



St Therese's & Our Lady of the Nativity Essendon & West Essendon Parishes



**29 & 30 April 2023 - Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A
Good Shepherd Sunday - World Day of Prayer for Vocations
St Therese's Centenary Year 1922 - 2022**



First Reading: Acts 2:14. 36-41 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Gospel: Jn 10:1-10 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

INTERCESSIONS

As followers of Christ, the Good Shepherd, let us come to God in prayer with our needs and those of the world.

We pray for God's blessing on the Shepherds of the flock: for the Pope and our bishops, for priests, and all religious leaders.

We pray for the communities and parishes of Christians who, in many countries, live in fear and under persecution: that the Lamb who is on the throne will be their shepherd

We pray for all young men and women as they set out in life: may the chosen ones be able answer the call of the Lord.

We pray for those who are ill, especially Maggie Landrigan, Shirley Callum, Denis O'Sullivan, Judith Christy and Des Magennis.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Martin Russell, Laurie Larmer and Sr Margaret Thompson and for those whom we remember at this time, especially Jeanette D'Cruz, Giuseppe Dimasi, Mary Reddan, Margaret Jenkins, Vito Salvo, Jim Duffy and Voula Tighe, Audrey Churchill

God, the fountain of all joy, you have entrusted your people into the hands of Christ, your son. May we never become separated from Jesus, our shepherd. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL *Support the training of priests for tomorrow's Church.* Each year Christi College & Catholic Theological College hold the Good Shepherd Appeal, providing parishioners an opportunity to contribute to the educational costs of seminarians of the regional seminary, Corpus Christi College. Your tax-deductible donation will support the costs of Corpus Christi College seminarians. You can donate online or by post. To donate by post, use one of the printed donation forms located on our church entrance tables. Send the completed forms to The University of Divinity, 90 Albion Road, Box Hill, Victoria, 3128, Australia. To donate with a credit card online go to <https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>

MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS Dear brothers and sisters, dear young people! This is now the sixtieth time that we are celebrating the World Day of Prayer for Vocations... May the prayer that Saint Paul VI composed for the first World Day of Vocations, 11 April 1964, accompany us on our journey: "O Jesus, divine Shepherd of souls, you called the apostles and made them fishers of men. Continue to draw to yourself ardent and generous souls from among the young, in order to make them your followers and your ministers. Give them a share in your thirst for the redemption of all... Open before them the horizons of the entire world... By responding to your call, may they prolong your mission here on earth, build up your Mystical Body which is the Church, and be 'the salt of the earth' and 'the light of the world' (Mt 5:13)". You can read the entire message on the Holy See website by [clicking here](#) or there are printed copies available on entry tables.

MEN'S CHOIR We welcome the St Therese's Men's Choir who will be singing at 10:30am Mass this Sunday at St Therese's.

WHICH PRIEST WHERE? The schedule for Fr John, Fr Tony and the Columban Fathers across our two churches is a moving feast. We'll do our best to publish who will be celebrating Masses at each church when it is possible. This weekend Fr John is saying all Masses across the two churches except for 10:30am Mass at St Therese's where Fr Tony Feeney will preside.

TINY Ts PLAYGROUP CHANGE OF DAY After (very briefly) trialling fortnightly Thursday mornings for Tiny Ts we've decided to switch to weekly sessions on Wednesday mornings, starting next week. This will mean the playgroup won't clash with other parish activities. We look forward to seeing new faces at PACE next week. Flyers for Tiny Ts are available on entry tables at both churches if you'd like to pass details on to friends and family.

KIDS AT MASS All children are invited to attend St Therese's Parish 'Kids at Mass' on the first Saturday of each month at 6.00pm Mass. Our next session will Saturday 6th May at 6:00pm mass. Please come and join us!

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS GROUP Weekly reflection on the Sunday Gospel. Sessions at 10:30am (directly after morning Mass) in PACE Meeting room. Literature is provided, all are welcome.

MOTHERS DAY AFTERNOON TEA THIS WEDNESDAY Many parishioners from OLN and St Therese's now reside at Arcadia Aged Care Service and the management of Arcadia (Churches of Christ) have arranged an early Mother's Day celebratory afternoon tea this coming Wednesday at Dousta Galla Community Hall. See the details on our next page.

YOUTH MASS: FINALE OF ST THERESE'S CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS The St Therese's Centenary Planning Committee have one final upcoming event to round out the celebrations of the parish's 100 years. A Youth Mass will be held on Sunday 18 June at 10:30am, the final milestone in the 12 months of celebrations.

VOICE REFERENDUM INFORMATION SESSION On the first weekend in June our AWE Group will host a discussion/workshop in PACE facilitated by Dr Heather Warne who is a Volunteer Educator on the Voice Referendum. Over the course of 1 hour, and in a very relaxed and informal way, Dr Warne will share a brief background on the Statement From the Heart; its importance, its place in a long history of First Nations Peoples; the call for Constitutional recognition and the reasons for it. She will cover why it matters so much to First Nations Peoples; the necessity for inclusion in the constitution where there has been none. And she will cover the Referendum: how it will work and why it matters: to give voice to all Australians on a matter of national, historical and social importance. Parishioners from both parishes are encouraged to attend. The session will include a morning tea in PACE after 10:30am Mass.

