



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



30 & 31 March 2024: Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday



First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 16:1-7 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."'

INTERCESSIONS

Sisters and brothers, rejoicing in Christ's triumph over death, we bring our prayers before the God of glory.

We pray for the Pope: may he be a living symbol of Easter joy and a sign of hope to the world.

That nations in conflict will be lead from war and death into peace and new life. (Pause) Lord, hear us

That missionaries and all who dedicate their lives to God will find strength in their faith and draw inspiration from the Easter message.

We pray for everyone in our parish: may we value each other and be a living message of peace and hope.

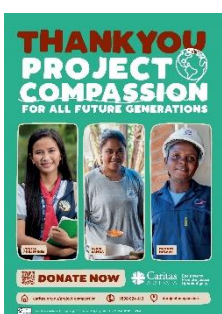
We pray for those who are ill especially Mick O'Brien

We pray for our own special needs.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Seamus Devlin, John Kelly, Antonio Iacobucci, Christopher Simpson and Peter Beamish And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Aileen Sheehan Bill Kennedy, John Hardwick, Elio Dessardo, Frank Tenni, Pat Nash, Joza Bacak, Stella Gatt, Jack Moloney and Antonio Macri.

God our Father, we rejoice this day in Christ's triumph over death. Hear our prayers and help us to bear witness to the risen Lord as we are freed by the mystery of his Resurrection. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



PROJECT COMPASSION Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations. Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal.

You can still donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413. Please get your donation boxes back to us in the next couple of weeks so that we can send all the appeal funds to Caritas.



EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES Offering envelopes can be dropped in collection baskets at all Masses.

EASTER HOLIDAYS PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE The parish office will close on Holy Thursday 28 March, will be open for Tuesday 2 April and Wednesday 3 April then will close again until Monday 8 April. There will be no bulletin the weekend of 6 & 7 April. During the office closure Fr John will respond only to urgent messages on the after-hours number 0490 956 610. General enquiries should go to our usual office contacts.

'THE DAWNING LIGHT OF THE RESURRECTION' EASTER 2024

MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP PETER A COMENSOLI

Friends, I sometimes reflect on the disciples of Jesus in what they had experienced between the time of Jesus' death and resurrection.

It would have been darkness for them; a questioning of everything they had come to know and had hoped for. Confused and in grief, utterly shaken and probably quite fearful for their lives. We know they were at the threshold between death and life. But God did not want them to drift into oblivion; lost and forsaken.

God instead shook them into a new creation that would change them and everything for all time. With the resurrection of Jesus, the disciples were rocked out of complacency.

Because, at Easter, life had found a way.

The disciples were overjoyed, to be true, but it went far more than that. Nothing would ever be the same after the dawning light of the resurrection in their lives. Theirs was the experience of death defeated, filling them with boldness and conviction to go out.

And so it should be with us.

Easter is not a day in the calendar to wait for and then let slip by. Easter is an invitation to us into the story of Jesus' resurrection – into the story of the disciples – the move from our darkness, into a new light.

The resurrection of Jesus gives us the means to transform our lives into something much better. When we embrace Jesus' resurrection we truly can begin living—what a beautiful thought—we break free of all those things that bind us, that keep us in death. For Jesus' victory over death becomes our victory for life.

Easter is meant to rock us and shake us, so as to empower us.

May it be so for you this Easter.



ALPHA IS COMING TO ESSENDON PARISHES And there's a seat for you at the table! Starting Tuesday 16 April 2024 at 7:00 Pm (For Eleven Weeks) Registration is essential so please follow the link via the QR code or call the office on 9401 6330: Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore life faith and meaning. The Alpha talks are designed to engage people from all walks of life and inspire conversation. They explore the big issues of life and faith and unpack the basics of Christian belief, addressing questions like "Who is Jesus?", "Why and how do I pray?" and "How does God guide us?" Find out more about Alpha at alpha.org.au



NEW LIFE IN GOD'S SPIRIT Presented by St Monica's Prayer Group, is your opportunity to deepen your Baptismal Graces and increase the Gifts of The Holy Spirit conferred on you at your Confirmation. This eight week seminar begins Thursday 4 April 7:00pm until 9:00pm. Symons Centre, Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds. For more information contact Gerald on 0415 275 446, Frank on 0415 144 916 or Adrian on 0403 512 936.

GIVING TO VINNIES Parishioners can support our SVDP Conference (now combined for both parishes) all year by putting any loose change into the 'Poor Boxes' at either of our churches. At OLN there is a stand alone box in the narthex/foyer and at St Therese's there are black 'Poor Boxes' built into the walls of all foyers and at the back of the church.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS Please be aware that our low gluten hosts are not 100% gluten free. The ingredients are wheat starch and water with a gluten content of 6.2 parts per million.

