



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



25 & 26 November: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17 A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

INTERCESSIONS

Brothers and sisters, encouraged by the word of God we pray for our needs and those of all humanity.

We pray for our church leaders: may they continue to guide and care for us, leading us into the unity of God's kingdom.

That our parish community may proclaim the reign of Jesus Christ through acts of kindness and generosity.

That there will be immediate and lasting ceasefires in Gaza, in Ukraine, in Sudan, and all areas of conflict.

We pray for Archie, Ava, Charlotte, Elodie, Jordan and Tom who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism at our parish this weekend.

We pray for Reverend Tom Christie who is ordained as a priest this weekend; may he find fulfilment in ministry serving God's people as a priest of Melbourne.

We pray for those who are ill, especially: Kath Maslin, Shannon George, Krystal George.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Kaye Nelson, Vince Truda, Ronan Cribbin, Liz O'Sullivan, Mary Simon and Giuseppa Zagame. And for those we remember at this time, especially: Terry Daffey, Brian Bergin, Veronica Fewster, Angela & Luigi Cardamone, Maria & Francisco Nola, Pasqualina Martino, Giovanni & Angela Cardamone, Nicola & Rosa Nola, Concetta & Francesco Caruso, Kim Gregor, Mary Josephine Freeman, Luu Thi Que, Nicola Tigani, Filippo, Raffaele & Giovanni Morani, Carmela Nardo, Lucia Monardo, Luciano Colombo, Raymond Soans and Hyacinth D'Cruz.

God, our creator, you raised up Jesus as King of all creation. Hear our prayers and help us to be ready for the day when Jesus comes again in glory. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

REV TOM CHRISTIE We welcome the friends, family and colleagues of Rev Tom Christie is ordained into the priesthood this Saturday and celebrates his first Mass as a priest at Our Lady of the Nativity on Sunday 26 of November at 5:00pm. We know Fr Tom's first Mass will be a joyful celebration at, and for, the OLN parish in which he grew up. Food and refreshments will be provided in the OLN parish hall after the Mass. Many thanks to all those who have contributed to the planning and organisation of this special event.

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 Tony will say all Masses at OLN while Fr John says all Masses at St Therese's.

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.

VINNIES SELLING COLUMBAN CALENDARS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS St Therese's Essendon SVDP Conference is 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. OLN West Essendon SVDP Conference will also be selling Christmas cards (\$3 for a pack of 5) at OLN after Masses from next weekend (the first weekend of Advent).

SVDP CONFERENCE NEWS Beginning in 2024 our two SVDP Conferences of Essendon (St Therese's) and West Essendon (OLN) will combine to form one Conference serving the two parish areas.

OLN PRESBYTERY FINAL CLEAN OUT The parish has been approached by a not-for-profit organization wishing to rent the former presbytery at OLN as office space. There is still bit of cleaning out to do - particularly outside where we have some rubbish needing removal. If you can assist we welcome you to a working bee on Saturday 9 September from 9:00am until 12:00pm.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES Are now published on the St Therese's website: <https://www.stthereses.org.au/mass-prayer-times/christmas/> for both churches.

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. Parishioners are invited to join a short focus group meeting to share their ideas and feedback. If you would like to participate, 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, let us come together in love, prayer and support. 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

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 2 & 3 DECEMBER 2023		
CHURCH / MASS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
OLN 5:00pm	Michael Balia	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		

VOLUNTEERING



OLN WORKING BEE

SATURDAY 9 AUGUST

9 AM - 12PM



FINAL CLEAN OUT at 33 Fawkner St

Jobs to do include:

- Tidying up the garden
- Moving rubbish to the skip
- Cleaning up inside and out
- Taking recyclable materials to transfer station

**If you can, please BYO gardening tools
Cleaning equipment supplied**

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*

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 & 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*

PARISH DATES

Weekend 25 & 26 November	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (end Year A)	
Sunday 26 November	Youth Sunday Parish Baptisms Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr Tom Christie 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
Friday 1 December	Requiem Mass for Mary Simon	11:00am
Weekend 2 & 3 December	First Sunday of Advent	
Monday 4 December	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Pereira family Requiem Mass for Giuseppa Zagame St Therese's School Carols night	11:00am 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	Second Sunday of Advent Melbourne Overseas Mission annual appeal Working Bee at OLN	9:00am - 12:00pm
Monday 11 December	Statue of Our Lady moves to the O'Neil family OLN Year Six Graduation Liturgy	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	End of School Year Mass at OLN OLN Primary School end of school year St Therese's School end of school year	9:00am 1:00pm 1:30pm
Weekend 16 & 17 December	Third Sunday of Advent	
Sunday 17 December	Men's Choir singing at Mass	10:30am
Tuesday 19 December	Christmas Mass at Trevi Court Aged Care Parish office closes early	11:00am 12:30pm
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	
Saturday 23 December	Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass at OLN Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass at St Therese's	5:00pm 6:00pm

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 **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.