



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



30 September & 1 October 2023: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ord Time



First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28 A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: "You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die."

Responsorial Psalm: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matthew 21:28-32* A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?" "The first" they said. Jesus said to them, "I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him."

**Apologies for last week when we mistakenly printed the previous week's readings.*

INTERCESSIONS

Brothers and sisters, with forgiveness in our hearts, let us bring our prayers before God.

That the Church may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world. [Pope Francis' prayer intention for October 2023.]

That leaders who advocate for others will speak with honest hearts and act with commitment to their care.

That we will consider the proposed referendum on the Voice to Parliament in a thoughtful, prayerful manner, without resorting to insult or abuse.

That our parish community may first consider those who are less fortunate or in need.

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

We pray for those who are ill.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Anne Atto, Giacomo Vella, Shirley Phelan, Kim Campbell, Maria Mattiazzi, Joan McKay, Pamela Penticoss, Trish Rocca and Margaret Allen; And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Pasquale Spagnolo, Jennifer Riley, Marg Kovacs, Carmen Grima, Bryn DuCasse and Maria Di Grazia.

Loving God, we turn to you with our hearts and minds. Hear our prayers and help us to do your will as we live each day in praise of your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

WHICH PRIEST WHERE? Fr John will be saying all Masses at St Therese's this weekend plus 5:00pm Mass at OLN. Fr Tony Feeney will say 10:00am Mass at OLN. Next weekend we'll have Fr John at OLN plus 9am Mass at St Therese's and Fr Tony at St Therese's for 6:00pm and 10:30am Masses.

SAD NEWS: A NOTE FROM PRINCIPAL MICHAEL DI NUZZO It is with great sadness that I write to you to share the news that our beautiful friend and colleague, Trish Rocca, passed away on Tuesday 26 September. Trish had been battling illness and has been in Palliative Care for the past few weeks.

Our heartfelt condolences and prayers are with the Rocca family. As a community we also extend our prayers and reach out in support to Trish's friends, peers and staff. We know that they, too, are struggling with this sad news.

As a staff, we will continue to support and care for the Rocca family on behalf of the entire St. Therese's school and parish community. Please continue to pray for Luke Rocca, a valued member of this community. Our focus at this time is to come together as a school community and offer the Rocca family our loving embrace. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Yours sincerely, Michael Di Nuzzo, Principal, St Therese's School.

FUNERALS NEXT WEEK There are five funerals at St Therese's next week. Our condolences and prayers are with the families of Margaret Allen, Maria Mattiazzi, Kim Campbell, Joan McKay and Pamela Penticoss. Dates and times for the funerals are in parish dates on the last page of the bulletin.



Book of Remembrance



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE FOR NOVEMBER MASSES Both churches will have a printed Book of Remembrance on display throughout November. Anyone wishing to add NEW names to the books can use the sheets located on church entrance tables. New submissions must be clearly printed. You can also use the online forms (one for each parish) located on the St Therese's website here: <https://www.stthereses.org.au/book-of-remembrance-2021/> making sure to use the link for the appropriate parish. The online form will be active until 5pm on Tuesday 24 October when we will close submissions to arrange them for the printed books.

REMEMBRANCE MASS Our annual Mass of Remembrance will be held on Wednesday 1 November at 7:00pm at St Therese's church for All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

TOWARDS THE REFERENDUM Australia's Catholic bishops say the issues surrounding the proposed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice 'are not just political', but are also 'moral and ethical', in a statement ahead of next month's referendum. The Bishop's statement is on our website here: <https://www.stthereses.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/TOWARDS-THE-REFERENDUM-A-Statement-from-Australias-Catholic-Bishops.pdf> Also on our website is a link to a video conversation between Archbishop Mark Coleridge and Bishop Tim Norton SVD: Personal reflections on "The Voice" <https://www.stthereses.org.au/personal-reflections-on-the-voice/>

ST THERESE'S CENTENARY BOOK The Centenary book is now available for purchase online with pickup from the parish or St Therese's school office in October. Order online at: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1117882> If you're unable to go online, there will be a limited number of books available to purchase from the parish. To avoid disappointment, contact the office to reserve your copy.

ENVELOPES FOR PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMMES OLN Parish Support envelopes will be available for collection from OLN church foyer beginning next weekend the 7 & 8 October. For St Therese's PSP envelopes: those that were not collected in June have been moved to the parish office which is open 9:00am until 3:00pm Monday to Friday.

VOLUNTEERING

WELCOMING TEAM AT ST THERESE'S The Parish Welcoming Team is looking to set up a roster of volunteers to greet parishioners and guests at Masses at St Therese's on weekends. Please contact the parish office to register your interest.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY AT OLN The roster for lectors and for Eucharistic ministers at OLN urgently needs the support of new volunteers to assist those already involved. Anyone willing and able to assist in reading at Masses or distributing Eucharist, please contact the parish office ASAP. Training will be provided.

COLLECTORS AT ST THERESE'S Volunteers are also needed for collecting duties at St Therese's. Please get in touch if you are able to assist.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY AT AGED CARE We are still asking for volunteers to assist with the weekly service at Ralene Boyle Village as the centre has now asked us to conduct two services beginning at 1:15pm on Tuesdays. We also have volunteers who regularly visit Arcadia Aged Care and Trevi Court Aged Care. Anyone willing and able to volunteer at any of the aged care facilities would be most warmly welcomed to our team. Volunteers need to have at least three COVID vax and a police check. The parish will assist with payment of special rates for Police Checks so please contact the office. We are also seeking ministers to take Communion to parishioners who still live in their own homes but can no longer get to Mass.

