



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



**14 & 15 October 2023: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**First Reading:** Isaiah 25:6-10 A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.*

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain..

**Responsorial Psalm:** I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:1-14 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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## INTERCESSIONS

*Brothers and sisters, gathered as God's holy people, let us intercede for the needs of the world.*

That the Church, by its openness and hospitality will draw all people to the banquet of life.

That the violence between Israel and Palestine will give way to sincere dialogue, leading to peaceful and enduring solutions.

That those affected by the earthquake in Afghanistan will receive the aid they urgently need.

We pray for all those caught up in violence, remembering especially the people of Ukraine; that in this time of fear and conflict, they may know God's presence and peace.

We pray for those who are ill especially Tony Bongiorno, and Trish Conway.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Trish Rocca, Walter Carroll, Judy Angus, Dorothy Jukic, Ernie McCarthy, Gavin Breen and Diana Dodig; And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Betty Hannon, Pauline Tighe, Edward Jenkins, Bernard Churchill, Thelma Doyle, John Borrello, Ada Fiddler, Dede Hunzukur Benissan and Anne Commadeur.

*Loving God, you call us to share at your table. Hear our prayers and help us to spread our faith to others, so that we may bring them to your banquet. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

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**NEXT WEEKEND: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** World Mission Sunday is celebrated across Australia and the world on the weekend of 21 & 22 October when we hold our second appeal for 2023 supporting Catholic Mission. This year, Pope Francis writes in his Message for World Mission Day 2023, "...it should be remembered that breaking our material bread with the hungry in the name of Christ is already a work of Christian mission. How much more so is the breaking of the Eucharistic bread, which is Christ himself, a work of mission par excellence, since the Eucharist is the source and summit of the life and mission of the Church." It is in this spirit that Catholic Mission invites parishioners in every diocese in Australia to join with us again and support our brothers in sisters in Timor-Leste. Appeal envelopes will be available next weekend or you can learn more and donate online at <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/>

**WHICH PRIEST WHERE?** THIS WEEKEND we'll have Fr John at both OLN Masses plus 9:00am at St Therese's while Fr Tony presides at 6:00pm and 10:30am Masses at St Therese's. NEXT WEEKEND we'll have Fr John at all St Therese's Masses while Fr Tony is at OLN.

**FUNERALS NEXT WEEK** We have two funerals at St Therese's next week and one at OLN. Our sympathies and prayers are with the families of Josephine Pernice, Dorothy Jukic (mother of St Therese's parishioner Diana Goodman) and Walter Carroll (brother of OLN parishioner Dolores Carroll). Times and dates are in Parish Calendar.

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE FOR NOVEMBER MASSES** Anyone wishing to add NEW names to the books of Remembrance 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.

**ST THERESE'S CENTENARY BOOK** For those who ordered online or put their name on our list for a copy of the book, they are now available to collect from the parish office. Cost is \$20 and you can pay with cash or credit card (online orders are already paid). The extra copies ordered for the office have SOLD OUT and we are ordering a limited number of extra books which will be printed next week and be available for sale soon.

**ENVELOPES FOR PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMMES** OLN Parish Support envelopes are now available for collection from OLN church foyer.

**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. The Welcoming Team will meet on Thursday 19 October in PACE at 7:30pm.

**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** Please get in touch if you are able to assist with collecting duties at St Therese's.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY AT AGED CARE** We are still asking for volunteers to assist with the weekly service at Ralene Boyle Village. 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** 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>

**PROCLAIM 2023** Over three days (16-18 November) join together with parishes from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne to be inspired, engaged and equipped to go out and proclaim the joy of the Gospel into our local communities. Hear inspiring local and international speakers, encounter Jesus through prayer, music and fellowship and participate in workshops to equip ourselves for mission! Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1131232> use the discount code: parishmember to access the special registration price for parishioners. Enquiries: (03) 9926 5761 or [proclaim@cam.org.au](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au)

**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 on Thursdays 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

