



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



1 & 2 June 2024: Corpus Christi
St Therese's Confirmation and OLN First Eucharist Masses



First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8 A reading from the book of Exodus

This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

Responsorial Psalm: I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is my body. This is my blood.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

Please note: At OLN this weekend the first and second readings have been chosen for the children to read and are appropriate for the celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist. First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2.42-47 Second Reading: Phil 1:3-6. 8-11

INTERCESSIONS

Brothers and sisters, gathered as one to celebrate the good things we have received from our God, let us ask him to prompt in us prayers that are worthy of his hearing.

For the Church, the body of Christ: that she may constantly be renewed through Christ, present in word and Eucharist at this celebration.

We pray for our world: may the search for justice and peace always take precedence over more selfish motives.

As we support the St Vincent De Paul winter appeal, we pray that the local, state and federal governments really prioritise ensuring every Australian resident has a place they can call home.

That people who work in the care and service of others will be renewed and strengthened.

We pray for all our young parishioners receiving Sacraments for the first time this year, especially those receiving Confirmation and First Eucharist this weekend. May God's loving presence sustain them throughout the year.

We pray for those who are ill.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Annette Clifford, Giulia Papparone and Frank Galle; And for those we remember at this time, especially Jack Webster, Lorenzo Valvo, Jehan Ellawala, John Kirwan, Briony Neill, Paolo Ferraro, and Jack Herbert.

Lord, accept the prayers we offer today. Strengthen us to be with those in need and help us to proclaim your love to them. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



WELCOME TO SCHOOL FAMILIES AND VISITORS This is a busy weekend between our two parishes with the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Therese's on Friday and the Sacrament of First Eucharist at both weekend Masses at OLN.

We welcome visitors to both churches and ask that you please be respectful of the solemnity of the Sacrament Masses. Please remain in your seats throughout the service and only take photographs before and after the Mass.

CONFIRMATION MASSES Two Masses for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held at St Therese's on Friday at 4:30pm and 6:30pm Bishop Terry Curtain will confer the Sacrament.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST AT OLN At OLN the Sacrament of First Eucharist will be held at our usual Mass times. We celebrate First Eucharist as a faith community and parishioners are welcome at the Masses. Music and readers will be from our OLN school community and Fr John will preside at the First Eucharist Masses.

WHICH PRIEST WHERE? This weekend Fr John will say all Masses at OLN as well as 9:00am Mass at St Therese's. Fr Tony who will say the remaining Masses at St Therese's. Next weekend Fr Tony will preside at both OLN Masses at OLN and Fr John will say all Masses at St Therese's.



VINNIES WINTER APPEAL This weekend is our annual Vinnies Winter Appeal. The appeal funds the works of our Essendon SVDP Conference who support Companions across our two parishes. The focus of the Vinnies appeal this year is rising homelessness which is being driven by the nation-wide housing affordability crisis. Funds raised through the Winter Appeal will support people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, and people struggling with poverty and cost-of-living pressures. Envelopes are available for donations. There will also be an additional 'leaving collection' where SVDP members will stand at exits at the conclusion of Mass to accept donations. Donations can also be made online at: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal> PLEASE NOTE: when donating online there is a Comments/Conference Name field at the bottom of the details page. Please add '176 - Essendon' here to ensure your donation comes to the Vinnies conference here in our local area. You can also call 13 18 12 to donate. You 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. Many thanks for your support!

KIDS AT MASS THIS SATURDAY Our Kids at Mass team will hold their monthly session this Saturday 1 June at St Therese's 6:00pm Mass. All school-aged children are welcome to attend.

ENVELOPES FOR ST THERESE'S PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMME The 2024/2025 envelopes for St Therese's parish will be available to collect from the tables at the back of St Therese's church from next weekend. They will be organised by STREET NAME. Thanks everyone!

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.