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: <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>

SPIRITUALITY

ST MONICA'S PRAYER GROUP Want to grow in your faith and spirituality? Make some new friends and enjoy fellowship? Share in the Word of God? Praise and Worship in song? Enjoy some delicious cake? Come, join us every Thursday from 7.30-9.00pm in Symons Centre, St. Monica's.

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

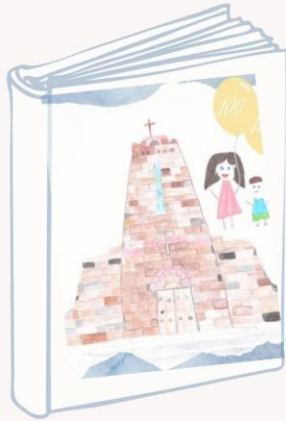
PARISH SUBSCRIBER LISTS Visit the link and you can subscribe to the weekly Parish newsletter and the monthly Gospel Reflections: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w0000LOj4wAAD&req=subscribe>

ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 6 & 7 OCTOBER 2023

CHURCH / MASS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
OLN 5:00pm	Georgina Kucera	Loretta Sheehy
OLN 10:00am	Gerald Mullen	Mark Donahoo
ST THERESE'S 6.00pm	John O'Connor	Tony Proctor & Trish Giacomini
ST THERESE'S 9.00am	Lynette Russo	Tony Belcastro & David Gloury
ST THERESE'S 10.30am	Ryan/Anna English & Lucy Angelico	Rosa Pierorazio & Marg Moore
1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7 2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9 Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43		
Online resource for weekly readings and reflections: https://sundayreadingsathomeyeara.weebly.com/st4t3b3g.html		

ST THERESE'S ESSENDON

Our Centenary Book is available to purchase...



Take a trip down memory lane as you turn the pages of the 100 year history of St Therese's School & Parish

\$20
per copy



Available Early October
Collection from School or Parish Office*
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Creator of all,

From your communion of love life sprung forth like a mighty river and the whole cosmos came into being. On this Earth of overflowing love, the Word was made flesh and went forth with the life-giving waters proclaiming peace and justice for all creation.

You called human beings to till and keep your garden. You placed us into right relationship with each creature, but we failed to listen to the cries of the Earth and the cries of the most vulnerable. We broke with the flowing communion of love and sinned against you by not safeguarding the conditions for life.

We lament the loss of our fellow species and their habitats, we grieve the loss of human cultures, along with the lives and livelihoods that have been displaced or perished, and we ache at the sight of an economy of death, war and violence that we have inflicted on ourselves and on the Earth.

Open our ears to your creative, reconciling and sustaining Word that calls to us through the book of Scripture and the book of creation. Bless us once again with your life-giving waters so that the Creator Spirit may let justice and peace flow in our hearts and overflow into all creation.

Open our hearts to receive the living waters of God's justice and peace, and to share it with our suffering brothers and sisters, all creatures around us, and all creation.

Bless us to walk together with all people of good will so that the many streams of the living waters of God's justice and peace may become a mighty river all over the Earth.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen

Tiny Ts Playgroup

Hosted by parents from
OLN & St Therese's Parishes

For children from infancy through to primary

Indoor and outdoor play area

**PLAYGROUP STARTING BACK
SECOND WEEK OF SCHOOL TERM
WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER**

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

KAM NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER

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 should be accompanied by parent/s

PARISH DATES

Sunday 1 October	Feast of St Thérèse of Lisieux Daylight saving time begins: clocks go forward one hour	
Monday 2 October	Beginning of Term 4 Statue of Our Lady moves to the Moreno family Requiem Mass for Margaret Allen at St Therese's	11:00am
Tuesday 3 October	Requiem Mass for Maria Matiazzi at St Therese's	11:00am
Wednesday 4 October	Feast of St Francis of Assisi - Season of Creation Ends School Mass at OLN Requiem Mass for Kim Campbell at St Therese's	9:00am 11:00am
Thursday 5 October	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room Funeral prayers for Joan McKay at St Therese's	10:30am 11:00am
Friday 6 October	Requiem Mass for Pamela Penticoss at St Therese's	11:00am
Saturday 7 October	Kids at Mass in PACE Function Room St Therese's Centenary Ball	6:00pm
Monday 9 October	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Misquitta family	
Wednesday 11 October	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function room	9:30am
Thursday 12 October	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room SFG Committee Meeting SVDP Regional Meeting in PACE	10:30am 10:30am 7:30pm
Friday 13 October	Whole school Mass for feast of St Therese's	10:00am
Sunday 15 October	Parish Baptism Welcoming Mass	10:30am
Monday 16 October	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Xerri family SVDP Essendon Conference meeting in PACE	7:00pm
Wednesday 18 October	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function room	9:30am
Thursday 19 October	SFG Morning Tea in PACE	10:30am
Weekend 21 & 22 October	World Mission Sunday appeal	All Masses
Sunday 22 October	Marriage & Family Sunday Parish Baptisms	12:00pm
Monday 23 October	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Asher family	
Wednesday 25 October	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function room	9:30am
Thursday 26 October	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	10:30am
Sunday 29 October	Men's Choir singing at Mass	10:30am
Monday 30 October	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Rodrigues family	
Wednesday 1 November	November Month of Remembrance Begins Books of Remembrance are on display in our churches Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function room All Saints and All Souls Day Mass at St Therese's	9:30am 7:00pm
Thursday 2 November	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	10:30am
Friday 3 November	St Therese's school Mass for All Saints/All Souls	10:00am
Saturday 4 November	Kids at Mass cancelled for Melbourne Cup long weekend	

PARISH CONTACTS

PARISH PRIEST Fr John Hannon

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ST THERESE'S 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 CHURCH

31 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.*