



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



11 & 12 November: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16 A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

INTERCESSIONS

Dear friends, in faith and hope, let us bring our prayers before the Lord.

That all the baptised will proclaim God's kingdom in their words and deeds.

That warring groups and nations will put down their arms and instead collaborate on building a just and safe world.

That organisations who work for the poor will be encouraged by our generous and prayerful support.

That students who are completing their studies will find meaningful opportunities in the next phase of their lives.

That we will not forget those Australians who have died in the line of duty and that they will dwell forever in the Kingdom of God.

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

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Alfred Muscat, Marie Spain and Maurice Foster; And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Marie Tighe, Val Lee, Adelina, Luisa and Giuseppe Falvo, Luisa Falcone, Francesco and Valentino Borrello, Patrick Clifford, Ken Stout, Allen, Lorna, Everad & Sean Martin and Hugh & Patricia Hartnett.

Lord God, you teach us to be attentive in faith and heart. Hear our prayers, and help us to be ever watchful and always ready to respond to the Lord's call. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



JOHN PIERCE CENTRE
Spirit of the Deaf Community

ANNUAL 3-IN-1 COLLECTION TODAY: Our 3-in-1 collection supports Peter's Pence (Intentions of the Holy Father), Mercy Palliative Care and John Pierce Centre.

PETER'S PENCE (Intentions of the Holy Father) is financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father to support him in his works.

MERCY PALLIATIVE CARE is a community-based palliative care service offering support in the North and West of Melbourne. Their care includes a range of services to support people and their families with advanced disease, when cure is no longer possible. Their aim is for each person to experience the best quality of life possible.

JOHN PIERCE CENTRE is a member of Catholic Social Services Victoria. The services of the JPC are available to all Deaf people and include family support programs, counselling and adult education opportunities.

APPEAL ENVELOPES are available at church entry tables or you can donate via EFT to either of the parishes using the applicable bank account details:

Name: St Therese's Church **BSB:** 083 347 **Account number:** 67640 1701

Name: Our Lady of the Nativity Parish **BSB:** 083 347 **Account number:** 5401947

Reference for payments into either church account: 3-in-1

WHICH PRIEST WHERE? THIS WEEKEND Fr John will say all Masses at OLN plus the 9:00am Mass at St Therese's while Fr Tony is at St Therese's for Saturday 6:00pm and Sunday 10:30am Masses. Next weekend Fr John will say all Masses at both churches except for 10:00am at OLN when Fr Colin McLean will preside.

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP ACTIVITIES Our Senior Friendship Group members are hosting morning tea in PACE this coming Thursday 16 November following on from a Mass of Anointing. Mass begins at 10:00am and morning tea will start after 10:30am. For their final activity for this year, the group will host their annual Christmas luncheon in PACE. You can book now for Christmas lunch - see the next page for details of both events.

REV TOM CHRISTIE will celebrate his ordination to the priesthood at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 25 November at 10:00am. Parishioners from OLN and St Therese's are invited to attend. Following his ordination Rev Tom will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at Our Lady of the Nativity on Sunday 26 of November at 5:00pm. All are very welcome. Food and refreshments will be provided in the OLN parish hall after Mass. For parishioners that would like to join the choir for this Mass, there will be a rehearsal in OLN Church this coming Thursday 16 November at 7:00pm.

BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE Our perpetual Books of Remembrance are now on display in our churches and will remain there for the month of November.

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 Those who ordered books online or from the parish office can now collect them from the office (or sacristy if you prefer and payment has been made.) We have a very limited number of books available for sale (approx. 20 copies.) Once they're gone, they're gone. Copies are \$20 each.

ENVELOPES FOR OLN PARISH SUPPORT OLN PSP envelopes are in OLN church foyer to collect.