YAHOO EMAIL ISSUES Please note that for the past couple of weeks we have been experiencing some difficulties sending email to users of yahoo.com.au email addresses. Emails to yahoo.com.au are frequently failing to send, particularly when we are sending out bulk email such as our weekly newsletters. The issue is more likely to occur when there is more than one recipient of the email. Our IT department are aware of the issue and are hoping to resolve the problem early next week. In the interim, we apologise for any inconvenience.

TRADES NEEDED There are several projects across our two locations for which the parish will need to engage trades. We would prefer always to support parishioner-owned businesses so if there are any parishioners who are working in the following trades: ~ **FENCING** ~ **PAINTING** ~ **POWDER COATING** ~ **ARBORIST** Please contact the parish office on essendon@cam.org.au or by calling 9401 6330.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION & DISCUSSION WITH FR TONY FEENEY Fridays at 8:00PM pm via Zoom ([Click here for link](#)) Meeting ID: 750 3236 9165 Passcode: 28266

LITURGICAL GUIDELINES For many months since the lifting of restrictions we have practiced measures of hygiene that are no longer required under Liturgical Guidelines of our Archdiocese. Moving cautiously, we now move to the following guidelines: Celebrants and Eucharistic Ministers are no longer required to wear masks to distribute Holy Communion. Sanitising of hands is not required but is strongly encouraged. Although distribution of Communion via wine is allowed, at this stage we will not be offering wine as Communion because the shared chalice poses too much of a health risk in terms of spread of disease. You can read the [Archdiocese Guidelines here](#).

ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 6 & 7 MAY

CHURCH / MASS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
OLN 5:00pm	Jon Fleming	Fred Grima
ST THERESE'S 6.00pm	Eve Korytkowski	Gina Bell & Maggie Catterall
ST THERESE'S 9.00am	Mary Dowling & Margaret Kerr	Carmen Merrigan & Rosina Tempini
OLN 10:00am	Paula O'Byrne	Fred Grima
ST THERESE'S 10.30am	Silvia Campo & George Jungwirt	Miriam Gandolfo

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7 **2nd Reading:** 1 Pt 2:4-9 **Gospel:** Jn 14:1-12



ALL VOLUNTEERS, STAFF AND CLERGY in the Archdiocese of Melbourne must hold a current Working With Children Check and that Check must list each parish in which they volunteer/work. Please add St Therese's and/or OLN to your own WWCC check here: <https://service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children>. All volunteers, staff and clergy must also complete the CAM Safeguarding Essentials Training Certification. For safeguarding training visit: [Click link here](#)

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

OLN AND ST THERESE'S GOSPEL REFLECTIONS GROUP

Parishioners and other interested people are invited to attend our weekly Gospel reflections Session in PACE Meeting Room.

The group is convened by OLN and St Therese's parishioners and is a great way to meet and engage with people who share a passion for scripture.

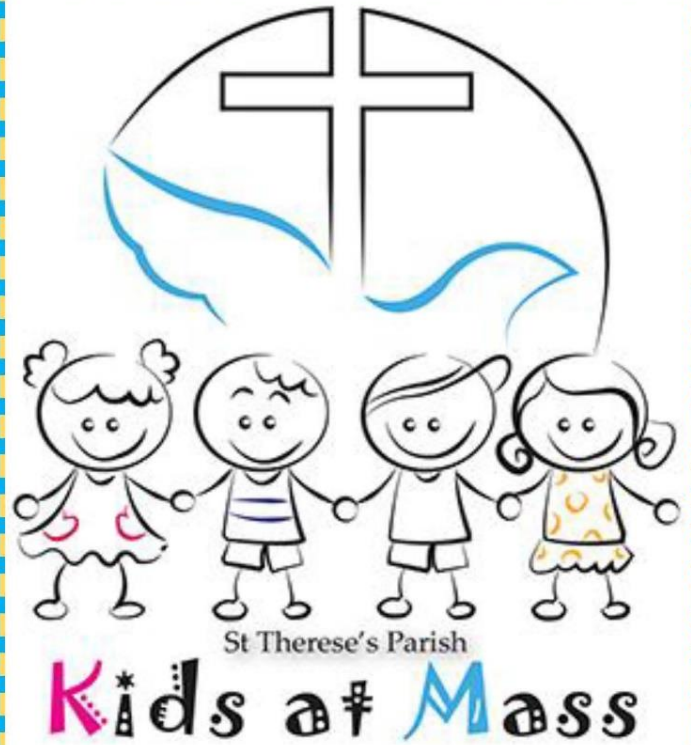
Weekly Meetings are held after 10:00am Mass on Thursdays for a short session (one hour maximum)

The group look at the coming Sunday's Gospel with a focus on reflections written by His Holiness Pope Francis.

