



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



29 & 30 July 2023 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5.7-12 A reading from the first book of the Kings

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, I love your commands.

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 13:44-52 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

INTERCESSIONS

Dear friends, in faith we bring our prayers before the Lord.

We pray for the Pope and our bishops: that they may lead us into an ever-closer friendship with God

We pray for the leaders of all nations: may they balance the need for national security with justice and compassion for all the refugees desperate to find a place to call home

That the pilgrims attending World Youth Day in Lisbon will travel joyfully and safely and be attentive to the voice of God.

We pray that the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people, will share their experience and wisdom to help young people look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

We pray for the students from Our Lady of the Nativity school who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday. May they be guided by the Spirit as they continue to grow in faith and life.

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

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Beatrice Tracina, Amalia Morabito and Mary Meli. And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Vincenzo Chiavola, Giovanni Italiano, Peter Chiavaroli, Domenico Lizio, Angela Faraco, Edgar Pereira, Beryl Worcester and Alanah Norohna.

Loving Father, hear us today, and help us to pray as Jesus taught us and to forgive as he showed us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



A PRAYER FOR OUR OLN CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Heavenly Father, God of power and of love.

We pray all the children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.

May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope and love and may they come to know you as the one true God who loves them without limit.

May their hearts welcome you gladly; May their ears hear your voice in the scriptures; May their eyes see you in all things; And may they proclaim your glory as they walk in the ways of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Amen

WHICH PRIEST WHERE? This weekend Fr Colin McLean will say 5:00pm Mass at OLN and Fr Kevin Burke will say the 10:00am Mass. Fr Tony will be saying all Masses at St Therese's. Next weekend Fr Colin will say all Masses at St Therese's while Fr Tony will say both Masses at OLN.

WEEKDAY MASSES IN AUGUST From now until 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 will 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.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE This coming Wednesday 2 August the parish office will be closed while we work offsite. The parish will still be contactable via phone and email.

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, 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', please leave your details with the Parish Office.

WORKING BEE: OLN CLEANOUT AND CLEAN UP A local charity is collecting furniture and goods from the former presbytery on Wednesday 2 August so that the house will be mostly empty for the working bee 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? If the weather is very wet on the morning, the gardening may not go ahead, we hope for clear skies!

CATHOLICARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL Next weekend we will hold the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. As our parish community's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full.

SYNODALITY

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

ENVELOPES FOR ST THERESE'S PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMME The envelopes which were not collected in June and July have been moved to the parish office. If you still need to collect your envelopes please visit during office opening hours.

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. Your information 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 5 & 6 AUGUST 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
1st Reading: Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14 2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9		
Online resource for weekly readings and reflections: https://sundayreadingsathomeyeara.weebly.com/st4t3b3g.html		



OLN WORKING BEE

**SATURDAY 5 AUGUST
9 AM - 12PM**

**INSIDE AND OUTSIDE JOBS:
MOWING, WEEDING, PRUNING,
SWEEPING & HEDGE TRIMMING
HOUSE CLEANING & REPAIRS**

**If you can, please BYO gardening tools
Cleaning equipment supplied**

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 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
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 Rosary and Requiem Mass for Mary Meli at St Therese's	10:00am 11:00am
Wednesday 9 August	Parish office operating remotely, office closed. Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE	All day 9:30am
Thursday 10 August	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room SFG Committee Meeting SVDP Regional Meeting in PACE	10:30am 10:30am 7:30pm
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 st 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	
Monday 28 August	Parish Office closed Statue of Our Lady moves to the Christie family	
Tuesday 29 August	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass	10:00am
Wednesday 30 August	Parish office closed for Parish Administration Forum Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Sacrament of First Eucharist Faith Night in St Therese's church	All day 9:30am 7:00pm
Thursday 31 August	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	10:30am
Friday 1 September	World Day of Prayer for Creation Season of Creation Begins	
Weekend 2 & 3 September	Priest's Retirement Foundation annual appeal	All Masses

PARISH CONTACTS

PARISH PRIEST Fr John Hannon

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ST THERESE'S PARISH

Church: 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

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

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.