



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



**13 & 14 May 2023 - Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A – Mother's Day  
St Therese's Centenary Year 1922 - 2022**



**First Reading:** Acts 8:5-8. 14-17 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Jn 14:15-21A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

## INTERCESSIONS

*Sisters and brothers, with Christ our gift of peace, let us turn to God with our intentions*

We pray for the Pope and all pastors and leaders in the Church: may they always act in the love of the heart of Jesus and the wisdom of the Spirit

We pray for the students from St Therese's school and our RE programme who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Friday. May they be guided by the Spirit as they continue to grow in faith and life

We pray for those caught up in violence: that the God of peace may be their shelter

We pray for all mothers. May the care, happiness, and love they bestow on their family be returned to them bountifully throughout their days.

We pray for those who are ill, especially: Shirley Callum and Kerri Geary.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Sr Judith Christy, Kevin Oakman, Ilario Placanica, Joanne Allison, Margaret Redmond, Vincenzo Magariti, Reno Barichievich; and for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Audrey Churchill, Maria Teresa Quattrone, Jack Webster, Barry Nunn, Frank O'Brien, Rosina Kenny, Iris Sapiano, Margaret Jenkins, Matteo Cursio, Luigi Cardamone and Doris Dalton.

*Wise and loving God, during these Easter days you bring new life into the world through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Accept our prayers and sustain our deeds and words by your Spirit. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.*

AMEN



## A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Thank you Lord, that you fill a mother's heart with love, that you have instilled in her very being the need to protect her children.

Thank you for giving her the gift of nurturing, teaching them, comforting them, making a safe place and for guiding her children to be all that God has created them to be.

Fill every mother with love, wisdom and endurance, with strength, patience and joy.

Give them ability to forgive again and again.

Enable her to call upon You, because You will give her all she needs.

We pray for all natural, adopting, fostering and all mothers that are not able to be with us.

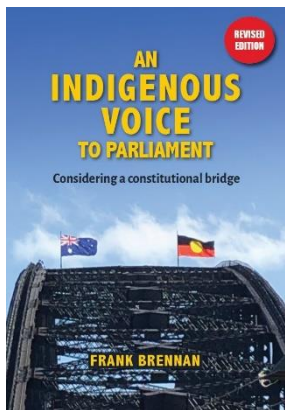
Amen

**WELCOME CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND FAMILIES** We welcome our St Therese's Year 6 students and RE programme participants who present themselves at Masses this weekend. We join as a parish to support them as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this coming Friday 19 May.

**WHICH PRIEST WHERE?** This weekend Fr John is saying all Masses at OLN and the 9:00am Mass at St Therese's while Fr Tony will say 6:00pm and 10:30am Masses at St Therese's. We'll do our best to publish who will be celebrating Masses at each church when it is possible but sometimes the schedule hasn't been decided when the bulletin is published.

**SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP MORNING TEA** This coming Thursday 18 May in PACE after the 10:00am Mass (approx. 10:30am). Senior friends from OLN and St Therese's can meet for a chat and a cuppa. Gospel reflections will not run on SFG event weeks so there will be no reflections group this week.

**LECTORS NEEDED** We are needing volunteers to be readers at our St Therese's 9:00am Mass. The spot would be for the second Sunday of each month at 9am – so only once per month. If we get more than one volunteer, the role can be shared. We could also use lectors across the board so if you'd be interested in joining the roster please let the office know.



**OPENING THE DOORS FOUNDATION AND GARRATT PUBLISHING INVITE YOU TO AN INDIGENOUS VOICE TO PARLIAMENT WEBINAR** Join Fr Frank Brennan, SJ, AO and Vicki Clark OAM as they explore the planned referendum suggesting an alteration to the Australian Constitution that establishes a First Nations Voice. This webinar is ideal for all Australians seeking to understand what an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander 'Voice to Parliament' will mean. It is an opportunity to learn, take action and make history. Be informed and understand how a Voice to Parliament will give First Nations communities a route to help inform policy and legal decisions that impact their lives. When: 24 May at 5:00pm via Zoom. Register using this link: [https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/r1x18y90n2ngje/?ct=t\(allseg-FrankBrennanVickiClark-WEBINAR-10May23\)&mc\\_cid=d00f022179&mc\\_eid=UNIQID](https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/r1x18y90n2ngje/?ct=t(allseg-FrankBrennanVickiClark-WEBINAR-10May23)&mc_cid=d00f022179&mc_eid=UNIQID)

**VOICE REFERENDUM INFORMATION SESSION** On the first Sunday in June after the St Therese's 10:30am Mass our AWE Group will host a discussion/workshop in PACE facilitated by Dr Heather Wearne who is a Volunteer Educator on the Voice Referendum. When: Sunday 4 June 2023 at 11:30am in PACE Function room. Includes a morning tea in PACE

**MASS COUNT** Our collectors will be conducting our Parish Mass 'count' throughout May. This annual count taken in May is important for our Archdiocese pastoral planning activities and allows for comparisons to be made across the years. This year, the four weekends of 6-7 May, 13-14 May, 20-21 May and 27-28 May have been selected for the count.

