



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



**12 & 13 August 2023 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**First Reading:** 1 Kings 19:9-11-13 A reading from the first book of the Kings

*Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8 (R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-33 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Command me to come to you over the water.*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

## INTERCESSIONS

*Dear friends, with faith in the love of Christ, we bring our prayers before the Lord.*

We pray for the Pope and all who lead us in faith; That they may bring us closer to Jesus and one another as we learn to live in love

That nations will proclaim an era of peace and justice.

That those who sail the oceans and seas will be returned to land in safety

We pray for those who are sick and all those who care for them: May God bless them with hope, patience and trust so that they may live without anxiety.

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

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Rita Herbert, Giuseppina Mazzarotta, Sr Anne Victoria Rodrigues, Rocco Tassone and Joanne Brown: And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Ralph Trainor, Jim & Sheila O'Brien, Bill & Millie O'Connor, Jeff Anderson, Mark Sherlock, Harry Lobo, Meaghan Carroll, Peter Calnan, John Boucher, Lily Hester, Jean O'Brien, Salvatore Paino, Lorraine Collins and Peter Heslop.

*Loving God, you give us courage through the words of Jesus. Hear our prayers and help us to not be afraid, but to live out our lives in faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*



**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION** On Tuesday 15 August there will be a Mass at St Therese's at 10:00am for the Feast of the Assumption. On Friday 18 August our St Therese's school children will celebrate the Feast again at 10:00am with a whole-school Mass led by children from Year 5.

*Most glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, I rejoice today with you and with the whole Church for the most glorious things that God has done for you. As you now share body and soul in the glories of Heaven, please pray for me and for all your dear children on earth. Cover us with your mantle of love and pour forth the mercy of God upon us always. Mother Mary, assumed into Heaven, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.*



## ST THERESE'S GRADE 5 - POEMS ABOUT GOD

*God's love is forever. When you're in trouble his light shines on you.  
Faith means happiness, it means courage. And with God it's possible.  
If you ever feel down or being attacked, speak with God and your light will shine.  
With faith, you're alive. Because faith gives you strength, and your peace.* Eamon Say

Each year the year 5 students at St Therese's are asked to reflect their understanding of God and faith in poetry. Visit our website to view a short film of some of those poems, read by the authors themselves: <https://www.stthereses.org.au/year-5-faith-poems/>

**VALE GIUSSEPPINA (JOSEPHINE) MAZZAROTTA** Sadly this week St Therese's lost another long-term parishioner with the passing of Giuseppina Mazzarotta, known to many parishioners as Josephine and to her family as Pina. Our prayers and condolences go to the Mazzarotta and Salpietro families who have lost a beloved mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. A funeral service will be held for Giuseppina at St Therese's church on Wednesday 16 August at 11:00am. Fr Peter Matheson will preside.

**WHICH PRIEST WHERE?** This weekend Fr Tony will say all Masses at St Therese's while Fr Colin will say both Masses at OLN. Next weekend Fr Tony will be at OLN and Fr Colin at St Therese's. Until September, a 10:00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion will replace Tuesday morning Mass at St Therese's, excluding 8 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.



**CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL** Thank you to all the parishioners who donated to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal last weekend. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. You can still donate using the appeal envelope available or donate online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community - those facing unemployment and homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing grief and trauma. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

**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.



**OLN PRESBYTERY FURNITURE** There are some armchairs left in the OLN Presbytery house which we are offering them to any parishioners who may have a need. There are five large armchairs available (all in good condition) as well as one large square ottoman (matching fabric to chairs.) If you would like one, or all, of the chairs please let the parish office know. Arrangements can be made to collect the chairs during parish office hours.

**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. To collect, 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=0012w0000LOj4wAAD&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 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 here: <https://forms.gle/5XmgSURVIUYJodnt6>

## ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 19 & 20 AUGUST 2023

CHURCH / MASS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
OLN 5:00pm	Luke Balia & Michael Portelli	Fred Grima
OLN 10:00am	Coral D'Cruz	Adrian Commadeur
ST THERESE'S 6.00pm	Murray Sykes	Tric Joseph
ST THERESE'S 9.00am	John Harvey	Maria Cricri & Sofia Ganci
ST THERESE'S 10.30am	Rosemary Patterson & Mary O'Brien	Cherrie Arnold & Therese Hanna
<b>1st Reading:</b> Isaiah 56:1.6-7 <b>2nd Reading:</b> Romans 11:13-15. 29-32 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 15:21-28		
Online resource for weekly readings and reflections: <a href="https://sundayreadingsathomeyeara.weebly.com/st4t3b3g.html">https://sundayreadingsathomeyeara.weebly.com/st4t3b3g.html</a>		



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### ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION

To book a FREE Information Session in your area email [carer.west@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:carer.west@anglicarevic.org.au) or call 9396 7400

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## Social Justice Sunday Annual Appeal for our Refugee & Asylum Seeker Support Group 26 & 27 August 2023



DONATIONS PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED FUNDS  
TO SUPPORT REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKER  
FAMILIES LIVING IN OUR COMMUNITY

## 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

## Senior Friendship Group Morning Tea

PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS  
OF OUR PARISHES ARE  
INVITED TO ATTEND

Morning Tea in  
PACE FUNCTION ROOM  
Thursday 17 August  
from 10:30am

(following 10:00am Mass)

All welcome

PARISH DATES

Monday 14 August	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Whiting family	
Tuesday 15 August	Feast of the Assumption Mass	10:00am
Wednesday 16 August	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Funeral Prayers for Giuseppina Mazzarotta	9:30am 11:00am
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	
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
Saturday 2 September	Kids at Mass in Annex Meeting Room	6:00pm
Sunday 3 September	Father's Day National Child Protection Week begins Men's Choir singing at 10:30am Mass	10:30am
Monday 4 September	Parish Office closed Statue of Our Lady moves to the D'Cruz family	
Tuesday 5 September	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass	10:00am
Wednesday 6 September	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE	9:30am
Thursday 7 September	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	10:30am
Weekend 9 & 10 September	St Therese's students Sacrament of First Eucharist	All Masses
Sunday 10 September	Child Protection Sunday	10:30am
Monday 11 September	Parish Office closed Statue of Our Lady moves to the Neenan family	
Wednesday 13 September	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Parish Leadership Team Meeting in PACE	9:30am 7:30pm

PARISH CONTACTS

**PARISH PRIEST** Fr John Hannon (on leave)

**Office Telephone:** 9401 6330 **Office address:** 48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon

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

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**ST THERESE'S PARISH**

Church: 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

**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

**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.*