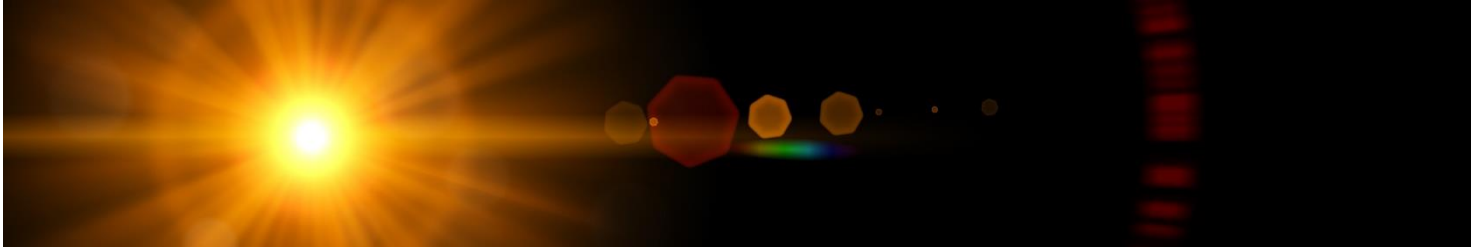




St Therese's & Our Lady of the Nativity Essendon & Essendon West Parishes



25 & 26 May 2024: The Most Holy Trinity
World Children's Day – National Sorry Day



First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40 A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

Responsorial Psalm: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

INTERCESSIONS

Sisters and brothers, united in our baptism through the Holy Trinity, let us bring our intentions before God.

That our Holy Father, Pope Francis, will continue to lead the Church in worship of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

During National Volunteers Week we pray for all those who offer their time and talents, joining in our ministry of bringing healing, hope, and compassion to all those in need.

We pray for our students from St Therese's Parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this coming Friday. May they find support within their families and our parish community along their faith journey.

We pray God will guide us all in our journey towards reconciliation and true friendship with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. Help us to bridge the gap in cultural understanding.

We pray for the children who will be initiated into our church at the sacrament of Baptism this weekend. That they lead a life of faith and love for all.

We pray for those who are ill especially Annette Clifford.

We pray for those who have died recently especially John Licciardo and Luigi Bentivoglio; And for those we remember at this time, especially Joan Symons, Filomena Carbone, Duc Nguyen, Shannon O'Brien, Ingvild Van de Griendt, Carmelo Salpietro, Sianne Hester, Tony Nicolaci, Antonio Alessi and Steve McKenna.

Father, receive the prayers we offer you this day. Strengthen us in faith and spirit that we might be united as one people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



WELCOME CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND FAMILIES We welcome our St Therese's Year 6 students as well as our RE Programme participants who present themselves as candidates for the upcoming Sacrament of Confirmation at St Therese's Masses this weekend.

CONFIRMATION MASSES Two Masses for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held at St Therese's next Friday 31 May. The first Mass is at 4:30pm for St Therese's school classes 6RB & 6S. The second Mass is at 6:30pm Mass for class 6OK & Sacramental Program participants. Bishop Terry Curtain will confer the Sacrament.

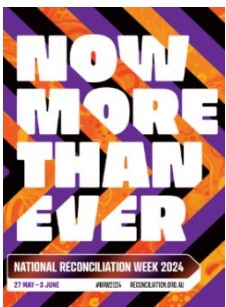
SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST AT OLN Next weekend at OLN the Sacrament of First Eucharist will be held at our usual Mass times. We celebrate First Eucharist as a faith community and parishioners are welcome at the Masses. Music and readers will be from our OLN school community and Fr John will preside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

WHICH PRIEST WHERE? This weekend Fr John will say all Masses at St Therese's. We welcome back Fr Tony who will say Saturday 5:00pm Mass at OLN while Fr Colin will preside at 10:00am Mass at OLN on Sunday morning. Next weekend Fr John will preside at both First Eucharist Masses at OLN and the 9:00am Sunday Mass at St Therese's. Fr Tony will say 6:00pm Saturday and 10:30am Sunday Mass at St Therese's.

MASS COUNT: FINAL WEEKEND We thank our collectors who have been 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 is the final weekend of counting.

FIAT - A WEEKEND OF PRAYER: FIAT AT OLN: 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. Our Lady's parish will join the weekend of prayer on Saturday 1 June beginning at 2:00pm and concluding just before the 5:00pm Mass. 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.



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK (27 MAY – 3 JUNE) National Reconciliation Week (NRW) started as the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993 (the International Year of the World's Indigenous Peoples) and was supported by Australia's major faith communities. Today NRW is celebrated Australia-wide. The National Reconciliation Week theme for 2024, **Now More Than Ever**, is a reminder to all of us that the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continues. During National Reconciliation Week all Australians are invited to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories and to share that knowledge. Post-Referendum, First Nations peoples are regrouping, while many non-Indigenous Australians (of whom 6.2 million voted YES) continue their commitment to walk alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples on this journey of truth, justice and collective healing. Learn more about NRW at <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/our-work/national-reconciliation-week/>

WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY This year the Church around the world marks its first ever World Children's Day. There will be a gathering in Rome of children with their families to mark the occasion this weekend. In the lead-up, Pope Francis has shared a message for children everywhere, telling them they are 'precious in God's eyes' (Isaiah 43:4). The theme for the very first World Children's Day is 'Behold, I make all things new' (Revelation 21:5). 'These words invite us to become as clever as children in grasping the new realities stirred up by the Spirit, both within us and around us,' the Pope says. 'With Jesus, we can dream of the renewal of our human family and work for a more fraternal society that cares for our common home.'

GIVING TO VINNIES Next weekend is our annual Vinnies Winter Appeal is but before then, 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 1 & 2 June (WEEK 1)

MASS	READERS	EUCHARIST
OLN 5:00pm	OLN School	Tatiana Polizzi
OLN 10:00am	OLN School	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>

IS THE BIBLE RELEVANT TODAY?



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HOW CAN WE HAVE FAITH?

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

1 John 5:13

- Pray that each guest spends time this week considering Jesus' death and resurrection and how that applies to them personally.
- Pray protection over the guests from any practical challenges or spiritual warfare that would divert their attention away from Alpha.
- Invite the Holy Spirit to ready their hearts to be prepared to invite Jesus into their lives.

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WHAT DOES FAITH MEAN TO YOU?

We Pray

EVER FINAL?

PLEASE GIVE TO THE
ESSENDON PARISHES

annual Vinnies Winter appeal

NEXT WEEKEND 1 & 2 JUNE 2024

OUR LADY OF THE NATIVITY &
ST THERESE'S

PEOPLE LIKE LUKE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP

Donations provide people like Luke who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness, and those struggling with cost-of-living pressures, with immediate practical assistance, and long-term support including food hampers, warm clothes, and emergency accommodation.

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

KAM IS BACK NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 1 JUNE

AT ST THERESE'S 6:00PM MASS



DATES FOR 2024

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

PARISH CALENDAR

Weekend 25 & 26 May	Students present as candidates for Confirmation at St Therese's	All Masses
Saturday 25 May	World Children's Day	
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 the 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	
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	2:00pm 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 the 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
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)	
Sunday 16 June	World Refugee Week commences Parish Morning Tea after 9:00am and 10:30am Mass at St Therese's Parish 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

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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.a>

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.