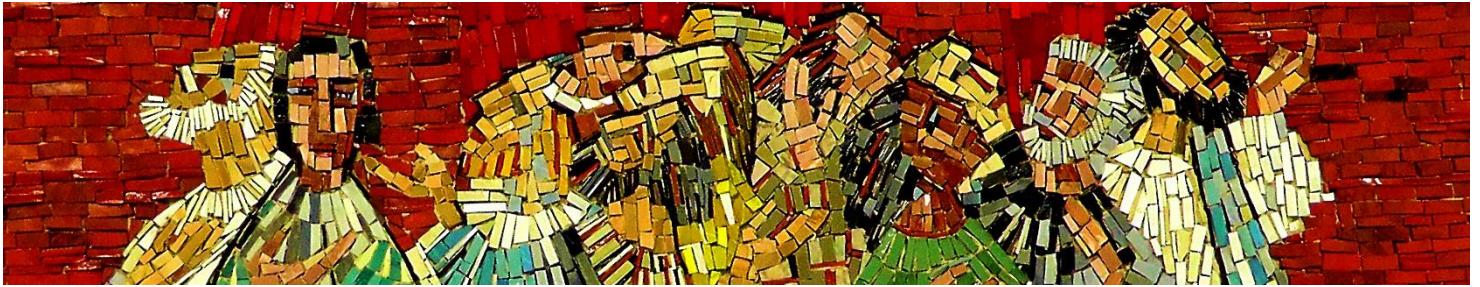




# St Therese's & Our Lady of the Nativity

## Essendon & Essendon West Parishes

**18 & 19 May 2024: Pentecost Sunday**



**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 15:26-27; 16:12-15 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

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### INTERCESSIONS

*Sisters and brothers, with the Holy Spirit as our gift, let us bring our prayers before God.*

That the Holy Church all over the world will be united in the spirit of peace.

That all members of our own community be always open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we may continue to build the body of Christ in this place.

We pray for Mia, Emilia, Tom, Charlotte, Finn, Neve, Willow and Ava who are welcomed into our parish this weekend in preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism next weekend. And we pray for our OLN students who present themselves as candidates for the Sacrament of First Eucharist at Masses this weekend. May all these children lead a life of faith and love for all.

We pray the Alpha sessions have good discussion around reality of Jesus' resurrection and what that means to them.

For those whom this fast-changing world has marginalised: that communities will be moved to gather in all who may feel lost, or left out, or left behind.

We pray for those who are ill.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Margaret Browne, John Licciardo and Luigi Bentivoglio; And for those we remember at this time, especially Giuseppe Brancatisano, Matteo Cursio, Vincenzo Margariti, Shirley Cullum, Iris Sapiano, Des Duffy, Julio Navas, Frederick Ursic and Nihal Ellawala.

*Loving God, you sent the Holy Spirit to us to make us strong in our faith. Help us to listen to the Spirit and live as children of God. We make our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.*



**WELCOME FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES AND FAMILIES** We welcome our OLN Year 4 students who present themselves as candidates for the Sacrament of First Eucharist at OLN Masses this weekend. We join as a parish to support them as they prepare to receive the Sacrament.

**FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES** The First Eucharist Masses on the weekend of 1 & 2 June will be school-led with music, and readers provided from our OLN school community. The Sacrament Masses will be held at our usual Mass times and are communal celebrations with parishioners welcome. Fr John will preside at the First Eucharist Masses.

**WHICH PRIEST WHERE?** This weekend Fr John will say all Masses at St Therese's plus Saturday 5:00pm Mass at OLN. Fr Colin will preside at 10:00am Mass at OLN on Sunday morning.

**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 4 & 5 May, 11 & 12 May, 18 & 19 May and 25 & 26 May have been selected for the count.

**PARISH MORNING TEAS THIS SUNDAY** Parishioners are invited for a cuppa and biscuits after Sunday morning Masses this weekend at both churches. At St Therese's the cuppa will be served from the Annex (meeting room at the rear of the church) and at OLN they will be served in the foyer of the church. We thank the members of our Welcoming and Parish Leadership teams who are hosting the teas this weekend.

**MEN'S CHOIR** The next performance of the Men's Choir will be next weekend on Sunday 26 May at 10:30am Mass at St Therese's.

**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.

**JOURNEY THROUGH SADNESS GROUP** Friendly and informal gatherings are being planned for this year, the first one being on Wednesday 26 June. This group aims to support parishioners through the different forms of sadness and loss. More details will be published in upcoming newsletters. The group has provided "What is grief" brochures, which are available on church entry tables.



**GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** Congratulations to Mick and Marg O'Brien who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary this Friday, 17 May 2024. To acknowledge this milestone, a blessing will be bestowed on them at 9:00am Mass on Sunday 19 May 2024 at St Therese's. Mick and Marg will celebrate with family and invited friends next weekend.

**GOLDEN JUBILEE** Congratulations to Fr Tony who reaches the milestone of 50 years since ordination as a priest this Saturday 18 May. A special celebration will be held on Sunday 30 June after Fr Tony returns from holidays.

**GIVING TO VINNIES** The Vinnies Winter Appeal is coming up in June but a reminder that 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. Many thanks for your support!

**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** 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 25 & 26 MAY (WEEK 4)

MASS	READERS	EUCHARIST
OLN 5:00pm	Michael Balia	Fred Grima
OLN 10:00am	Adrian Commadeur	Michael Portelli
St Therese's 6.00pm	Tric Joseph & Tony Proctor	Joe Fittipaldi & Trish Giacomini
St Therese's 9.00am	Bruce White & Christine Nelson	Marg Tormey & Mick O'Brien
St Therese's 10.30am	Jim Maderazo & Lanelle Eid	Marita Hased-Dunne & Miriam Gandolfo
Adults: <a href="https://sundayreadingsathomeyearb.weebly.com/th4g0h3lw.html">https://sundayreadingsathomeyearb.weebly.com/th4g0h3lw.html</a> Children: <a href="https://www.yearbprayingwithchildren.org/s4m3j310">https://www.yearbprayingwithchildren.org/s4m3j310</a>		

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

**catholic mission**  
Reach out. Give life.

# SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

## 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.

# Tiny Ts Playgroup

Hosted by parents from  
**OLN & St Therese's Parishes**

For children from infancy through to primary school age

Indoor and outdoor covered play areas - runs in all weather conditions

**A great place to make new friends!**

WHEN: Thursday mornings during school terms  
TIME: 9.30am - 10:30am  
WHERE: St Therese's PACE Function Room  
COST: Free of charge  
Grab a flyer for more details

Spare change?

Put it here

# POOR BOX

Help support our  
Vinnies Conference  
All year round

PARISH CALENDAR

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	
Sunday 19 May	Pentecost Sunday Parish Morning Tea after 9:00am and 10:30am Mass at St Therese's Parish Morning Tea after 10:00am Mass at OLN Sacrament of Confirmation RE Programme session 2 in PACE Fr Colin McLean presiding at OLN Mass Parish Baptism Welcoming Mass at St Therese's	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am
Monday 20 May	Statue of Our Lady moves to Notaro family Requiem Mass for Joseph 'John' Licciardo at OLN church	11:00am
Tuesday 21 May	Alpha Session 3 in PACE Function Room	7:00pm
Wednesday 22 May	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Faith Night for Sacrament of Confirmation at St Therese's	9:00am 6:45pm
Thursday 23 May	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room Mass at Arcadia Requiem Mass for Luigi Bentivoglio	9:30am 10:30am 11:00am 11:00am
Weekend 25 & 26 May	Students present as candidates for Confirmation at St Therese's	All Masses
Sunday 26 May	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity National Sorry Day Sacrament of Confirmation RE Programme session 3 in PACE Fr Colin McLean presiding at OLN Mass Men's Choir singing at St Therese's Mass Parish Baptisms at St Therese's	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am 12:00pm
Monday 27 May	National Reconciliation Week begins (27 May until 3 June) Statue of Our Lady moves to Lambert family	
Tuesday 28 May	Alpha Session 4 in PACE Function Room	7:00pm
Wednesday 29 May	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am
Thursday 30 May	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	9:30am 10:30am
Friday 31 May	Sacrament of Confirmation at St Therese's Sacrament of Confirmation at St Therese's	4:30pm 6:30pm
Weekend 1 & 2 June	Vinnies Winter Appeal First Eucharist Sacrament Masses at OLN	All Masses
Saturday 1 June	Kids at Mass at St Therese's	6:00pm
Sunday 2 June	Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	
Monday 3 June	End of National Reconciliation Week Statue of Our Lady moves to Condillac family	
Tuesday 4 June	Alpha Session 5 in PACE Function Room	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)	9:00am 10:45am
Thursday 6 June	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	9:30am 10:30am

PARISH CONTACTS

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**ST THERESE'S CHURCH**

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**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

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**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.*