columban Sisters and Columban Lay Missionaries inspired by the missionary spirit of St. Columban have been crossing boundaries of language and culture to bring Christ to the poor and marginalized and to protect creation.

I want to invite you to consider becoming readers of our Columban Far East magazine that shares stories of the joys and challenges of the different Christian communities in the 16 countries in which Columbans work. By subscribing to our Far East Magazine, you will be able to inform yourselves of the work of the Columban Fathers, Sisters and Lay Missionaries and the peoples we live and work with and possibly become partners in helping the growth of the Churches in Asia, the Pacific and Latin-America where Columbans minister.

I look forward to being with you this weekend, God bless

Fr. George G. Hogarty SSC..

WELCOME TO OUR BAPTISM FAMILIES We welcome the families of Alex Kapoukranidis, Bella Moore and Isabella Sacco to our 10:30am Mass as the families prepare for the childrens' Baptism next weekend.



2023 SACRAMENT DATES AND RE PROGRAMME Our Sacrament dates for 2023 have been set with the first being the Sacrament of First Reconciliation taking place in late March. Applications are now open for our RE Programme and the course going ahead will depend on enrolment numbers. This year we welcome applicants from the Our Lady of the Nativity parish as we look forward to working cooperatively with the OLN now that Fr John has started in his additional role of Parish Priest for Essendon West. To register interest please use this [online form](#). To view details of the programme [click here](#). or see our [website](#).



SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Date	Time	Event
Friday 17 February		Enrolments close
Sunday 5 March	9:30am	Preparation session 1 – PACE Function Room
Sunday 12 March	n/a	Break in programme for Labour Day weekend
Wednesday 15 March	9:30am	Faith Night location TBC
Sunday 19 March	9.30am 10:30am	Preparation session 2 – PACE Function Room Present at Mass as a candidate for Sacrament
Sunday 26 March	9:30am	Preparation session 3 – PACE Function Room
Wednesday 29 March	7.00pm	Sacrament service followed by individual confession



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Date	Time	Event
Friday 7 April		Enrolments close
Sunday 23 April	9:30am	Preparation session 1 – PACE Function Room TBC
Sunday 30 April	9:30am	Preparation session 2 – PACE Function Room
Sunday 7 May	9:30am	Preparation session 3 – PACE Function Room
Wednesday 10 May	7:00pm	Faith Night location TBC
Saturday 13 May	6:00pm	Present at Mass as a candidate for Sacrament*
Sunday 14 May	n/a - TBC	Mother's Day
Friday 19 May	7:30pm	Sacrament Mass with parish school students

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST will be on the weekend of 9 and 10 September with the RE Programme commencing late August. Please contact the parish office essendon@cam.org.au or 9401 6330 for more details.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS IN JANUARY Our parish office has opened and is staffed sporadically as we begin our preparations for a busy 2023. Phones and emails are being answered and checked regularly until Monday 30 January when our usual office hours (Monday to Friday, 9am – 3:00pm) will resume.

PARISH CALENDAR	Date	Event	Time
	Saturday 14 January	Fr George Hogarty saying Mass	6:00pm
	Sunday 15 January	Fr George Hogarty saying Mass Parish Baptism Welcoming Mass	Both Masses 10:30am
	Wednesday 18 January	Rosary and Requiem Mass for Joan McKenna	10:30am rosary
	Friday 20 January	Rosary and Requiem Mass for Tony Pantano	11:30am rosary
	Sunday 22 January	Parish Baptisms	12:00pm
	Thursday 26 January	Australia Day Public Holiday Morning Mass	10:00am
	Monday 30 January	Regular office hours resume Term 1 Begins (students not at school)	
	Wednesday 1 February	Students commence term 1	
	Friday 3 February	Whole School Mass – Beginning of School Year	10:00am
	Weekend 4 & 5 Feb	Fr Colin McClean saying all Masses at St Therese's	

PARISH CONTACTS	Office Telephone: 9401 6330 After Hours: 0490 956 610
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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
	Our Centenary Mass: https://www.stthereses.org.au/latestmassathome/
	<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>