



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



**17 & 18 June 2023 – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
St Therese's Centenary Year 1922 – 2022**



**First Reading:** Ex 19:2-6 A reading from the book of Exodus

*You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.*

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

**Responsorial Psalm:** We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near; repent and believe the Good News! Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mt 9:36 – 10:8 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.*

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

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## INTERCESSIONS

*Sisters and brothers, trusting in God's faithfulness and mercy we pray for the needs of all people.*

That the disciples of Christ in every land draw life from the blood of Jesus shed for all.

That rulers of nations and communities promote harmony and reconciliation between all people.

For all young people as they make important life decisions. Help them to seek your will in all that they do, and give them the courage to follow your leading, no matter where it might take them.

As we support the St Vincent De Paul winter appeal, we pray that the local, state and federal governments really prioritise ensuring every Australian resident has a place they can call home.

We pray for those who are ill, especially Verna Nigli, Kerri Geary, Peter Camerino and Peter Higgins.

We pray for our own special needs.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Maria Tripodi, Angela Inguanti, Betty Considine, Brother Pat Cronin, and Barbara Goelz and for those whom we remember at this time, especially Luise Schmittinger, Pasquale Marchisella, Alex Sequeira, Molly Sully, Rose and Joe Gauci, Virgilio Giuffre, Theresa Ciantar, Nicolina Natale, Laura Campana, Lorenzo Fasulo, Michael Reddan and Felix Fitzgerald.

*Hear our prayers and help us to receive Christ's body and blood as sustenance for serving others in your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

Please note: to have names added to the published Intercessions please contact the parish office by Thursday 12:00pm.

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**ST THERESE'S CENTENARY YOUTH MASS** 10:30AM THIS SUNDAY JUNE 18 We welcome all those participating in and celebrating the St Therese's Centenary Youth Mass as a part of the final days of our celebration of 100 years as a parish. We are very thankful to all the musicians and singers who are gathering to bring joyous musical accompaniment to the Mass and it is fitting that many of our newly-trained Altar servers have volunteered for the occasion. Next weekend is the final parish celebration of the St Therese's Centenary with our concluding Mass on Sunday at 10:30am.



**VINNIES WINTER APPEAL** This weekend we welcome members from our SVDP Conferences who will speak at Masses about the vital role of the annual Vinnies Winter Appeal across both our parishes. The appeal funds the works of our Essendon and Essendon West SVDP Conferences who support Companions across our suburbs. The focus of the Vinnies appeal this year is the homelessness crisis affecting women over 55 who are experiencing homelessness at alarming rates. Your generosity will provide shelter, food, clothing and long-term support to many people in crisis including our mothers, grandmothers, friends and neighbours - and help rebuild their lives. Envelopes are available for donations. There will also be an additional collection at each parish Mass. At St Therese's this will be a 'leaving collection' where SVDP members will stand at exits at the conclusion of Mass to accept donations. At OLN there will be a second collection to support the appeal. Donations can also be made online at: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal> In the Comments/Conference Name field add either '177 - Essendon West' for donations to OLN conference or '176 - Essendon' for donations to the St T's conference. This will ensure your donation comes to the Vinnies conference here in our local area. You can also call 13 18 12 to donate.

**WHICH PRIEST WHERE?** Fr John will be saying Masses at St Therese's this weekend while Fr Tony will say both Masses at OLN. For the weekends 24 & 25 June and 1 & 2 July Fr Tony will be away and we'll welcome Fr Kevin Burke back to OLN on both Sundays where he will say 10:00am Mass. Fr John will preside at all other Masses over those two weekends. We wish Fr Tony safe travels on his break and we thank Fr Kevin for again coming to help at OLN.

**VALE BETTY CONSIDINE** We pass on the sad news that long-time, faithful St Therese's parishioner Betty Considine passed away this week and her Requiem Mass will be held at St Therese's on Friday 23 June at 11:30am.

**THANK YOU TO OUR SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP** Once again our Senior Friendship Group (SFG) organised and hosted a very successful morning tea after the anointing Mass held on Thursday. The Mass was very well attended with many people moving into PACE after Mass to enjoy a warming cuppa and a chat. Our grateful thanks to the SFG and also to the generous parishioners who dropped off cakes, sandwiches and other delicious treats. The next SFG event held in PACE will be the annual Winter Warmer event on Thursday 20 July.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO PETER TYRRELL OAM** We send a big congratulations to parishioner Peter Tyrrell who was a recipient of an Order of Australia Medal in the Kings Birthday Honours List this year in recognition of Peter's long service to surveying and professional organisations.

**ENVELOPES FOR ST THERESE'S PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMME** Now available from the tables at the back of St Therese's church. They are organised by STREET NAME. Could parishioners who use the weekly envelopes please collect their 2023/2024 envelopes? If you have a PO Box as your address in our parish database, your envelopes will be filed under P.O. Boxes. The envelopes start in July and finish next June. Thanks everyone!

**PARISH MANAGEMENT SYSTEM MIGRATION** The upgrade to PACEM is progressing well with all parish (non-financial) data having been migrated across to PACEM this week including our subscription lists for weekly Parish Bulletins and monthly Gospel Reflections. We hope the new system will make parish admin more streamlined. A reminder that the parish office will close between 10:45am and 12:45pm each Thursday in June while all our office staff participate in PACEM workshops.

**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

**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. The next in-person training session will be on Tuesday 20 June at 10:30am.

