



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



19 & 20 August 2023 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading: 1 Isaiah 56:1.6-7 A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8 (R.) Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:23 Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

INTERCESSIONS

Dear friends, with great faith in our hearts, we bring our intentions before the Lord.

We pray for the Church: may our leaders be faithful to the justice and peace teachings of Jesus, offering hope for our trouble world.

We pray for the world: may we be inspired to share in the griefs, anxieties, joys, and hopes of all God's people and all of creation, speaking up to challenge suffering, death and destruction.

We pray for parents and teachers: may we teach our children to be bridge-builders, tackling differences and tensions with love and compassion.

That our parish will welcome migrants and refugees to our community of faith.

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

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Giuseppina Mazzarotta, Frank Truccolo, Sheila Donnelly, Shirley Anstey and Carmen Dalli,; And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Vincenzo Davoli, Leigh Wallmeyer, Michael John Tighe, Pat Russell, Ivor Pereira, Mary Gilmore, Attilio Riccardi, Mary Gleeson, Kenneth Symons, Peter Murphy and Isabella Campo.

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

WHICH PRIEST WHERE? This weekend Fr Tony will say all Masses at OLN while Fr Colin will say Masses at St Therese's. Next weekend Fr Tony will be at St Therese's and Fr Colin at OLN. Until September, a 10:00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion will replace Tuesday morning Mass at St Therese's. Wednesday to Friday morning Masses will still be held at 10:00am with Fr Colin McLean presiding during Fr John's leave.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR JOHN on 45 years in the priesthood, which milestone he reaches this Saturday 19 August. Unfortunately we can't celebrate with Fr John on the day and so we look forward to a time when we can offer our congratulations in person but until then we send virtual felicitations and thanks for his contribution to our parishes.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2023-2024 On Thursday 17 August the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference launched the 2023 Social Justice Statement: Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People. Bishop Vincent Long says "whatever the outcome of this year's referendum, we ask the Church in Australia to make efforts to lead the way for our fellow Australians" in pursuing reconciliation. "We need to listen with deep respect and learn from them about what needs to be done to improve their situations." Access the statement at: <https://bit.ly/SJS2023-24>

AN INVITATION TO CONNECT WITH ABORIGINAL SPIRITUALITY: Join the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in exploring Social Justice and Aboriginal Spirituality, in the light of the Uluru Statement of the Heart and the Voice Referendum. Up to four representatives from Parishes in the Melbourne Archdiocese are invited to spend a day at the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, 434 St Georges Rd, Thornbury on Friday 6th October 2023 or Friday 13th October 2023. As there are limited places available please contact the parish ASAP if you are interested in attending. The program for the day will commence at 10 am, and conclude at 2.30 pm. Lunch will be provided.



REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKER APPEAL To coincide with Social Justice Sunday, our annual appeal for our Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Group will be held next weekend. These are difficult and painful times for many refugee families; some with small children whom we support in the community are still waiting in hope as they seek protection and the chance to find safety and security in this country. With your support our parish volunteers (headed by our Sisters of Mercy) assist these refugee and asylum seeker families both pastorally and materially throughout the year. Envelopes are available this weekend to be added to the collection next weekend. If you wish to donate via your credit card call the office on 9401 6330. Thank you for your ongoing support. EFT Donation details Name: St Therese's Church, BSB: 083 347, Account number: 67640 1701 using ref RAASG-with your surname.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY AT RAELENE BOYLE VILLAGE This past week one of our dedicated volunteers commenced a weekly communion service at Ryman's Raelene Boyle Village (RBV) in their high-care facility. We are seeking volunteers to assist with this weekly service at RBV held at 1:15pm on Tuesdays. Volunteers need to have at least three COVID vax and a Police Check. You will also need to pass a RAT test before entering RBV each week. The parish pays a reduced rate for Police Checks for those volunteering in the aged care sector so please contact the office for assistance before applying.

NEW PAYMENT GATEWAY FOR PARISH SUPPORT PAYMENTS Our transfer to PACEM (the new parish management system) was completed this month with all direct debit and credit card payments now being processed through PACEM. Debits from bank accounts now show up as Fat Zebra – so don't be alarmed when the strange name appears on your bank statement, you can be assured that this is a secure payment system.

OLN PRESBYTERY FURNITURE There are some armchairs left in the OLN Presbytery house which we are offering to any parishioners who may have a need. There are five large armchairs available as well as one large square ottoman (matching fabric to chairs.) If you would like one, or all, of the chairs please contact the office.

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 To have either/both the weekly Parish newsletter and the monthly Gospel Reflections emailed automatically: <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 26 & 27 AUGUST 2023

CHURCH / MASS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
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 Hassed-Dunne & Miriam Gandolfo
1st Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23 2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-36 Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20		
Online resource for weekly readings and reflections: https://sundayreadingsathomeyeara.weebly.com/st4t3b3g.html		



We give your child's items a new life with a family in financial hardship. You give a child a better life.

PASS ITEMS ON

Don't need it anymore? Give it to us! Find us at a location near you.

有闲置物品? 请给我们吧! 选择您附近的地点, 联系我们。

Δεν τα χρειάζεστε πια; Δώστε τα σε μας! Βρείτε μας σε μια τοποθεσία κοντά σας.

Không cần đến nó nữa? Hãy cho chúng tôi! Tìm chúng tôi tại một địa điểm gần nhà quý vị.

لم تعودوا بحاجة إليها؟ أعطوها لنا! تجدونا في مكان قريب منكم.



RECEIVE HELP

Are you experiencing financial hardship? Ask a support worker to request items for your child from us.

您正面临经济困难吗? 让一名支持人员向我们申请给您孩子的物品。

Αντιμετωπίζετε οικονομικές δυσκολίες; Ζητήστε από ένα λειτουργό υποστήριξης να ζητήσει αντικείμενα για το παιδί σας από εμάς.

Quý vị đang gặp khó khăn về tài chính? Hãy nhờ nhân viên hỗ trợ yêu cầu những món đồ cho con quý vị từ chỗ chúng tôi.

هل تواجهون صعوبات مالية؟ أسألوا موظف الدعم أن يطلب منا أغراضاً لطفلكم.

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Australian Catholic Bishops Conference
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



**PLEASE NOTE
NO PLAYGROUP ON 30 AUGUST**

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 flyer for more details



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

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	Funeral for Carmen Dalli at OLN Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	10:00am 10:30am
Friday 25 August	Requiem Mass for Sheila Donnelly at St Therese's	11:00am
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 cancelled St Therese's school Father's Day Stall in PACE Sacrament of First Eucharist Faith Night in St Therese's church	All day 9:00am to 11:30am 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
Thursday 14 September	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room SFG Committee Meeting SVDP Regional Meeting in PACE	10:30am 10:30am 7:30pm
Friday 15 September	End of Term 3 Whole school Mass (St Therese's) for Season of Creation	10:00am

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 **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.