**YOUTH MASS AND THE FINALE OF ST THERESE'S CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS** The St Therese's Centenary Planning Committee have two upcoming Masses which are planned to round out the celebrations of the St Therese's Parish Centenary year. A Youth Mass will be held on Sunday 18 June at 10:30am and then the final milestone in the 12 months of celebrations will be the Centenary Concluding Mass. More information to come.

**LITURGICAL GUIDELINES: MASKS AND OTHER COVID SAFE MEASURES** 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, 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](#).



**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](#)

**SAFETY ESSENTIALS IN-PERSON TRAINING** Thank you to all volunteers who have so far undertaken the online Safeguarding Essentials Training Certification. We understand that online is difficult for some of our volunteers and will therefore be holding in-person training sessions in PACE. The second session will be on this Tuesday 16 May at 10:30am.

**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.

**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

#### ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 20 & 21 MAY

CHURCH / MASS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
OLN 5:00pm	Georgina Kucera	Loretta Sheehy
OLN 10:00am	Gerald Mullen	Mark Donahoo
ST THERESE'S 6.00pm	Murray Sykes	Carmen Baker
ST THERESE'S 9.00am	John Harvey	Maria Cricri & Sofia Ganci
ST THERESE'S 10.30am	Rosemary Patterson & Mary O'Brien	Cherrie Arnold

**1st Reading:** Acts 1:1-11 **2nd Reading:** Eph 1:17-23 **Gospel:** Mt 28:16-20



# Tiny Ts Playgroup

Hosted by parents from  
OLN & St Therese's Parishes

For children from infancy  
through to primary school age

Indoor and outdoor covered  
play areas - runs in all  
weather conditions



A great place to make new friends!

**WHEN:** 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*

# Senior Friendship Group Morning Tea

PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS  
OF OUR PARISHES ARE  
INVITED TO ATTEND  
**MORNING TEA**

**PACE FUNCTION ROOM**

Thursday 18 May  
after 10:00am Mass

*All welcome*



Please Join us for a cuppa after the

## OLN Parish



## Children's Presentation Mass

May 20th/21st, 2023

The Parish Hall • After Mass  
BYO Plate, Tea and Coffee provided

Please drop your plate off in the hall before  
the Mass begins

Contact Tatiana at 0411 262 991 for further information

## PARISH GARDENING GROUP PLANTING DAY

Saturday 3 June

9:00am

St Therese's

It's finally the season for  
**PLANTING!**

Join the gardening group  
at St Therese's for a  
morning of planting and  
tidying up of the gardens  
BYO gardening tools  
All welcome, especially  
green thumbs!



PARISH CALENDAR

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
Tuesday 16 May	Safeguarding Essentials training in PACE function room Funeral of Ilario Placanica – St Therese's	10:30am 11:00am
Wednesday 17 May	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room	9:30am
Thursday 18 May	SFG Morning Tea in PACE function room Funeral of Vince Margariti – St Therese's	10:30am 11:00am
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
Saturday 20 May	Cuppa after Mass at OLN parish hall	5:45pm
Sunday 21 May	Parish Baptism Welcoming Mass Cuppa after Mass at OLN parish hall	10:30am 10:45am
Monday 22 May	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Lambert family	
Wednesday 24 May	No playgroup today due to booking in PACE	9:30am
Thursday 25 May	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	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 meeting room	10:30am
Weekend 3 & 4 June	Propagation of the Faith Appeal OLN Students Sacrament of First Eucharist	All Masses OLN Masses
Saturday 3 June	Parish Gardening Group Planting Day at St Therese's Kids at Mass in PACE Function room	9:00am 6:00pm
Sunday 4 June	Presentation by Dr Heather Wearne (Volunteer Educator on the Voice Referendum) in PACE Function Room	11:30am
Monday 5 June	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Pereira family	
Wednesday 7 June	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Liturgy of the Word with Communion	9:30am 10:00am
Thursday 8 June	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room SFG Committee Meeting	10:30am 10:30am
Monday 12 June	King's Birthday weekend – Public holiday – office closed	
Wednesday 14 June	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room SVDP Regional Meeting in PACE	9:30am 7:30pm
Thursday 15 June	Mass of Anointing Morning tea in PACE hosted by SFG	10:00am 10:30am
Weekend 17 & 18 June	Vinnies Winter Appeal	All 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](mailto:essendon@cam.org.au) **Website:** [www.stthereses.org.au](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.*