Printed materials are provided to participants.

There is no need to book, just turn up for the session.

Weekly attendance is not required, come along when you can!



KAM IS BACK AT ST THERESE'S PARISH FOR 2023!

Primary school-aged children are invited to attend St Therese's Parish 'Kids at Mass' on the first Saturday of each month at 6.00pm Mass. Children not yet at school can be accompanied by their parents.

Listen to Jesus' message in a child-friendly and engaging way

The group leaves the church at the beginning of the First Reading & returns at the Offertory Procession.

Activities include children's Gospel, craft activities and group discussions

UPCOMING DATES: 6 May, 3 June, 1 July, 5 August and 2 September

Tiny Ts Playgroup

Tiny Ts Playgroup is run by volunteer parents from OLN and St Therese's Parishes

We welcome all those who care for children from infancy through to school age

- ✓ Socialise with other families from our parish.& school communities
- ✓ Indoor and outdoor covered play areas
- ✓ Runs in all weather conditions
- ✓ Free play with all our toys
- ✓ Make friends ready for Prep
- ✓ Share a healthy morning tea



Playgroup is a great place to make new friends!

WHEN: Weekly on Wednesday mornings during school terms

TIME: 9.30am – 10:30am

WHERE: St Therese's PACE Function Room **COST:** Free of charge

Grab a flyer for more details

CHURCHES
of CHRIST

Mother's Day Afternoon tea.

Please join our Churches of Christ residents and local community members for a Mother's Day afternoon tea.

This is an opportunity to meet with friends and family, get to know your fellow community members, and enjoy some local entertainment together.

We will be celebrating with:

- Complimentary tea/coffee, sweet and savoury treats
- Entertainment from your community
- Local speakers on the topics of women, family and female achievement
- Local groups showcasing their crafts and activities
- Lucky door prizes

WHEN

Wednesday 3 May 2023, 2pm – 4pm

WHERE

Doutta Galla Community Hall
55 Kerferd St, Essendon North Vic 3041

FOR MORE INFORMATION

07 3363 1881
events@cofcqld.com.au

RSVP

Please RSVP by **26 April 2023** by emailing events@cofcqld.com.au with your name, location and any dietary requirements.

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday 29 April	Working Bee at OLN garden, grounds and presbytery Fr John saying evening Masses at OLN and St Therese's	9:00am 5:00pm & 6:00pm
Sunday 30 April	World Day of Prayer for Vocations Fr John saying Masses at St Therese's and OLN RE Confirmation Preparation session 1 – PACE Function Room Fr Tony Feeney saying Mass at St Therese's Men's Choir singing at Mass	9:00am & 10:00am 9:30am 10:30am 10:30am
Monday 1 May	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Rodrigues family	
Wednesday 3 May	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE	9:30am
Thursday 4 May	Gospel reflections group in PACE	10:30am
Saturday 6 May	Kids at Mass	6:00pm
Sunday 7 May	RE Confirmation Preparation session 2 – PACE Function Room	9:30am
Monday 8 May	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Draim family	
Wednesday 10 May	School Mother's Day stall in PACE (no playgroup) Sacrament of Confirmation Faith Night in St Therese's church SVDP Regional Meeting in PACE	9:00am 7:00pm 7:30pm
Thursday 11 May	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel reflections group in PACE SFG Committee Meeting	9:30am 10:30am 10:30am
Weekend 13 & 14 May	St Therese's students and RE programme present as candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation	All Masses
Sunday 14 May	Mother's Day RE Confirmation Preparation session 3 – PACE Function Room	9:30am
Monday 15 May	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Notaro family SVDP Essendon Conference meeting in PACE	7:00pm
Wednesday 17 May	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room	9:30am
Thursday 18 May	Gospel reflections group in PACE SFG Morning Tea in PACE function room	10:30am 10:30am
Friday 19 May	St Therese's Sacrament of Confirmation Mass St Therese's Sacrament of Confirmation Mass with RE students	4:00pm 6:00pm
Weekend 20 & 21 May	OLN students present at Mass as candidates for the Sacrament of First Eucharist	All Masses
Sunday 21 May	Parish Baptism Welcoming Mass	10:30am
Monday 22 May	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Lambert family	
Wednesday 24 May	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room	9:30am
Thursday 25 May	Gospel reflections group in PACE	10:30am
Sunday 28 May	Parish Baptisms	12:00pm
Monday 29 May	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Condillac family	
Wednesday 31 May	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room	9:30am
Thursday 1 June	Gospel reflections group in PACE	10:30am
Weekend 3 & 4 June	Propagation of the Faith Appeal OLN Students Sacrament of First Eucharist	All Masses OLN Masses

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

Church and parish office: 48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon

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

Church: 33 Fawkner St, Aberfeldie

Office email: essendonwest@cam.org.au **Website:** <http://pol.org.au/essendonwest/Home.aspx>

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00pm, 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

Our Parishes are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country of the land on which our churches stand and recognize their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and to Elders past, present and emerging.