



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



27 & 28 April 2024: Fifth Sunday of Easter



First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

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

Gospel: John 15:9-17 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

INTERCESSIONS

Sisters and brothers, with Christ our gift of peace, let us turn to God with our intentions.

We pray for the Pope and all pastors and leaders in the Church: may they always act in the love of the heart of Jesus and the wisdom of the Spirit

We pray for those caught up in violence: that the God of peace may be their shelter.

As the time for our Alpha course commencement draws near, we pray for the Lord to prepare the hearts and minds of those that will be invited.

For the safety and welfare of children in institutional care; we pray especially for the child who died recently under Western Australian State Care, and for his grieving family.

We pray for those who are ill, especially: Michael Conlan, Kath Maslin, Fr Des Maginnis and Margaret Browne.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Fr Tom Brophy and Lily McManus; And for those whom we remember at this time, especially Reno Barichievich, Audrey Churchill, Armando Catania, Sandra Jayasundera, Maria Quattrone, Carmelo & Connie Schembri, Joseph Said and Mario Campo.

God our Father, you give us the greatest gift of love. Hear our prayers and help us to no longer be troubled or afraid, but to embrace your gift of peace and remain faithful to your loving word. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WHICH PRIEST WHERE? This weekend Fr John will say all Masses except the 10:30am Mass at St Therese's where Fr Colin will preside. While Fr Tony is away, Fr Colin will preside at one Mass per weekend while Fr John says the remainder of our Masses.

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.

KIDS AT MASS THIS SATURDAY 4 MAY We welcome the return of Kids at Mass to our 6:00pm Mass at St Therese's this Saturday evening.

CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare delivers programs and services including 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 or call (03) 9287 5513.

LITURGY OF THE WORD ON TUESDAY Please note that a Liturgy of the Word with Communion will replace morning Mass on Tuesday 7 May as Fr John will be presiding at a funeral held elsewhere.

ST THERESE'S CHURCH ACCESS NEXT WEEK On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (6-8 May) work to replace the damaged mats in the St Therese's church foyers will commence. Unfortunately we need to stop pedestrian access through the foyers for those three days and the church will not be open during the day except for Liturgy/Mass. Because part of the works is laying concrete in the foyers, the works will impact accessibility. Some mobility impaired people may find it difficult to attend church on Tuesday and Wednesday since all attendees will need to enter through the door at the back of the east transept. This is the double glass doors facing Florence St which go directly into the church without going through a foyer. This entrance has five steps up to the interior of the church. There will be no ramp access for wheelchairs or prams. We regret any inconvenience this causes. The works should be completed by the end of the week when we will have new mats installed in all foyers. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

ALPHA AT ESSENDON PARISH Alpha begins this Tuesday and it's not too late to register! Use this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMJOQpz5lnrxA8XNqrdLEdR-9K99vvp71Z1Vi0jVXOXkTAvQ/viewform>. 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

MEN'S CHOIR The next performance of the Men's Choir will be on Sunday 26 May at 10:30am Mass at St Therese's. Details for rehearsal will be published next week. Anyone wishing to join in is always welcome to come along to rehearsal.

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 with a cuppa and biscuit on offer after morning Mass for those who'd like to attend. The 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.

ECCLESIASTICAL ARTWORKS AT OLN The artwork of Vojtěch (Voitre) Marek is a striking feature of Our Lady of the Nativity Church and includes enamelled copper Stations of the Cross, Tabernacle and Crucifix, Baptismal Font and Shrine to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. Voitre's children have undertaken a project to photograph his work and catalogue it on this website where you can now view the OLN artworks: <https://www.voitremarek.com/catalogue/our-lady-of-the-nativity-west-essenden-victoria/>

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 11 & 12 (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/s4m3j3I0>

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

Senior Friendship Group Morning Tea

PACE FUNCTION ROOM

Thursday 16 May 10:30am

This month will feature a special presentation from Let's Laugh

Presentation at 11:30am

Duration for 15-20 mins.

Let's
Laugh
All welcome

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



Kids at Mass

DATES FOR 2024

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

Tiny Ts Playgroup

Hosted by parents from
OLN & St Therese's Parishes

For children from infant through to primary

Indoor and play

**PLAYGROUP STARTING BACK
NEXT WEEK
THURSDAY 9 MAY**



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

PARISH CALENDAR

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	Alpha Session 1 in PACE Function Room	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	Mass at Raelene Boyle Village Alpha Session 2 in PACE Function Room	11:00am 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 with Let's Laugh	10:30am
Weekend 18 & 19 May	Students present as candidates for First Eucharist at OLN	All Masses
Saturday 18 May	50 th 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 in the Annex 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
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	9:30am 10:30am 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)	

PARISH CONTACTS

PARISH PRIEST Fr John Hannon

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<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w00000LOj4wAAD&req=subscribe>

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.