



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



**21 & 22 October 2023: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**First Reading:** Isaiah 45:1.4-6 A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Give the Lord glory and honour.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:15-21 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.*

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

## INTERCESSIONS

*Sisters and brothers, with thankful hearts let us bring our prayers before God.*

That our Holy Father Pope Francis will lead the Church to stand against injustice and suffering in the world.

For nations under attack: That peace and justice will prevail.

That we will be generous in our support of the missionary work of the Church, providing opportunities and hope to the poorest of the poor.

That those who have been displaced by violence in Ukraine, Gaza and other war-torn places will find safe and welcoming refuge.

We pray for Camilla, Eddie, Eva, Lana, Lara & Olivia who are welcomed into our parish community this weekend at the Sacrament of Baptism.

We pray for those who are will especially Kaye Nelson and Trish Conway.

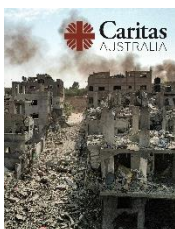
We pray for those who have died recently especially: Walter Carroll, Dorothy Jukic, Josephine Pernice, Tony Bongiorno, Rosemarie Brandon and Diana Dodig; And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Carmel O'Brien, Russell Hande, Eileen Peterson, Mick O'Connor, Frederick Bellemy, Patrick Houlihan, Veronica Ryan, Sr Mary Dennett, Francesco Petrone and James Paes.

*Loving God, your ways are truth and life. Hear our prayers and help us to keep our hearts set on your kingdom that is to come. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*



**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL** World Mission Sunday is celebrated across Australia and the world on 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." Appeal envelopes are available this weekend (look for them on entrance tables or pews) or you can learn more and donate online at <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/>



**CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GAZA CRISIS APPEAL** An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza: 'This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.' Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia. With your support, Caritas will be able to help their partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to St Therese's parishioners Mary-Anne and Joe Cassar who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary (50 years) last week. Congratulations and may you have many more happy years together.

**WHICH PRIEST WHERE?** THIS WEEKEND we'll have Fr John at all St Therese's Masses while Fr Tony is at OLN. The following weekend Fr John will say OLN Masses plus 9:00am Mass at St Therese's and Fr Tony will be at St Therese's.

**MEMORIAL MASS** On Wednesday 25 October our 10:00am morning Mass will also be a Memorial Mass for former longtime parishioner Frances Matthews with her family in attendance. Parishioners are still welcome at this Mass.

**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. 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/>

**NOVEMBER OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available from entrance tables now. These Offering envelopes can be given directly to Fr John, dropped at the office or put in collection plates.

**ST THERESE'S CENTENARY BOOK** The first print run is now available to collect from the parish office. The extra copies ordered for the office have SOLD OUT and we have ordered a limited number of extra books which will 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.

**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 NEEDED AT ST THERESE'S** Please get in touch with the parish office if you are able to assist.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY AT AGED CARE** We are still asking for volunteers to assist with the weekly ministries at our local aged care centres: Raelene Boyle Village, 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>

**STUDY AT CTC IN 2024:** Catholic Theological College is holding an online information session for 2024 courses on Monday 30 October at 7.30pm (AEDT). Meet Course Advisors and learn more about study options at CTC. Register via website: <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/information-sessions/> For more information contact: Dr Maureen Saclot <https://ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/>

**PROCLAIM 2023** Over three days (16-18 November) join together with parishes from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne to 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 NEXT WEEKEND 28 & 29 OCTOBER 2023		
CHURCH / MASS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
OLN 5:00pm	Paul Whiting	Fred Grima
OLN 10:00am	Mark Donahoo	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
ST THERESE'S 6.00pm	Anne Lechte & Eve Korytkowski	Teresa Pong
ST THERESE'S 9.00am	Margaret Kerr	Marg Tormey & Tony Belcastro
ST THERESE'S 10.30am	Rosa Pierorazio	Marita Hased-Dunne & Sr. Marg Moore
Online resource for weekly readings and reflections: <a href="https://sundayreadingsathomeyeara.weebly.com/st4t3b3g.html">https://sundayreadingsathomeyeara.weebly.com/st4t3b3g.html</a>		

# OLN & St Therese's MEN'S COFFEE GROUP

A new parish  
social group  
starts up this  
November...

First Session  
Wednesday  
1 November  
at 10:30am  
Lincoln Food Store  
105 Lincoln Rd, Essendon



## 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

PACE Meeting Room  
Thursdays 10:30am

Weekly Meetings are held after 10:00am Mass on Thursdays for a short session (one hour maximum)

A great way to meet and engage with people who share a passion for scripture

Look at Sunday's Gospel with a focus on reflections written by His Holiness Pope Francis

Printed materials are provided to participants.

No need to book, just turn up for the session.

## 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

## An Urgent Prayer for Peace

God of compassion,

We turn to you with heavy hearts

As we consider the needs of your family.

Israelis and Palestinians, we are all your people,

Each of us loved by You

And called to live in peace and justice.

We lament the dreadful loss of life,  
Destruction of property and loss of human dignity.

We are pained by so much suffering.

We beg you to bring healing to this ancient place.

Help your people find a way forward.

Enable everyone to look each other in the eye,

And embrace each other as sisters and brothers,

As they find your image in every face.

We ask that courage and grace

Will help create a wiser and more gentle future,

Where everyone has a home.

God of wisdom, come to our aid.

Amen.

By Michael McGirr / Caritas Australia

PARISH DATES

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	Parish Baptisms	12:00pm
Monday 23 October	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Asher family	
Tuesday 24 October	Mass at Raelene Boyle Village	11:00am
Wednesday 25 October	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function room Memorial Mass for Frances Matthews at St Therese's	9:30am 10:00am
Thursday 26 October	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	10:30am
Friday 27 October	Funeral service for John Pisani at St Therese's	11:30am
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 Men's Coffee Group 1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting: Lincoln Food Store Mass of Remembrance: All Saints and All Souls Day Mass	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am 10:30am 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
Saturday 11 November	Remembrance Day	
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
Sunday 19 November	Parish Baptism Welcoming Mass	10:30am
Monday 20 November	SVDP Essendon Conference meeting in PACE	7:00pm
Wednesday 22 November	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function room	9:30am
Thursday 23 November	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	10:30am
Sunday 26 November	Youth Sunday Parish Baptisms	12:00pm

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

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 5:45pm

**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.*