



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



**18 & 19 November: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Seventh Annual World Day of the Poor**



First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31 A reading from the book of Proverbs

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife – who can find her?

She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

INTERCESSIONS

Brothers and sisters, alert to our needs and the needs of the world let us bring our prayer before the God of all.

That by expressing Christ's love for all, the Holy Church will be faithful to God's teaching.

We pray for those who are the victims of war and conflict throughout the world: may they know the gift of peace.

On this World Day of the Poor, we pray for the victims of human trafficking, for migrants fleeing from persecution and for those families who bear the loss of family members through separation and death.

That men and women will treat each other with dignity and respect.

We pray for Archie, Ava, Charlotte, Elodie, Jordan and Tom who are welcomed this weekend into our parish in preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism. That they lead a life of faith and love for all.

We pray for those who are ill especially Kaye Nelson, Trish Conway, Shannon George and Krystal George.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Maurice Foster and Vince Truda; And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Albie Torr, Alison Hinton, Anne O'Riley, Francesco Trimboli, Johanna Mendis, Maureen Farrelly, Lolita Fajardo-Zoleta, Anne Sullivan, Bonnie Sullivan and Domenico Salvo.

Loving God, you are generous and compassionate in forgiveness. Help us to be forgiving people as we strive to follow your Word. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

WHICH PRIEST WHERE? THIS WEEKEND Fr John will say all Masses at both churches except for 10:00am at OLN when Fr Colin McLean will preside. Next 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.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS AT ST THERESE'S Volunteers willing and able to assist preparing St Therese's church for Advent/Christmas are invited to attend a Liturgy meeting in the Annex (a meeting room located externally at the rear of St Therese's church) on Saturday 25 November at 9:30am. The meeting will cover projects such as liturgical décor including the Giving Tree (to be put up on Friday 1 December), family involvement and liturgy preparation.

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP CHRISTMAS LUNCH The annual SFG Christmas Luncheon will be held on Thursday 7 December at 12 noon in PACE. Tickets are \$25 and include a two-course meal and entry into the lucky door prize draw. TO BOOK: Pay cash or card at the Parish Office by Friday 1 December.

SVDP ESSENDON SELLING COLUMBAN CALENDARS AND VINNIES CHRISTMAS CARDS As of this week the St Therese's Essendon SVDP Conference will be selling Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards in the St Therese's church foyer after weekend Masses. Calendars are \$10 and cards are \$3 for a pack of 5.

REV TOM CHRISTIE will celebrate his ordination to the priesthood at St Patrick's Cathedral next Saturday 25 November at 10:00am. 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 the Mass.

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 The remaining OLN PSP envelopes are in the sacristy awaiting collection.

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!

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.

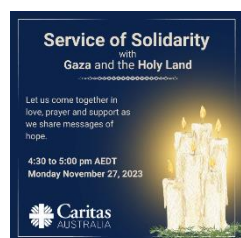
LITURGICAL MINISTRY AT OLN The roster for lectors and for Eucharistic ministers at OLN urgently needs the support of new volunteers to assist those already involved. Anyone willing and able to assist in reading at Masses or distributing Eucharist, please contact the parish office ASAP. Training will 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>



CARITAS SERVICE OF SOLIDARITY WITH GAZA AND THE HOLY LAND In a time of deep sorrow and anguish for us all, we look for hope and healing. Let us come together in love, prayer and support. Let us acknowledge the reality that impacts us all as we share messages of hope. The Australian Catholic Bishops have said: 'Peace can come only from justice.' We call people of faith to pray with us for a lasting peace and the triumph of human dignity.' Details: Monday 27 November, 4:30pm to 5:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. Please register in advance for this webinar: https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg61Zg After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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 25 & 26 NOVEMBER 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

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

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

Grab a flyer for more details



With joy and thanksgiving,
Rev. Tom Christie invites:

Parishioners of Our Lady of the Nativity, Aberfeldie
and
Saint Therese's, Essendon.

to attend his

Ordination to the Priesthood

Saturday 25th of November, 2023 at 10.00am,
St Patrick's Cathedral,
1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne.

No need to RSVP for this Mass. Please note
the Mass will finish at approximately
12.00pm.

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

OLN and St Therese's
Volunteer's

Christmas gathering

WEDNESDAY | 20 DEC | 8PM - 9:30PM

PACE FUNCTION ROOM

To all our parish volunteers

*We are grateful to each of you for
your contribution to our parishes*

*We hope you join us in giving
thanks for and celebrating our
communities
together*

PARISH DATES

Sunday 19 November	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 9:15am
Monday 4 December	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Pereira family St Therese's School Carols night	5:00pm-7:00pm
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 Aged Care 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
Tuesday 19 December	Christmas Mass at Trevi Court Aged Care	11:00am
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
Thursday 21 December	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	10:30am
Friday 22 December	Parish office closes for the Christmas Break	
Sunday 24 December	Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass at St Therese's Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass at OLN Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at St Therese's Carols and Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at OLN Carols and Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at St Therese's Carols and Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at St Therese's Carols and Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at St Therese's	9:00am 10:00am 10:30am Begins 5:00pm Begins 5:30pm Begins 8:00pm Begins 10:30pm

PARISH CONTACTS

PARISH PRIEST Fr John Hannon

Office Telephone: 9401 6330 **After Hours:** 0490 956 610 **Office address:** 48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon
Office hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm

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

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.