



St Therese's & Our Lady of the Nativity

Essendon & West Essendon Parishes

28 & 29 January 2023

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



First Reading Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

Gospel Mt 5:1-12 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Happy are the poor in spirit.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

INTERCESSIONS

Let us turn to the Lord and seek refuge in his name for God hears our every prayer.

We pray for our Holy Father, the Pope, and the bishops: that the Church may provide a moral compass for any who have lost their way in life.

For officials, judges and administrators everywhere: that they may be merciful to those who are less advantaged, and be uncorrupted in their dealings.

For casualties of war, victims of natural disasters, and those whose lives are in jeopardy: that they may be comforted and supported.

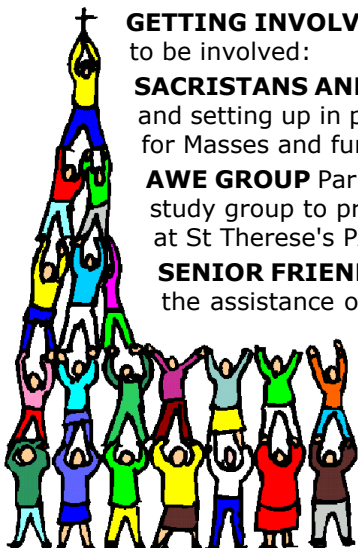
For missionaries, especially our neighbours from the Columban Mission Centre: May they inspire us all to be more generous and may they be role models for this and future generations.

Bless all of those returning to school. Please guide our future generations to love God, and love one another as themselves.

We pray for those who are ill, especially Pat O'Dwyer, Callum O'Dwyer, Debbie O'Hanlon, Keith McKenna and Marie Kirwan.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Anne Balia, Dominic Ascone, Victor Aquilina and Francesco Timpano; and for those whom we remember at this time, especially Terzita Lizio, Fr Patrick McQuillan, Josie Rabar and Joan Ireland.

Loving Father, you sent Jesus to be our teacher and our saviour. Hear these prayers and form us as the community of the beatitudes. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN



GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR PARISHES Contact either parish office if you'd like to help, there are many ways to be involved:

SACRISTANS AND MASS HELPERS We are looking for additional volunteers to help with opening up the church and setting up in preparation for Masses. This will greatly assist Fr John as he moves between the two parishes for Masses and funerals and will share the load with our current volunteers.

AWE GROUP Parishioners, new and old, are welcome to join the Aboriginal Awareness Group which is an active study group to promote justice and join in community with First Nations people. We will meet on February 11 at St Therese's PACE at 10am. Ring Jacinta for more info on 0431 031 036.

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP Our SFG will restart monthly morning teas this year and the group are seeking the assistance of parishioners in supplying a platter of sandwiches no more than two or three times a year. Our SFG welcomes participation from both parishes.

WEDDING HELPERS NEEDED Our volunteer wedding helpers assist in opening up and setting up for weddings. Usually volunteers will only be rostered 4 or 5 times a year.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS A reminder that all volunteers in the Archdiocese of Melbourne must hold a current Working With Children Check and that Check must include the parish in which they volunteer. Additionally all volunteers must complete the CAM Safeguarding Essentials Training Certification for Volunteers. Contact the parish office if you need assistance with applying for your WWCC, we're more than happy to help.

JOIN THE PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM IN 2023 If you are interested in joining St Therese's Parish Leadership Team (PLT) in 2023 please contact the Parish Office and register your interest. The Parish Leadership Team was formed in late 2019 to support Fr John in the planning and development of the parish, meeting monthly to address emerging opportunities and priorities for the parish going forward. Several foundation members of the PLT completed their term of service in 2022, so we are looking for several interested and enthusiastic people to join the team. If you would like to know more about the PLT, please contact the Parish Office and a PLT member will get back to you as soon as possible.

'THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY - WHY WE SHOULD CARE' Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform (ACCR) presents a Zoom meeting 7:30pm to 8:45pm, Thursday 2 February 2023. Archbishop Timothy Costelloe (President ACBC) will introduce the Convocation, moderated by Christina Reymer, with a panel of Australasian Catholic leaders comprising Susan Pascoe AM, the chair of the Oceania Bishops taskforce and a member of the Synod's global methodology commission, Francis Sullivan AO, a leader of many Church ministries, Patricia Gemmell, Leader within the Grail in Australia and Australian Women Preach, and Grace Wrakia, PNGSI lay representative for Oceania Synod Task Force. There will be an opportunity for participant input through the Zoom 'Chat' function. Register for this free Zoom vent at: <https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/q12xuw4a06vqype/> The convocation will be recorded so registrants who can't join on the night will be able to watch later. An email with a link to the recording will be sent to all who register.



2023 SACRAMENT DATES AND RE PROGRAMME The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will take 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. To register interest please use this [online form](#). To view details of the programme [click here](#). Or you can get details on the St Therese's [website](https://www.stthereses.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-programme/): <https://www.stthereses.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-programme/>

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS: <https://service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children>

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR CLERGY AND VOLUNTEERS:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/>

CALENDAR	Weekend 28 & 29 January	Fr John saying Masses at OLN Fr Ray Scanlon saying Masses at St Therese's	
	Sunday 29 January	Men's Choir singing at Mass (St Therese's)	10.30am
	Monday 30 January	Term 1 Begins	
	Friday 3 February	St Therese's Whole School Mass – Beginning of School Year	10:00am
	Sat 4 & Sun 5 February	Fr Colin McClean saying Masses at OLN Fr John saying Masses at St Therese's	
	Wednesday 8 February	OLN Whole School Mass – Beginning of School Year	12:00pm
	Weekend 11 & 12 February	Pastoral Care Appeal previously known as Chaplaincy Sunday Fr John saying Masses at OLN Fr Tony Feeney saying Masses at St Therese's	
	Weekend 18 & 19 February	Fr Tony Feeney saying Masses at OLN Fr John saying Masses at St Therese's	
	Sunday 19 February	Parish Baptism Welcoming Mass at St Therese's	10.30am
	Tuesday 21 February	Senior Friendship Group hosting Shrove Tuesday Pancakes in PACE function room	10.30am
	Wednesday 22 February	Ash Wednesday: St Therese's School Mass Ash Wednesday: afternoon Mass at OLN Ash Wednesday: evening Mass St Therese's Project Compassion Appeal begins	10.00am 5:30pm 7.00pm

PARISH CONTACTS	PARISH PRIEST Fr John Hannon
	Office Telephone: 9401 6330 After Hours: 0490 956 610
	Office hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm
	ST THERESE'S PARISH
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	Office email: essendon@cam.org.au Website: www.stthereses.org.au
	Weekday Masses: Tuesday to Friday 10:00am
	Weekend Masses: Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 9:00am, Sunday 10:30am
	Reconciliation: Saturday 5:45pm
	School: email info@stessendon.catholic.edu.au phone 9374 6100
	OUR LADY OF THE NATIVITY PARISH
	33 Fawkner St, Aberfeldie
Office email: essendonwest@cam.org.au Website: http://pol.org.au/essendonwest/Home.aspx	
Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 10:00am	
School: email principal@olnaberfeldie.catholic.edu.au phone 9337 4204	
Mass online: click here	
St Vincent de Paul helpline: 1800 305 330 WEEKDAYS 10:00am–3:00pm	
<i>St Therese and Our Lady of the Nativity Parishes are 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>	