



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



**22 & 23 July 2023 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**



**First Reading:** Wisdom 12:13.16-19 A reading from the book of Wisdom

*In the place of sin, you give repentance.*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, you are good and forgiving.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 13:24-43 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Let them grow together until the harvest.*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

## **INTERCESSIONS**

*Dear friends, with the Holy Spirit as our guide, let us bring our prayers before the Lord.*

We pray for that the Spirit of God will lead and guide an imperfect Church to remain true to Christ's message of the coming kingdom.

That grandparents everywhere will be richly blessed by God and by our love and care.

That those who are frail or elderly will have access to care that is loving, respectful, and of high quality.

That delegates to the Synod of Bishops will listen to the voices of the faithful and be guided by the Holy Spirit as they prepare for their first gathering in Rome later this year.

We pray for those who are ill, especially: Maree Cowell and Joanne Jones.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Paul Magri, Lou Cassar and Denis Sully And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Charlie Cassar, Jack Pattison, Thomas Kenny, Vincenzo Chiavola, Ellen Butler, John Cleary, Vilma Manzotti, John Sexton, Fernando Stromei, Margaret Darcy and Patricia Quinn.

*Loving God, hear our prayers and help us to carry out your plan with patience and care as we wait for the coming kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

**WHICH PRIEST WHERE?** This weekend Fr John will say both Saturday night Masses at OLN and St Therese's as well as saying both Sunday Masses at St Therese's. Fr Tony will say 10:00am Mass at OLN. Next weekend we welcome back Fr Colin McLean who will say all Masses at OLN while Fr Tony says all Masses at St Therese's.

**WEEKDAY MASSES IN AUGUST** Starting Tuesday 24 July and up to/including Tuesday 5 September, a 10:00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion will replace Tuesday morning Mass at St Therese's, excluding 18 August when we hold a 10:00am Mass for the Feast of the Assumption. Wednesday to Friday morning Masses will still be held at 10:00am with Fr Colin McLean presiding during Fr John's leave.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK DURING FR JOHN'S LEAVE** While Fr John is away, there will be no priests in residence or at the parish office. Priests will only be on site to say Masses. We thank Fr Tony Doran from St Monica's and St Vincent's who has kindly offered to minister to the dying during Fr John's absence.

**BUILDING A WELCOMING COMMUNITY** The Parish Leadership Team is looking to form a 'Special Interest Group' to explore ways we can make our parishes more welcoming and engaging, by looking at a range of opportunities including welcoming activities, church accessibility (including disabled access), signage, communication and audio/visual facilities. The working group will identify, prioritise and recommend projects, to ensure all parishioners can effectively access and participate in parish life. If you are interested in joining the 'Special Interest Group', or would like more information, please leave your details with the Parish Office and we will contact you directly. **Parish Leadership Team**

**MEN'S CHOIR UPCOMING PERFORMANCE AND REHEARSALS** Our Men's Choir will next perform at 10:30am Mass on Sunday, 30 July 2023. Final practice is on Thursday 25 July For those interested in joining the Men's Choir, please ring Mick O'Brien on 0403 105 301.

**WORKING BEE: OLN CLEANOUT AND CLEAN UP** A local charity is collecting furniture and goods over the coming weeks and there are a few handyperson jobs need doing in the house as well as a general clean-up of the garden. The next working bee is scheduled for Saturday 5 August from 9:00am. If you have some maintenance/repair skills and some time to spare could you please contact the parish office so we can discuss the jobs that need attention?

**SYNDALTY** **A NEW MODEL FOR THE CHURCH** Pope Francis says synodality is the new model of Church. A model where bishops listen to the People of God as members of the People of God. In May this year, Rafael Luciani presented the webinar, 'Walking Together Towards a Synodal Conversion'. Rafael spoke on this important topic from Venezuela, his home country. A Question & Answer session followed. The webinar was recorded and can be viewed below. <https://www.youtube.com/embed/vCdxOxoGqWU>

