



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



**24 & 25 June 2023 – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
St Therese's Centenary Year 1922 – 2022**



**First Reading:** Jer 20:10-13 A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

**'Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, in your great love, answer me.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mt 10:26-33 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

## INTERCESSIONS

*Sisters and brothers, with faith in God who is always with us, let us bring our needs before the Lord.*

God our Father, look with love on Francis Your servant, the pastor of Your Church. May his word and example inspire and guide the Church, and may he, and all those entrusted to his care, come to the joy of everlasting life.

That world leaders will hear the cry of the poor and make just decisions.

That those who live with fear and anxiety will find hope in the words of Jesus.

We pray for Margot, Rose, Gemma, Giulia, Matilda, Ella and Aran who will be initiated into our church at the sacrament of Baptism this weekend. That they lead a life of faith and love for all.

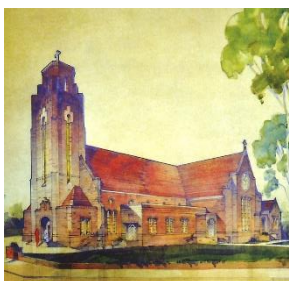
We pray for those who are ill, especially: Kerri Geary, Peter Camerino, Peter Higgins and Anthony Kennedy.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Betty Considine and Barbara Vinogradov.

And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: William Edward Fogarty, Elizabeth Dettman, Les Hanna, Margot Riley, Michela Salvo, Frank Walsh, Patricia Hartnett, Denis O'Sullivan Jnr, Gerald Kavanagh, Joseph Udovicic, and Terry Cullum.

*Loving God, we know that you are with us always, even when we are troubled. We ask that you lead and guide us as we spread the Good News of your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

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



**ST THERESE'S CENTENARY CLOSING MASS** We welcome all those participating in and attending the St Therese's Centenary Closing Mass at 10:30am this Sunday 25 June. This is the final celebration in the St Therese's Parish centenary year. We are thankful to all who gave their time and talent to the organisation of the Masses and special events held at St Therese's over the past 12 months, we acknowledge the enormous and tireless effort of all involved. A special thanks must also go to the organisers of last week's Youth Mass, in particular to Mark Hyland, choir leader. We are thankful to all the musicians and singers who gathered to bring such joyous musical accompaniment to the Mass and to our newly-trained Altar servers who volunteered for the occasion. It was a Mass for the young and the young at heart.

**WHICH PRIEST WHERE?** With Fr Tony away this weekend, Fr John will be saying Saturday Masses at both parishes this weekend and both Sunday Masses at St Therese's. At OLN this Sunday we welcome back Fr Kevin Burke who will be presiding at 10:00am Mass. The same schedule will apply next weekend. We wish Fr Tony safe travels on his break and we thank Fr Kevin for again coming to help at OLN.

**VINNIES WINTER APPEAL A BIG THANK YOU** to all those who generously donated to the Vinnies Winter appeal last week. So far we've had just over \$1900 donated to the Essendon West conference and more than \$3000 donated to the Essendon Conference. You can still donate as you wish to: There are some SVDP envelopes still available or you can place your cash donation in a CLEARLY MARKED envelope (including which parish your donation should go to) and drop it to the parish office. Donations can 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.

**OLN PRESBYTERY CLEAN OUT UPDATE** Thanks to all who have assisted in the ongoing clean-up efforts at the former presbytery/office at OLN. Most of the remaining contents will shortly be donated to local charities and this week all the old towels and blankets were donated to the Lort Smith Animal Adoption Centre in Campbellfield. There are some items now in the OLN church foyer which may be of interest to parishioners including commemorative books, wine glasses and cups from the OLN 40<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> year celebrations. Please help yourselves to any of these items. Also, a reminder that all items in the display cases (formerly the piety stall) are up for grabs too.

**WANTED: MAN WITH A (REMOVALIST) VAN** There are some items of office furniture at the OLN presbytery which will be useful at the parish office on Lincoln Rd including desks and storage furniture. We're seeking the services of someone who can moving this furniture. If anyone has a contact at a removalists, please let the parish office know.

**TREE UPDATE ST THERESE'S** The arborist works needed at St Therese's parish have been held up while we await approval from Moonee Valley City Council for the removal of the pin oak which is causing damage to the Memorial Garden columbarium. At this stage works are tentatively booked in for Monday 10 July.

**FR JOHN'S ANNUAL LEAVE** AKA Fr John's "Annual International Pastoral Visitation Tour" will begin on Monday 24th July and he will be back at work on Friday 8th September 2023. Unfortunately he will miss the Sacrament of Confirmation at OLN but will be back in time to celebrate the Sacrament of First Eucharist at St Therese's. During his leave we will be ably assisted by Fr Colin McClean who will preside at all OLN Masses and Fr Tony Feeney who will preside at all St Therese's weekend Masses.

