



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



28 & 29 October 2023: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26 A reading from the book of Exodus

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

INTERCESSIONS

Brothers and sisters, as servants of God, let us bring our prayers before the Lord.

That the Church will guide all people in the great commandments of love for God and for our neighbour.

That those responsible for armed conflict in Gaza, Ukraine and other places, may be persuaded to turn from violence to sincere dialogue and peaceful outcomes.

We pray for the health and wellbeing of those in Queensland who are caught up in the bushfire emergency.

That we will show our love of God in the way we deal with others.

We pray for Giselle who continues her faith journey this weekend as she receives the Sacrament of First Eucharist at Mass.

That the community will be attentive to the needs of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged.

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

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Dominico Salvo, June Papley, Charlie Micceli, Ted Calnan and Alfred Muscat; And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Joan Kennedy, Noel Dunne, Emmanuel Balia, Lucy Kavanagh, Bruno Martino, Pasquale & Concetta Monteleone, Luigi & Pasqualina Martino and Lorenzo Fasulo.

Lord God, hear our prayers and help us to remain steadfast in our love for you and others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GAZA CRISIS APPEAL The sudden escalation of hostilities in Israel and Gaza since 7 October has seen unimaginable impacts for the people affected by this conflict. The human toll has been devastating with over 6,400 deaths across Israel and Palestine. Over 5,000 Palestinians have been killed so far, nearly half of them are children, while more than 15,000 people have been injured in Gaza. Ongoing bombardments and shelling have destroyed homes, hospitals and essential water and sanitation infrastructure. People in Gaza are in despair with nowhere to run due to a land, air and sea blockade. Since October 11, 2023, Gaza has been under full electricity blackout and critical supplies such as food, fuel and water are running dangerously low - in some areas, they have run out completely. Hospitals are on the brink of collapse as their fuel reserves used to operate backup generators have been almost depleted, endangering the lives of thousands of patients. Around 1.4 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. The humanitarian situation for people living in Gaza is already dire and worsening quickly with this most recent escalation of violence. With your compassionate generosity, we can support our partners and their local networks on the ground to provide emergency support to people displaced and affected by the most recent hostilities. This vital support will help families meet basic needs and cope with trauma. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413.

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

FUNERALS NEXT WEEK There will be four funerals at St Therese's next week. We offer our sympathy and prayers for the families of Dominico Salvo, June Papley, Charlie Miceli and Ted Calnan. Dates and times for their funerals are in the Parish Dates.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE At St Therese's (and now including Our Lady of the Nativity) parish we celebrate All Saints and All Souls days with a special Mass in remembrance of loved ones who have died and it is our custom to invite those who have lost family or friends in the twelve months since our last All Saints All Souls Mass. This special Mass of Remembrance will be held on Wednesday 1 November at 7:00pm at St Therese's. The Mass is a time to remember and give thanks for those who have gone before us, who have been so much a part of our lives and who live on in our memories. There will be a social gathering in our PACE Function Room afterward with light refreshments.

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 of ordered books 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.

VOLUNTEERING

LOOKING AHEAD TOGETHER We welcome members of the Parish Leadership Team to Masses this weekend where they will speak about a new initiative involving the development of St Therese's & Our Lady of Nativity Parish strategic plan. They are seeking volunteers to join focus groups convening in November. If you're keen to join, there are clipboards on entry tables.

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 Eucharistic ministry at our local aged care centres.. 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>

SPIRITUALITY

PROCLAIM 2023 Over three days (16-18 November) join together with parishes from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne to hear inspiring speakers, encounter Jesus through prayer, music and fellowship and participate in workshops. 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

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

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 4 & 5 NOVEMBER 2023

CHURCH / MASS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
OLN 5:00pm	Jon Fleming	Tatiana Polizzi
OLN 10:00am	Paula O'Byrne	Andrew Scaramozzino
ST THERESE'S 6.00pm	Eve Korytkowski	Gina Bell & Maggie Catterall
ST THERESE'S 9.00am	Mary Dowling & Margaret Kerr	Carmen Merrigan & Rosina Tempini
ST THERESE'S 10.30am	Silvia Campo & George Jungwirt	Miriam Gandolfo & Maria Giampiccolo

Online resource for weekly readings and reflections:
<https://sundayreadingsathomeyeara.weebly.com/st4t3b3g.html>

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



NEXT KAM WILL BE ON
SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER
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

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

ST LUKE'S, LALOR INVITES YOU TO A NIGHT OF EVANGELIZATION WITH RON HUNTLEY

Wednesday 15th November

7.00PM

in the church



Be inspired by this world-renowned speaker and author on his mission to help create fruitful parishes around the world.

INTENTIONAL PARISH RENEWAL

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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PARISH DATES

Sunday 29 October	Men's Choir singing at Mass	10:30am
Monday 30 October	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Rodrigues family	
Tuesday 31 October	Requiem Mass for Dominico Salvo at St Therese's	11:00am
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 with Fr Tony Feeney Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room All Saints Day Mass at St Therese's Men's Coffee Group 1 st Meeting: Lincoln Food Store Requiem Mass for June Papley at St Therese's Mass of Remembrance: All Saints and All Souls Day Mass	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am 10:30am 11:00am 7:00pm
Thursday 2 November	All Souls Day All Souls Day Mass at St Therese's Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room Requiem Mass for Charlie Miceli at St Therese's	10:00am 10:30am 11:00am
Friday 3 November	Requiem Mass for Ted Calnan at St Therese's	11:00am
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
Wednesday 29 November	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function room	9:30am

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

Reconciliation: Saturday 5:45pm

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

You can **subscribe** to the weekly Parish newsletter and the monthly Gospel Reflections:

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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.