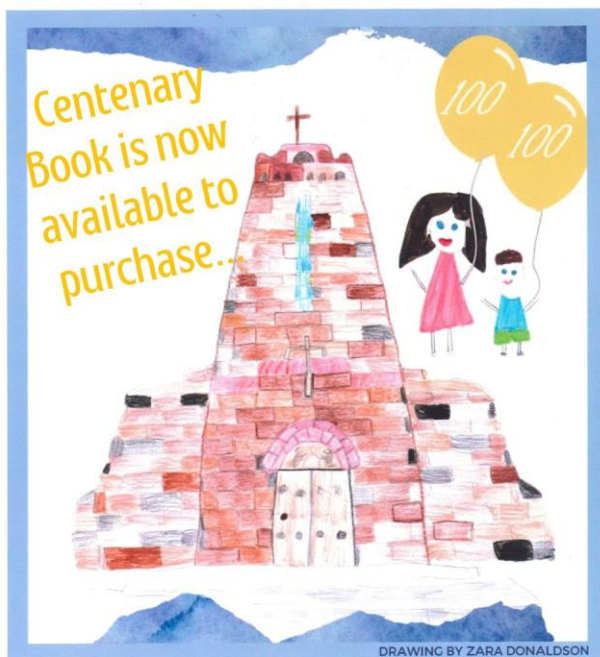
**PARISH SUBSCRIBER LISTS** Visit the link and you can subscribe to the weekly Parish newsletter and the monthly Gospel Reflections: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w0000LOj4wAAD&req=subscribe>

ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 21 & 22 OCTOBER 2023		
CHURCH / MASS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
OLN 5:00pm	Michael Balia	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
<b>1st Reading:</b> Isaiah 45:1.4-6 <b>2nd Reading:</b> 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 22:15-21		
Online resource for weekly readings and reflections: <a href="https://sundayreadingsathomeyeara.weebly.com/st4t3b3g.html">https://sundayreadingsathomeyeara.weebly.com/st4t3b3g.html</a>		

VOLUNTEERING

SPIRITUALITY

# ST THERESE'S ESSENDON



Centenary  
Book is now  
available to  
purchase...

**\$20 per copy**

Limited number available to purchase from parish office  
Be quick, once they're gone, they're gone

Senior Friendship Group

## Spring Racing Morning Tea

PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS  
OF OUR PARISHES ARE  
INVITED TO ATTEND

**Morning Tea in  
PACE FUNCTION ROOM**  
**Thursday 19 October**  
**from 10:30am**  
(following 10:00am Mass)

*All welcome*

## 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

See over for more details

## PARISH GARDENING GROUP WEEDING DAY

Saturday 21 October

9:00am

St Therese's

Join the gardening group  
at St Therese's for a  
morning of weeding and  
tidying up of the gardens  
BYO gardening tools  
All welcome, especially  
green thumbs!  
Morning tea provided

PARISH DATES

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
Tuesday 17 October	Requiem Mass for Josephine Pernice	11:00am
Wednesday 18 October	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function room Requiem Mass for Dorothy Jukic at St Therese's	9:30am 11:00am
Thursday 19 October	SFG Morning Tea in PACE Mass at Arcadia Aged Care St Therese's Welcoming Team Meeting in PACE	10:30am 11:00am 7:30pm
Friday 20 October	Requiem Mass for Walter Carroll at OLN	11:30am
Weekend 21 & 22 October	World Mission Sunday appeal	All Masses
Saturday 21 October	Weeding morning at St Therese's Garden	9:00am
Sunday 22 October	Marriage & Family Sunday Feast of St Pope John Paul II 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	All Saints Day: November Month of Remembrance Begins Books of Remembrance are on display in our churches All Saints Day Mass at OLN Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room All Saints Day Mass at St Therese's Mass of Remembrance: All Saints and All Souls Day Mass	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am 7:00pm
Thursday 2 November	All Souls Day All Souls Day Mass at St Therese's Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	10:00am 10:30am
Saturday 4 November	Kids at Mass cancelled for Melbourne Cup long weekend	
Monday 6 November	School Closure day – St Therese's Parish office closed for Melbourne Cup Day weekend Statue of Our Lady moves to the Notaro family	
Tuesday 7 November	Melbourne Cup Day – Public holiday – Office closed	
Wednesday 8 November	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function room	9:30am
Thursday 9 November	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room SVDP Regional Meeting in PACE	10:30am 7:30pm
Weekend 11 & 12 November	Annual 3-in-1 Collection for Peter's Pence, Mercy Palliative Care and John Pierce Foundation	All Masses
Wednesday 15 November	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function room	9:30am
Thursday 16 November	Mass of Anointing Morning tea in PACE hosted by SFG	10:00am 10:30am

PARISH CONTACTS

**PARISH PRIEST** Fr John Hannon

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

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**ST THERESE'S 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 CHURCH**

31 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.*