



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

13 & 14 April 2024: Third Sunday of Easter



First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your face shine on us.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

INTERCESSIONS

Brothers and sisters, in the presence of the Lord, we bring our prayers before God.

That the Holy Church will be sustained by God's word through the scriptures.

That nations and governments will act in the spirit of Christ by bringing justice to all.

That non-believers and sceptics will be open to Christ and the Good News.

That our parish community will recognise the presence of the Risen Christ in the Eucharist.

That men and women in the armed forces will be kept safe while serving their country and be supported after their service is finished.

We pray for those who are ill, especially Michael Conlan and Kath Maslin.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Pixie McNamee, Pasqualino Lo Piccolo, Fortunato Vilone and Sam Tafuro. And for those whom we remember at this time, especially Peppino Restuccia, Laurie Larmer, Gabriele De Santis, Martin Russell, Brian Nunn, Antonio Modica, Martin Russell, Teresa and David O'Keefe, John Santry, Daphne Shelotie, Shirley and Malcolm Baptist, Irene and Osmond Bastian.

God our Father, the disciples recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. Hear our prayers and help us to always cherish your presence as we gather at the Eucharistic table. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER: THANK YOU Fr John and the parish team extend grateful thanks to Fr Tony Feeny for presiding at and organising our Holy Week and Easter Masses at OLN this year. We also acknowledge the enormous efforts of volunteers from both churches. Between the working bees on Saturday 23 April and Easter Sunday Masses, dozens of people contributed hours and hours of their time to the preparation for and the culmination of our Holy Week and Easter services and Masses. A huge thank you to our musicians and liturgy teams! To all our volunteers, we thank you all, we appreciate you all, you are the lifeblood of Essendon Parishes.

WHICH PRIEST WHERE? This weekend we welcome Bishop Terry Curtain to St Therese's where he will say 10:30am Mass on Sunday. Fr John will say all Masses at OLN and the 6:00pm Saturday and 9:00am Sunday Masses at St Therese's. Next weekend Fr John and Fr Tony will say Masses across our two parishes, schedule TBC.

VALE PIXIE MCNAMEE St Therese's Parish mourns the loss of long-time parishioner Pixie McNamee, who passed away on Good Friday at the grand age of 102. Pixie had been a parishioner of St Therese's for 78 years, having moved into the family home on Bulla Road in 1946. Pixie will be well-known to many parishioners as a teacher at St Columba's from the 1940s through to the 1980s, with a break in the 1950s when she had her four children. Pixie's funeral was celebrated on Monday 8 April at St Therese's. She is survived by her four children, 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

ALPHA IS COMING TO ESSENDON PARISHES And there's a seat for you at the table! Now starting on Tuesday 7 May 2024 at 7:00pm. Registration is essential so please follow the link via the QR code on the next page, this link <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMJOQpz5lnrxA8XNqrdLEdR-9K99vKp71Z1Vi0jVXOXkTAvQ/viewform> 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



MISSION: TRANSFORM LIVES - THEIRS...AND YOURS. A number of overseas communities in Asia, the Pacific and Africa are seeking Australian Catholics for Global Mission. For those of the faithful who hear the call we are offering an opportunity to live and use their professional expertise to mentor others in an overseas community. Have you been considering whether an overseas professional placement with Palms is for you? Wanting to share your skills with communities in the Pacific, Asia or Africa to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty? Come to Palms' Discovery information session at Sacred Heart Oakleigh on 22 April. Meet Palms director Soraya and former Palms participants to find out more about Assignments Aboard. Sacred Heart PRIMARY School, 2 Mora Ave, Oakleigh, Monday 22nd April 2024 5:30pm to 6:30pm. For more information phone 02 9560 5333 or email palms@palms.org.au.



JOURNEY THROUGH SADNESS This is a new group being formed in the parish. This group aims to support parishioners through the different forms of sadness and loss. Friendly and informal gatherings are being planned for this year. More details will be published in upcoming newsletters.

MORNING TEA IN PACE Our Senior Friendship Group (SFG) are hosting their monthly morning tea in PACE this coming Thursday 18 April. Morning tea commences at 10:30am after our 10:00am Mass. All are welcome. A reminder that the SFG are looking for volunteers to make sandwiches for their morning teas (not every month!) so if you can lend a hand please reach out to the parish office.

MEN'S COFFEE GROUP Meet this coming Wednesday 17 April at 10:45am at Lincoln Food Store (cnr of Lincoln Rd and King St, Essendon).

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.

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/5XmgSURViUYJodnt6>

FR COLIN'S VISION OF A MODERN 'WAY OF THE CROSS' BROUGHT TO LIFE After months of planning, Fr Colin McClean's vision of a live-action Way of the Cross came to life on Good Friday at St Therese's. It took a huge effort from Fr Colin and his band of willing volunteers. We publish here a selection of images of the event, which was held concurrently with Stations of the Cross inside the church.



MINISTRY ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 20 & 21 APRIL (WEEK 3)

MASS	READERS	EUCHARIST
OLN 5:00pm	Michael Portelli & Robyn Grima	Fred Grima
OLN 10:00am	Mark Donahoo	Adrian Commadeur
St Therese's 6.00pm	Murray Sykes	Tric Joseph
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

Adults: <https://sundayreadingsathomeyearb.weebly.com/th4g0h3lw.html>
 Children: <https://www.yearbprayingwithchildren.org/s4m3j3l0>

AT ALPHA, YOU CAN ASK ANYTHING! ALPHA IS A SAFE SPACE WHERE YOU CAN ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE, FAITH AND MEANING.

AND THE GREAT NEWS IS ALPHA RUNS HERE. RIGHT NOW, A SEAT AT THE TABLE HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR YOU ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS COME.

THERE'S A SEAT FOR YOU AT THE TABLE

ST THERESE'S PACE FUNCTION ROOM
48A LINCOLN RD, ESSENDON
VIC 3040
STARTING TUESDAY 7 MAY AT
07:00 PM

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REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL.
TO REGISTER CALL 9401-6330
OR SCAN QR CODE

Alpha



OLN & St Therese's MEN'S COFFEE GROUP

Upcoming Dates...

- 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

Senior Friendship Group Morning Tea

PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

MORNING TEA

PACE FUNCTION ROOM

Thursday 18 April

Following morning Mass
Mass begins 10:00am
Morning tea begins 10:30am

All welcome

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday 14 April	Bishop Terry Curtain presiding at Mass at St Therese's	10:30am
Monday 15 April	Term 2 commences Statue of Our Lady moves to the Rodriguez family	
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 Requiem Mass for Fortunato Vilone	10:30am 11:30am
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	
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
Monday 29 April	Statue of Our Lady moves to the D'Cruz family	
Wednesday 1 May	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 2 May	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room Mass at Raelene Boyle Village	9:30am 10:30am 11:00am
Weekend 4 & 5 May	Catholic Care Sunday Appeal	
Saturday 4 May	Kids at Mass at St Therese's	6:00pm
Monday 6 May	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Portelli family	
Tuesday 7 May	Mass at Raelene Boyle Village Alpha Session 1 in PACE Function Room	11:00am 7:00pm
Wednesday 8 May	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am
Thursday 9 May	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	9:30am 10:30am
Sunday 12 May	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Mother's Day Sacrament of Confirmation RE Programme session 1 in PACE	9:30am
Monday 13 May	Statue of Our Lady moves to the D'raim family	
Tuesday 14 May	Alpha in PACE Function Room	7:00pm

PARISH CONTACTS

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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

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.