



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



7 & 8 October 2023: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7 A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?'

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

INTERCESSIONS

Sisters and brothers, in thanksgiving and prayer, let us bring our intentions before God.

That the Church be a lasting sign of forgiveness and healing.

That leaders and governments bring peace to all citizens, through fair laws and just decisions.

That like the Lord's vineyard, all land and harvests will bring forth plenty.

That voters will listen to the voice of the God of justice as they prepare to vote in the referendum on the Voice to Parliament.

We pray for Milan and Damian who are initiated and welcomed into the Catholic Church this weekend at OLN parish.

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

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Margaret Allen, Maria Mattiazzi, Kim Campbell, Joan McKay, Pamela Penticoss, Trish Rocca, Walter Carroll, Judy Angus, Dorothy Jukic and Ernie McCarthy; And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Angela-Antonietta Salpietro, Obdulia Fondevilla, Edward Jenkins, Pat Kirby, Ann Robertson, Noel O'Brien, Russell Hande, Albano Molea and Simon & Emeraude Kmaid.

Loving God, hear our prayers and help us to acclaim Christ with thanksgiving and praise. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY TO RAY WHITING OLN parishioner, Ray Whiting, attained a major milestone last week when he reached the ripe old age of 100. Ray, a long-time Essendon resident, grew up attending mass at St Therese's and St Monica's. In 1967, he moved to West Essendon and became a parishioner at Our Lady of the Nativity parish where he attended Mass with his wife Phyl and five children, Margaret, John, Anne, Christine and Paul. Ray attended Mass for his birthday on Sunday at OLN and was fortunate that it was celebrated by Bishop Terry Curtin. Ray wishes to thank all his fellow parishioners for their well wishes and making him feel so special on the occasion of his birthday.

WHICH PRIEST WHERE? Fr John will be saying all Masses St Therese's this weekend as well as the 5:00pm Saturday Mass at OLN. Fr Tony Feeney will say 10:00am Mass at OLN. Next 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.

AVE MARIA COLLEGE 1963-2023 We welcome pioneer Alumni from Ave Maria College to 10:00am Mass at OLN this Sunday. They come together this weekend to celebrate 60 years of friendship as members of the original cohort of students enrolled at Ave Maria College when it first opened in March 1963.

FUNERALS NEXT WEEK Next Wednesday 11 October there will be a Requiem Mass for Judy Angus at St Therese's at 11:00am. Our prayers are with Judy's family. Trish Rocca's funeral will be held at St Oliver Plunket's, Pascoe Vale on Thursday 12 October at 11:00am.

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.

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. There will be a 9:00am morning Mass at OLN on that date as well as the usual 10:00am Mass at St Therese's.

ST THERESE'S CENTENARY BOOK If you are unable to purchase a book online, you will be able to purchase from the parish office once they arrive. Stocks will be limited so let the office know if you'd like a copy.

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

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 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>

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

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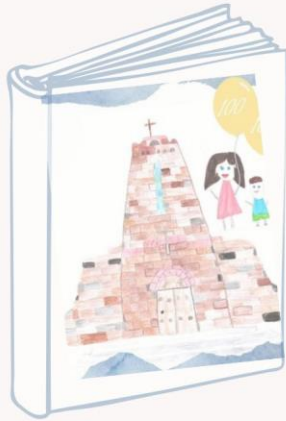
ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 13 & 14 OCTOBER 2023		
CHURCH / MASS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
OLN 5:00pm	Michael Portelli	Tatiana Polizzi
OLN 10:00am	Coral D'Cruz	Adrian Commadeur
ST THERESE'S 6.00pm	Tric Joseph	Volunteer needed this week
ST THERESE'S 9.00am	John Harvey	Maria Cricri & Sofia Ganci
ST THERESE'S 10.30am	Rosemary Patterson & Mary O'Brien	Cherrie Arnold & Therese Hanna
1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10 2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14		
Online resource for weekly readings and reflections: https://sundayreadingsathomeyeara.weebly.com/st4t3b3g.html		

VOLUNTEERING

SPIRITUALITY

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*
Be Quick! Limited Copies Available

Order your copy
Now!!!

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Senior Friendship Group Morning Tea

PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS
OF OUR PARISHES ARE
INVITED TO ATTEND

Morning Tea in
PACE FUNCTION ROOM
Thursday 19 September
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

Indoor and
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 THIS 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

Saturday 7 October	Kids at Mass in PACE St Therese's Centenary Ball	6:00pm
Monday 9 October	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Misquitta family	
Wednesday 11 October	Requiem Mass for Judy Angus at St Therese's	11:00am
Thursday 12 October	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room SFG Committee Meeting in parish office boardroom 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 Mass at Arcadia Aged Care	10:30am 11:00am
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 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 All Souls Day Mass at OLN Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Morning 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	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	
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

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.