VOLUNTEERING

VOLUNTEERS are the lifeblood of our parish communities. We rely on volunteers in so many aspects of parish life, including but by no means limited to; Liturgy preparation and participation, pastoral care and visitations, and maintaining our buildings, gardens and grounds. Volunteers help keep our parishes alive and we have a responsibility to also keep our parishes safe. Therefore, our volunteers must meet some requirements in order to keep participating and these are:

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 8 & 9 JUNE (WEEK 2)

MASS	READERS	EUCARIST
OLN 5:00pm	Georgina Kucera & John Harris	Kath Ferguson
OLN 10:00am	Gerald Mullen	Mark Donahoo
St Therese's 6.00pm	John O'Connor	Tony Proctor & Trish Giacomini
St Therese's 9.00am	Lynette Russo	Tony Belcastro & David Gloury
St Therese's 10.30am	Lucy Angelico	Rosa Pierorazio & Marg Moore

Adults: <https://sundayreadingsathomeyearb.weebly.com/th4g0h3lw.html>
 Children: <https://www.yearbprayingwithchildren.org/s4m3j310>

IS THE BIBLE RELEVANT TO...



WHY AND HOW SHOULD I READ THE BIBLE?

People do not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Matthew 4:4

- Pray that all guests will have had opportunity to grow in their prayer life this week.
- Pray for the hosts and helpers that they would have the wisdom to answer questions and facilitate discussion regarding the Bible.
- Pray that God's word would become something guests find peace, comfort and joy in.
- Pray that guests would be moved by God's love for them through his word as they begin to read it.

WHAT DOES FAITH MEAN TO YOU?

We Pray

My First Holy Communion

I clasp my hands, then kneel and pray on this, my first Communion Day.

I ask you, Jesus, to watch me grow, and teach me all that I need to know.

Protect me, daily, from all things bad, and fill my heart with all things glad.

And if I ever lose my way, please guide me back when I kneel and pray.

Heavenly Father, God of power and of love. We pray all the children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.

May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope and love and may they come to know you as the one true God who loves them without limit.

May their hearts welcome you gladly; May their ears hear your voice in the scriptures; May their eyes see you in all things. And may they proclaim your glory as they walk in the ways of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Amen

Come, Spirit of God

THIS WEEKEND
PLEASE GIVE TO THE
ESSENDON PARISHES

annual Vinnies Winter appeal

PEOPLE LIKE LUKE
URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP

Please use the Vinnies Winter Appeal envelopes if you would like to contribute to the appeal.

You can also donate by calling 13 18 12 or online at <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal>

In the Comments/Conference Name field add '176 - Essendon' for donations to the St T's & OLN conference so that funds are allocated here

PARISH CALENDAR

Weekend 1 & 2 June	Vinnies Winter Appeal First Eucharist Sacrament Masses at OLN	All Masses
Saturday 1 June	FIAT Prayer at OLN Kids at Mass at St Therese's	Begins 2:00pm 6:00pm
Sunday 2 June	Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	
Monday 3 June	End of National Reconciliation Week	
Tuesday 4 June	Mass at Trevi Court Alpha Session 5 in PACE Function Room	11:00am 7:00pm
Wednesday 5 June	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store (105 Lincoln Rd) Requiem Mass for Giulia Papparone	9:00am 10:45am 11:00am
Thursday 6 June	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room Requiem Mass for Frank Galle	9:30am 10:30am 11:00am
Friday 7 June	Whole School Mass at St Therese's (Sacred Heart)	10:00am
Monday 10 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday: Parish office closed Statue of Our Lady moves to the Pereira family	
Tuesday 11 June	Alpha Session 6 in PACE Function Room	7:00pm
Wednesday 12 June	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am
Thursday 13 June	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	9:30am 10:30am
Weekend 15 & 16 June	Propagation of the Faith Appeal (Catholic Mission)	
Saturday 15 June	Gardening Working bee at St Therese's	9:00am
Sunday 16 June	World Refugee Week commences Parish Morning Tea after morning Masses at St Therese's Morning Tea after 10:00am Mass at OLN Parish Baptism Welcoming Mass at St Therese's Parish Morning Tea after morning Masses at OLN Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Group meeting	10:30am 10:45am 11:30am
Monday 17 June	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Rob family	
Wednesday 19 June	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store (105 Lincoln Rd)	9:00am 10:45am
Tuesday 18 June	Alpha Session 7 in PACE Function Room	7:00pm
Thursday 20 June	No Gospel Reflections Group Tiny Ts Playgroup in the Annex Anointing Mass at St Therese's Morning tea in PACE hosted by the SFG	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am (after Mass)
Saturday 22 June	World Refugee Week concludes	
Sunday 23 June	Refugee and Asylum Seeker team meeting in Parish Office Parish Baptisms at St Therese's	11.30am 12:00pm

PARISH CONTACTS

PARISH PRIEST Fr John Hannon

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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
connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and to Elders past, present and emerging.*