**CODE OF CONDUCT** All parish volunteers, clergy and employees must abide by the terms of the Child Safety Code of Conduct. You can read and record your acceptance of the CoC here: <https://forms.gle/5XmgSURViUYJodnt6>

**VOLUNTEERS**

<b>ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 24 &amp; 25 JUNE 2023</b>		
<b>CHURCH / MASS</b>	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>
OLN 5:00pm	Paul Whiting	Georgina Kucera
OLN 10:00am	Adrian Commadeur	Michael Portelli
ST THERESE'S 6.00pm	Tric Joseph & Tony Proctor	Joe Fittipaldi & Trish Giacomini
ST THERESE'S 9.00am	Bruce White & Christine Nelson	Marg Tormey & Mick O'Brien
ST THERESE'S 10.30am	Jim Maderazo & Lanelle Eid	Marita Hased-Dunne & Miriam Gandolfo
<b>1st Reading:</b> Jer 20:10-13 <b>2nd Reading:</b> Rom 5:12-15 <b>Gospel:</b> Mt 10:26-33		
Online resource for weekly readings and reflections: <a href="https://sundayreadingsathomeyeara.weebly.com/st4t3b3g.html">https://sundayreadingsathomeyeara.weebly.com/st4t3b3g.html</a>		

Dear friends at St Therese's and Our Lady of the Nativity Parishes.

As we approach the end of June 2023, it's again time to acknowledge your ongoing generosity in supporting the parish through your regular contribution to our Parish Support Program. In challenging times, we have still managed to maintain a level of income which helps provide services in all sorts of ways in parish life, as well as enabling payment of our committed and capable office staff, who help keep the show on the road. The issues of maintenance are unending, and, as we all know from our own experience at home, costs keep rising in areas of energy, with gas and electricity ever increasing, while we need to be warm in winter, cool in summer, comfortable in church and in the office too! At the same time, we need to look at upgrading the sound system in OLN church.

Naturally, we couldn't get by without our regular volunteers as well, but we need resources and support for them too, in assisting with supplies and services.

With the addition of working with Our Lady of the Nativity parishioners, the workload has increased, and there's always room for more to be involved on a voluntary basis. .

I acknowledge the ongoing commitment of our staff here in the office, with Jac and Kathy managing the constant demands of phone enquiries and administration in general, keeping me organized for one thing, and attending to the diverse range of parish activities in all directions. Irene continues to keep an eagle eye on the accounts and required regular reports, with a new system coming in as well. Leanne continues to co-ordinate the Baptism program, welcoming new families and happily helping them prepare for the occasion.

Then there is the need for regular communication with our two large primary school communities, (550 at St Therese's and 330 or so at OLN) and they ensure that there is good rapport and a collaborative working relationship there, as school is an important dimension of parish life too, with good will and friendly co-operation and support.

The Parish Leadership Team continues to meet monthly, looking at parish needs and future services, and we are also forming an expanded Finance Committee with membership from both communities, to oversee planning and expenditure.

Yours in gratitude, on behalf of all members of our two parish communities.



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15th June 2023

WEEKEND 17 & 18 JUNE  
ST THERESE'S AND OLN PARISHES

annual  
Vinnies  
Winter  
appeal

HELP END THE HOMELESSNESS  
CRISIS DEVASTATING  
OLDER WOMEN

Envelopes or cash can go into the special collections at next weekend's Masses.

To donate call 13 18 12 or go online go to:

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal>

In the Comments/Conference Name field add

'177 - Essendon West' for donations to OLN conference

'176 - Essendon' for donations to the St T's conference

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

St Therese's  
Centenary Year  
Closing Mass

SUNDAY 25 JUNE  
10:30AM



PARISH DATES

Weekend 17 & 18 June	Vinnies Winter Appeal	All Masses
Sunday 18 June	Parish Baptism Welcoming Mass Youth Mass (Centenary year celebration)	10:30am 10:30am
Monday 19 June	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Mazzarella family SVDP Essendon Conference meeting in PACE	7:00pm
Tuesday 20 June	Senior Friendship Group Bus Trip to Yarra Valley Safeguarding Essentials training in PACE function room Mass at Ryman Retirement Village	7:45am 10:30am 11:00am
Wednesday 21 June	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room	9:30am
Thursday 22 June	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room Parish office closed	10:30am 10:45am – 12:45pm
Friday 23 June	Last Day Term 2 St Therese's Whole School Mass (Feast of the Sacred Heart) Requiem Mass for Betty Considine	10:00am 11:30am
Sunday 25 June	Fr Kevin Burke saying Mass at OLN Centenary year concluding Mass Parish Baptisms	10:00am 10:30am 12:00pm
Monday 26 May	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Rob family	
Thursday 29 June	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room Mass at Arcadia Aged Care Parish office closed	10:30am 11:00am 10:45am – 12:45pm
Saturday 1 July	Kids at Mass in PACE Function room	6:00pm
Sunday 2 July	NAIDOC week begins Fr Kevin Burke saying Mass at OLN	10:00am
Monday 3 July	Statue of Our Lady moves to the McDermott family	
Weekend 8 & 9 July	Opening the Doors Foundation annual appeal	All Masses
Monday 10 July	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Statzko family	
Wednesday 12 July	SVDP Regional Meeting in PACE	7:30pm
Thursday 13 July	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room SFG Committee Meeting	10:30am 10:30am
Weekend 15 & 16 July	OLN students present as candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation	All OLN Masses
Monday 17 July	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Nguyen family SVDP Essendon Conference meeting in PACE	7:00pm
Thursday 20 July	SFG Winter Warmer morning tea in PACE (Soup)	10:30am
Monday 24 July	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Rosario family	
Tuesday 25 July	Fr John on leave Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass	10:00am
Thursday 27 July	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	10:30am
Sunday 30 July	Men's Choir singing at 10:30am Mass – St Therese's OLN Students Sacrament of Confirmation Mass OLN Students Sacrament of Confirmation Mass	10:30am 1:00pm 3:00pm

PARISH CONTACTS

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**ST THERESE'S PARISH**

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**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.*