



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



**15 & 16 June 2024: Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**



**First Reading:** Ezekiel 17:22-24 A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*I have made the small tree great.*

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 4:26-34 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

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## INTERCESSIONS

*Dear 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 peace among nations, that, delivered from all turmoil, the peoples may serve God in freedom of heart, let us pray to the Lord.

For all in our world who have lost sight of Christ: that through our prayers and our witness to Christ in our daily lives, they may find the one is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

We pray for Ezra, Talia, Jack, Benjamin and Mia who are welcomed into our parish this weekend before their Baptism next week and for Amaaya and Aahil who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

That families broken by hurt and resentment will be made whole by Christ's spirit of love.

We pray for those who are ill.

We pray for those who have died recently, especially: Fr Brendan Dillon, Toby Bateman and Joe Alagona

And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Alex Sequeira, Michael Reddan, Mary Walsh, John Merner, Lorenzo Fasulo, Betty Considine, Miso Corluka, Theresa Ciantar.

*O God, you are our shepherd, 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*

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**WHICH PRIEST WHERE?** For this weekend) Fr Tony will say all Masses at OLN while Fr John says all Masses at St Therese's. Next weekend Fr John will say all Masses at OLN plus 9:00am Mass at St Therese's while Fr Tony will say Mass at St Therese's at 6:00pm on Saturday and 10:30am on Sunday.

**PARISH MORNING TEAS** A reminder that (this being the third weekend of the month) we will have our monthly morning teas after Sunday morning Masses at both churches this weekend. At OLN the congregation are invited to gather in the foyer/narthex for a cuppa straight after 10:00am Mass and at St Therese's the morning tea will be held in the Annex meeting room after both the 9:00am Mass and the 10:30am Mass. All are welcome. If you would like to join the roster for hosting morning teas (held on the third Sunday of each month) then please let the parish office know.



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

**The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.**

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

**GO AND INVITE EVERYONE**  
to the banquet



Freecall: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia)

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**PARISH EVENTS**

**MASS OF ANOINTING, MORNING TEA AND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS** Next week on Thursday 20 June there will be a Mass of Anointing at St Therese's at 10:00am followed by morning tea in PACE hosted by our Senior Friendship Group (SFG). The date also marks the 98<sup>th</sup> birthday of long-time St Therese's parishioner Denis O'Sullivan. We will welcome Denis' friends and family to Mass and the morning tea afterward. The SFG ask those attending the morning tea to give a donation to support Cancer Council Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

**JOURNEY THROUGH SADNESS MORNING TEA** The Essendon Parishes Journey Through Sadness group was formed with the aim of supporting parishioners through the different forms of sadness and loss. There are many people we know whose loss experience goes unattended. Loss comes in many ways, not only death. Our parishes would like to offer some gatherings that could help us open up this subject and perhaps find support in each other. You are welcomed for morning tea in PACE on Wednesday 26 June at 10:30am. Friends are most welcome. Please RSVP to the parish office by 21 June.

**FR TONY'S GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION** In celebration of Fr Tony Feeney's Golden Jubilee we will hold a special Mass on Sunday 30 June at 10:30am with Fr Tony presiding. Following the Mass there will be morning tea in PACE. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend. Read about Fr Tony's 50 years as a priest here: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/fr-tony-feeney-celebrating-50-years-of-ordination-and-being-with-the-people>

**ENVELOPES FOR ST THERESE'S PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMME** The 2024/2025 envelopes for St Therese's parish are now available to collect from the tables at the back of St Therese's church. The envelopes are grouped and organised alphabetically by STREET NAME. If you find your neighbour's we'd love you to deliver them. 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. 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 15 & 16 JUNE (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: <https://sundayreadingsathomeyearb.weebly.com/th4g0h3lw.html>  
Children: <https://www.yearbprayingwithchildren.org/s4m3j3l0>

# IS THE BIBLE RELEVANT TO YOU?

We Pray 

## 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

# Tiny Ts Playgroup

Hosted by parents from  
OLN & St Therese's Parishes

For children from infant through to primary

Indoor and play

**PLAYGROUP  
WILL BE IN THE ANNEX  
THURSDAY 20 JUNE**



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

# Senior Friendship Group Biggest Morning Tea

Mass of Anointing 10:00am  
followed by  
Morning Tea in  
**PACE FUNCTION ROOM**  
at St Therese's  
Thursday 20 June

Your donation will support the  
Cancer Council

 **Cancer Council**  
Australia's Biggest  
Morning Tea



# OLN & St Therese's MEN'S COFFEE GROUP

## Upcoming Dates

19 June

3rd & 17th July

7th & 21 August

4th & 18th September

1st & 3rd  
Wednesdays  
of each month  
from 10:45am  
Lincoln Food Store  
105 Lincoln Rd, Essendon



PARISH CALENDAR

Weekend 15 & 16 June	Propagation of the Faith Appeal (Catholic Mission)	
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 Baptism Welcoming Mass and Sacraments of Confirmation & First Eucharist for Saheed siblings 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 Requiem Mass for Joe Alagona	11:30am
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 Funeral Prayers for Toby Bateman	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am (after Mass) 12:00pm
Saturday 22 June	World Refugee Week concludes	
Sunday 23 June	Parish Baptisms at St Therese's	12:00pm
Monday 24 June	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Mazzarella family	
Tuesday 25 June	Alpha Session 8 in PACE Function Room	7:00pm
Wednesday 26 June	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Journey Through Sadness Morning Tea in PACE	9:00am 10:30am
Thursday 27 June	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	9:30am 10:30am
Friday 28 June	Term 2 ends	
Weekend 29 & 30 June	Peter's Pence Appeal	
Sunday 30 June	Fr Tony Feeney Golden Jubilee Mass at St Therese's	10:30am
Monday 1 July	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Marchisella family	
Tuesday 2 July	Mass at Raelene Boyle Village Alpha Session 9 in PACE Function Room	11:00am 7:00pm
Wednesday 3 July	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 4 July	Gospel Reflections Group in PACE meeting room	10:30am
Sunday 7 July	NAIDOC week begins Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday	
Monday 8 July	Statue of Our Lady moves to the McDermot family	
Tuesday 9 July	Alpha Session 10 in PACE Function Room	7:00pm

PARISH CONTACTS

**PARISH PRIEST** Fr John Hannon

**Office Telephone:** 9401 6330 **After Hours:** 0490 956 610 **Office address:** 48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon  
**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.*