



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



**27 & 28 April 2024: Fifth Sunday of Easter**



**First Reading:** First Reading Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
*He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

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

**Gospel:** John 15:1-8 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

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## INTERCESSIONS

*Brothers and sisters, with faith in Christ, we turn to God with our prayers.*

For our Pope, bishops, priests and all religious clergy: that God may be glorified in the Church.

That Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

We pray for all who suffer exhaustion or loneliness in caring for a loved one: may they feel the comfort of God's presence.

We pray for ourselves: that by our love for one another, everyone may know that we are Christ's disciples.

We pray for the children who are initiated into our Church this weekend at the Sacrament of Baptism.

Through the example of the ANZACS, we have learnt the value of sacrifice, friendship and courage. May we develop these qualities, which gave our country freedom and peace.

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

We pray for those who have died recently: Joan Cafarella, Aldo Angiolino and Brian Bourke. And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Kevin Oakman, Tess Fogarty, Jim Duffy, Margaret Jenkins, Vito Salvo, Jeanette D'Cruz, Loretta Brown and John Moffatt.

*Wise and loving God, accept our prayers and sustain our deeds and words by your Spirit. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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**WHICH PRIEST WHERE?** This weekend Fr John will say all Masses at St Therese's plus Saturday 5:00pm Mass at OLN. Fr Colin McLean will preside at Sunday 10:00am Mass at OLN. Fr Tony is away in May, We have published Fr Colin's updated Mass schedule for May in our 'Parish Dates'

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED** The parish office is closed on ANZAC Day and on Friday 26 April and will reopen on Monday 29 April. During the long weekend closure, Fr John will be contactable on our After Hours service for end-of-life visitations and funeral arrangements. The after hours number is 0490 956 610 which is an answering service. Please leave a message and Fr John will get back to you. He will only respond to end of life anointing or funeral requests or other emergencies. Any other queries should wait until the office reopens on Monday.

**CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL** Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). As the Catholic Church's mission in action, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.

**ALPHA AT ESSENDON PARISH** Only two weeks until Alpha begins – register now! Starting on Tuesday 7 May 2024 at 7:00pm in PACE Function Room. 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/1FAIpQLSeMJOQpz5InrxA8XNqrdLEdR-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](http://alpha.org.au)

**MEN'S COFFEE GROUP** Meet this coming Wednesday 1 May at 10:45am at Lincoln Food Store (cnr of Lincoln Rd and King St, Essendon).

**FIAT - A WEEKEND OF PRAYER FRIDAY 31 MAY - SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2024** Beginning with the Feast of the Visitation on Friday and concluding with the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ on Sunday, parishes, movements and communities are invited to host a time of prayer.

**FIAT AT OLN** Our Lady's parish will join the weekend of prayer on Saturday 1 June beginning at 2:00pm and concluding with Mass at 5:00pm. Rosary and silent prayer in Church every half hour over 3 hours until Mass.. Parishioners are invited to join in prayer as convenient for them. Please put your name down on the roster at the back of the church in a time-slot that suits you.

**MASS COUNT** Our collectors will be conducting our Parish Mass 'count' throughout May. This annual count taken in May is important for our Archdiocese pastoral planning activities and allows for comparisons to be made across the years. This year, the four weekends of 6-7 May, 13-14 May, 20-21 May and 27-28 May have been selected for the count.

**LOOKING AHEAD TOGETHER** (St Therese's and Our Lady of the Nativity Strategic Planning Program) – late last year we commenced our parish strategic planning program with several focus group meetings attended by parishioners. This important initiative will provide a clear view of what you see as the priorities for our parish over the next 3-5 years. Unfortunately, we have had to suspend the program for the next 6 months due to unforeseen commitments of those involved, but would like to assure you that we will resume the program as soon as practicable.

**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. The group has provided "What is grief" brochures, which are available on church entry tables.

**WORLD MISSION MAY ROSARY PRAYERS** Catholic Mission invites parishioners to join in online prayer to mark the traditional time for Marian devotions. Catholic Mission will host the recitation of the Rosary every weekday in May. During this virtual Rosary, they will reflect on the mysteries of the Rosary and offer intentions for peace, healing and blessings for our parishes and the world. This online gathering is open to everyone in the parish community. The event is held online on Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer> Meeting ID:893 8798 2280 Password is 876574

**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>

#### MINISTRY ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 4 & 5 MAY (WEEK 1)

MASS	READERS	EUCARIST
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/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

SCAN ME



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

Alpha




Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the Rosary.

Pray **THE WORLD MISSION ROSARY**  
One Family in Faith | One Family in Mission

## World Mission May Rosary Prayers

Mon - Fri  
Time: 2pm Brisbane / Melbourne time  
12pm Perth time  
Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>  
Meeting ID:  
893 8798 2280  
Password:  
876574

GO AND INVITE **EVERYONE** to the banquet



Reach out. Give life.

KAM WILL BE BACK ON  
**SATURDAY 4 MAY**  
AT ST THERESE'S 6:00PM MASS



## DATES FOR 2024

Saturday 4 May, Saturday 1 June, Saturday 3 August  
Saturday 31 August & Saturday 30 November

*Lest we forget*

They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them  
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the  
sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

**ANZAC Day**  
**25 April 2024**

PARISH CALENDAR

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 Funeral prayers for Aldo Angiolino Requiem Mass for Joan Cafarella	11:00am 1:30pm
Sunday 28 April	Fr Colin McLean presiding at OLN Mass Parish Baptisms at St Therese's	10:00am 12:00pm
Monday 29 April	Statue of Our Lady moves to the D'Cruz family Requiem Mass for Brian Bourke	11:00am
Tuesday 30 April	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's	10:00am
Wednesday 1 May	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store (105 Lincoln Rd)	9:00am 10:00am 10:45am
Thursday 2 May	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	9:30am 10:30am
Weekend 4 & 5 May	Catholic Care Sunday Appeal	
Saturday 4 May	Kids at Mass at St Therese's	6:00pm
Sunday 5 May	Fr Colin presiding at St Therese's Mass	10:30am
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 Fr Colin McLean presiding at OLN Mass	9:30am 10:00am
Monday 13 May	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Draim family	
Tuesday 14 May	Alpha Session 2 in PACE Function Room	7:00pm
Wednesday 15 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 16 May	No Tiny Ts Playgroup & No Gospel Reflections Group Morning tea in PACE hosted by SFG	10:30am
Weekend 18 & 19 May	Students present as candidates for First Eucharist at OLN	All Masses
Saturday 18 May	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fr Tony Feeney's Ordination	

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](mailto:essendon@cam.org.au) **Website:** [www.stthereses.org.au](http://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](mailto:info@stessendon.catholic.edu.au) phone 9374 6100

**OUR LADY OF THE NATIVITY CHURCH**

31 Fawkner St, Aberfeldie

**Office email:** [essendonwest@cam.org.au](mailto: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](mailto: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.*