VOLUNTEERS

ALL VOLUNTEERS, STAFF AND CLERGY in the Archdiocese of Melbourne must hold a current Working With Children Check and must list each parish in which they volunteer/work. Please add St Therese's and/or OLN to your own WWCC check here: <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/5XmgSURViUJYJodnt6>

MINISTRY ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 6 & 7 APRIL (WEEK 1)

MASS	READERS	EUCHARIST
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

Adults: <https://sundayreadingsathomeyearb.weebly.com/th4g0h3lw.html>

Children: <https://www.yearbprayingwithchildren.org/s4m3j310>

Alpha

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ESSENDON PARISHES

ST THERESE'S PACE FUNCTION ROOM
48A LINCOLN RD, ESSENDON VIC 3040

STARTING TUESDAY 16-APRIL-24

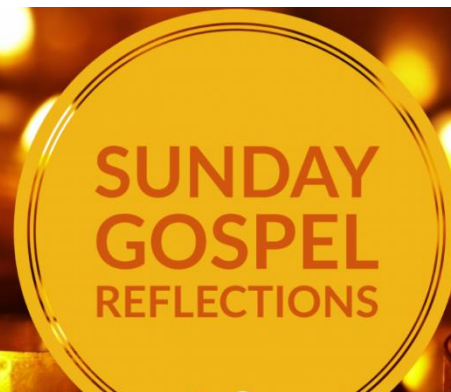
AT 7:00 PM
(FOR ELEVEN WEEKS)
REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL



TO REGISTER CALL 9401-6330
or use the QR code

For more information about Alpha
visit: alpha.org.au

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that
create a **safe and honest** space, **online or in
person**, where people can explore **life, faith
and meaning**.



**SUNDAY
GOSPEL
REFLECTIONS**

Returns After Easter

OLN AND ST THERESE'S GOSPEL REFLECTIONS GROUP

Parishioners and other interested people are invited to attend
our weekly Gospel reflections session

PACE Meeting Room
Thursdays 10:30am

Weekly Meetings are held after 10:00am Mass on Thursdays for
a short session (one hour maximum)

A great way to meet and engage with people who share a
passion for scripture

Look at Sunday's Gospel with a focus on reflections written by
His Holiness Pope Francis

Printed materials are provided to participants.

No need to book, just turn up for the session.

OLN & St Therese's **MEN'S COFFEE GROUP**

Upcoming Dates...

3rd & 17th April
1st & 15th May
5th & 19 June
3rd & 17th July

*1st & 3rd
Wednesdays
of each month
from 10:45am
Lincoln Food Store
105 Lincoln Rd, Essendon*



ST MONICA'S PRAYER GROUP
INVITES YOU TO

NEW LIFE IN GOD'S SPIRIT

"YOU WILL receive power when the HOLY SPIRIT COMES
UPON YOU" (ACTS 1:8)

THIS EIGHT-WEEK SEMINAR IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO
DEEPEN YOUR BAPTISMAL GRACES AND INCREASE THE
GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CONFERRED ON YOU AT YOUR
CONFIRMATION

BEGINS THURSDAY 4 APRIL

7:00PM UNTIL 9:00PM

Symons Centre
St Monica's Church
820 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds

Contacts:
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PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday 30 March	Holy Saturday Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at OLN Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at St Therese's	5:00pm 6:00pm
Sunday 31 March	Easter Sunday Masses at St Therese's Easter Sunday Mass at OLN	9:00am & 10:30am 10:00am
Monday 1 April	Easter Monday – Public Holiday Parish office closed Statue of Our Lady moves to the Carroll family	
Tuesday 2 April	Parish office open	
Wednesday 3 April	Parish office open Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store (105 Lincoln Rd)	9:00am 10:45am
Thursday 4 April	Parish office closed Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	10:30am
Friday 5 April	Parish office closed	
Sunday 7 April	End of Daylight Saving Time (clocks go back one hour)	2:00am
Monday 8 April	Parish office reopens for usual hours The Annunciation of the Lord Statue of Our Lady moves to the laTerra family	
Wednesday 10 April	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am
Thursday 11 April	Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	10:30am
Monday 15 April	Term 2 commences Statue of Our Lady moves to the Rodriguez family	
Tuesday 16 April	Alpha Session 1 in PACE Function Room	7:00pm
Wednesday 17 April	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store (105 Lincoln Rd) Sacrament of First Reconciliation Service at OLN	9:00am 10:45am 7:00pm
Thursday 18 April	No Tiny Ts Playgroup & No Gospel Reflections Group Morning tea in PACE hosted by SFG	10:30am
Sunday 21 April	World Day of Prayer for Vocations Parish Morning Tea after 9:00am and 10:30am Mass at St Therese's in the Annex Parish Baptism Welcoming Mass at St Therese's	10:30am
Monday 22 April	Statue of Our Lady moves to the D'Cruz family	
Tuesday 23 April	Alpha in PACE Function Room	7:00pm
Wednesday 24 April	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am
Thursday 25 April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday: Parish office closed No Tiny Ts Playgroup Morning Mass (as usual)	10:00am
Friday 26 April	Parish office closed	
Sunday 28 April	Parish Baptisms at St Therese's	12:00pm

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



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.