**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.** A reminder that the parish office will close between 10:45am and 12:45pm this Thursday, as our parish staff participate in the final workshop for the PACEM upgrade to our parish administration management.

**TINY TS AND KaM ON HOLIDAYS** Our Tiny Ts playgroup and Kids at Mass are on a break over the holidays with usual programmes to start up again in term 3.

**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>

ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 1 & 2 JULY 2023		
CHURCH / MASS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
OLN 5:00pm	Jon Fleming	Tatiana Polizzi
OLN 10:00am	Paula O'Byrne	Andrew Scaramozzino
ST THERESE'S 6.00pm	Eve Korytkowski	Gina Bell & Maggie Catterall
ST THERESE'S 9.00am	Mary Dowling & Margaret Kerr	Carmen Merrigan & Rosina Tempini
ST THERESE'S 10.30am	Silvia Campo & George Jungwirt	Miriam Gandolfo & Maria Giampiccolo
<b>1st Reading:</b> 2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16 <b>2nd Reading:</b> Rom 6:3-4. 8-11 <b>Gospel:</b> Mt 10:37-42		
Online resource for weekly readings and reflections: <a href="https://sundayreadingsathomeyeara.weebly.com/st4t3b3g.html">https://sundayreadingsathomeyeara.weebly.com/st4t3b3g.html</a>		

VOLUNTEERS

# Senior Friendship Group Winter Warmer

PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS  
OF OUR PARISHES ARE  
INVITED TO ATTEND

The Annual Winter Warmer  
Thursday 20 July  
at 10:30am

in  
PACE FUNCTION ROOM  
Delicious homemade soup  
to warm the body and soul

All welcome

KAM IS TAKING A BREAK FOR THE  
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND  
WILL BE BACK ON  
**SATURDAY 5 AUGUST**  
AT ST THERESE'S 6:00PM MASS



Primary school aged children can listen to Jesus' message in a child friendly and engaging way. Children not yet at school can be accompanied by parent/s

YOU CAN STILL GIVE TO THE  
ST THERESE'S AND OLN PARISHES

## annual Vinnies Winter appeal

HELP END THE HOMELESSNESS  
CRISIS DEVASTATING  
OLDER WOMEN

There are some SVDP envelopes still available or you can place your cash donation in a CLEARLY MARKED envelope and drop it to the parish office. You can also donate by calling 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

## 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 the 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!

PARISH DATES

Sunday 25 June	Centenary year concluding Mass Parish Baptisms	Sunday 25 June
Monday 26 May	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Rob family	Monday 26 May
Thursday 29 June	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room Mass at Arcadia Aged Care Parish office closed	Thursday 29 June
Saturday 1 July	Kids at Mass in PACE Function room	Saturday 1 July
Sunday 2 July	NAIDOC week begins	Sunday 2 July
Monday 3 July	Statue of Our Lady moves to the McDermott family	Monday 3 July
Weekend 8 & 9 July	Opening the Doors Foundation annual appeal	Weekend 8 & 9 July
Monday 10 July	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Statzko family	Monday 10 July
Wednesday 12 July	SVDP Regional Meeting in PACE	Wednesday 12 July
Thursday 13 July	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room SFG Committee Meeting	Thursday 13 July
Weekend 15 & 16 July	OLN students present as candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation	Weekend 15 & 16 July
Monday 17 July	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Nguyen family SVDP Essendon Conference meeting in PACE	Monday 17 July
Thursday 20 July	SFG Winter Warmer morning tea in PACE (Soup)	Thursday 20 July
Monday 24 July	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Rosario family	Monday 24 July
Tuesday 25 July	Fr John on leave Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass	Tuesday 25 July
Thursday 27 July	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	Thursday 27 July
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	Sunday 30 July
Monday 31 July	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Grima family	Monday 31 July
Tuesday 1 August	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass	Tuesday 1 August
Thursday 3 August	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	Thursday 3 August
Weekend 5 & 6 August	Catholic Care appeal	All Masses
Saturday 5 August	Kids at Mass in PACE Function room	6:00pm
Monday 7 August	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Dang family	
Tuesday 8 August	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass	10:00am
Wednesday 9 August	SVDP Regional Meeting in PACE	7:30pm
Thursday 10 August	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room SFG Committee Meeting	10:30am 10:30am
Monday 14 August	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Whiting family	
Tuesday 15 August	Feast of the Assumption Mass	10:00am

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

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<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w00000LOj4wAAD&req=subscribe>

**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.*