VOLUNTEERING

LOOKING AHEAD TOGETHER The Parish Leadership Team have a new initiative involving the development of St Therese's & Our Lady of Nativity Parish strategic plan. Over the coming months, parishioners are invited to join a short focus group meeting to share their ideas and feedback. If you would like to participate in a focus group, please select a time on the clipboard at the back of the church, where a member of the Parish Leadership Team will be happy to help you! For those who have already registered, the first Focus Group meetings start this Wednesday and Friday at 10:30am in the Parish Office Boardroom (48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon).

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: <https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/>

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

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 18 & 19 NOVEMBER 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

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

OLN & St Therese's MEN'S COFFEE GROUP

Meets on the first
and third
Wednesday of
each month...
Upcoming dates
15 November
6 December
20 December

Fortnightly on
Wednesdays
from 10:45am
Lincoln Food Store
105 Lincoln Rd, Essendon



REMEMBRANCE DAY

NOVEMBER 11TH 2023

"For those who leave never to return.

For those who return but are never the same.

We will remember them."

On Remembrance Day, we pay tribute to the heroes who gave their all for our freedom and peace. Their sacrifices remind us that strength, courage and unity can overcome any challenge.

Their legacy inspires us to build a world where kindness prevails over conflict and understanding triumphs over division.

In their memory, we should find a way to live in unity and peace.

Dear Lord,

We remember the brave souls who sacrificed their lives in war. Grant them eternal peace and inspire us to work toward a world filled with love and harmony where we all 'Love one another as Jesus loved us'.

May their memory be a guiding light for a brighter tomorrow.

tomorrow.

Amen.



SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP CHRISTMAS LUNCH

THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER
PACE FUNCTION ROOM

\$25 SET MENU

Includes:

Two-course Christmas lunch

Glass of wine (or soft drink)

Entry into the lucky door prize draw

NUMBERS ARE LIMITED AND PAYMENT IS
REQUIRED AT TIME OF BOOKING

PAY CASH OR CARD AT THE PARISH OFFICE
BY FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER

Senior Friendship Group Morning Tea

PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS
OF OUR PARISHES ARE
INVITED TO ATTEND

**A Mass of Anointing
followed by**

Morning Tea in

PACE FUNCTION ROOM

Thursday 16 November

Mass begins 10:00am

Morning tea begins 10:30am

All welcome

PARISH DATES

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
Monday 13 November	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Portelli family	
Wednesday 15 November	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function room Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store	9:30am 10:45am
Thursday 16 November	Mass of Anointing Morning tea in PACE hosted by SFG	10:00am 10:30am
Sunday 19 November	World Day of the Poor Fr Colin McLean saying Mass at OLN Parish Baptism Welcoming Mass	10:00am 10:30am
Monday 20 November	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Draim family 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 Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr Tom Christie's ordination at OLN	12:00pm 5:00pm
Monday 27 November	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Lambert family	
Wednesday 29 November	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function room	9:30am
Thursday 30 November	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room SFG Committee Meeting	10:30am 10:30am
Monday 4 December	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Pereira family	
Tuesday 5 December	Christmas Mass at Raelene Boyle Village	11:00am
Wednesday 6 December	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function room Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store	9:30am 10:45am
Thursday 7 December	SFG Christmas Lunch in PACE	12:00pm
Friday 8 December	St Therese's school Mass for Advent	10:00am
Weekend 9 & 10 December	Melbourne Overseas Mission annual appeal	
Monday 11 December	Statue of Our Lady moves to the O'Neil family OLN Year Six Graduation Mass	6:00pm
Thursday 14 December	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room Christmas Mass at Arcadia St Therese's Year Six Graduation Mass	10:30am 11:00am 4:30pm
Friday 15 December	Final day of school for both OLN and St Therese's schools	
Sunday 17 December	Men's Choir singing at Mass	10:30am
Wednesday 20 December	Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store Communal Reconciliation Service Parish Volunteers Christmas Function in PACE	10:45am 7:00pm 8:00pm – 9:30pm

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

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:

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w00000LOj4wAAD&req=subscribe>

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.