**WOMEN DEACONS AND THE SYNOD** On 7 August 2023 (10-11:30am AEST) the ACU Centre for Liturgy will host Dr Phyllis Zagano (Hofstra University, New York) who will give an online public lecture (via Zoom) entitled "Women Deacons and the Synod: What Happens Now?" She will address the questions: What are the arguments for and against women ordained as deacons? What will happen in October? Dr Zagano is an internationally acclaimed Catholic scholar and lecturer on contemporary spirituality and women's issues in the church. To register, please go to [www.acu.edu.au/publiclectureCfL](http://www.acu.edu.au/publiclectureCfL)

**ENVELOPES FOR ST THERESE'S PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMME** There are still many PSP envelopes awaiting collection 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 as they are dated from July. If you have a PO Box as your address in our parish database, your envelopes will be filed under P.O. Boxes. Thanks everyone!

**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.

**PARISH SUBSCRIBERS LISTS** You can have both the weekly Parish newsletter and the monthly Gospel Reflection sheets send straight to your inbox. Visit this link and you can add your name to the subscriber list. You nformation is secure: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w00000LOj4wAAD&req=subscribe>

**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

**VOLUNTEERS** **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](#)  
**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 29 & 30 JULY 2023

CHURCH / MASS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
OLN 5:00pm	Michael Balia	Fred Grima
OLN 10:00am	Mark Donahoo	<b>Volunteer Please: Position Vacant</b>
ST THERESE'S 6.00pm	Anne Lechte & Eve Korytkowski	Teresa Pong
ST THERESE'S 9.00am	Margaret Kerr	Marg Tormey & Tony Belcastro
ST THERESE'S 10.30am	Rosa Pierorazio	Marita Hassed-Dunne & Sr. Marg Moore
<b>1st Reading:</b> 1 Kings 3:5.7-12 <b>2nd Reading:</b> Romans 8:28-30 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew Matthew 13:44-52		
Online resource for weekly readings and reflections: <a href="https://sundayreadingsathomeyeara.weebly.com/st4t3b3g.html">https://sundayreadingsathomeyeara.weebly.com/st4t3b3g.html</a>		

## A Blessing Prayer for Grandparents

by Greg Sunter

God of all the generations Your gift of faith and gift of love have been handed down to us through parents, grandparents and great-grandparents for all of time.

Look with favour on all our grandparents and bless them.

Bless their eyes that look on us with love and affection:

Bless their ears that listen to our questions and our stories.

Bless their knees and laps we sit on.

Bless their arms that hold us and their hands that help us.

Bless their legs that walk beside us.

Bless their hearts that swell with pride for us.

And bless their faces that bring us joy.

Bless them and keep them as they bless and keep us.

We make this prayer through Saint Joachim and Saint

Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

Amen.

KAM 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 who are not yet at school can be accompanied by parent/s

## 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 new flyer with dates for Term 3

**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 23 July	World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly	
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
Wednesday 26 July	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Parish office closes early for staff training	9:30am 1:45pm
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 Fr Kevin Burke saying Mass at OLN OLN Students Sacrament of Confirmation Mass OLN Students Sacrament of Confirmation Mass	10:30am 10:00am 1:00pm 3:00pm
Monday 31 July	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Grima family	
Tuesday 1 August	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass	10:00am
Wednesday 2 August	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE	9:30am
Thursday 3 August	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	10:30am
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	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE SVDP Regional Meeting in PACE	9:30am 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 at St Therese's	10:00am
Wednesday 16 August	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE	9:30am
Thursday 17 August	SFG morning tea in PACE	10:30am
Friday 18 August	Whole school Mass (St Therese's) for Feast of the Assumption	10:00am
Sunday 20 August	RE 1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist Preparation session 1- PACE Function Room	
Monday 21 August	Statue of Our Lady moves to the De Lorenzo family SVDP Essendon Conference meeting in PACE	7:00pm
Tuesday 22 August	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass	10:00am
Wednesday 23 August	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE	9:30am
Thursday 24 August	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	10:30am
Weekend 26 & 27 August	Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support annual appeal St Therese's & RE students present as candidates for Sacrament of First Eucharist	All Masses
Sunday 27 August	ACBC Social Justice Sunday Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Group Annual Appeal	
Monday 28 August	Parish Office closed Statue of Our Lady moves to the Christie family	

PARISH CONTACTS

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**Office hours:** Monday to Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm

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**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.*