



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



**13 & 14 July 2024: Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Opening the Doors Foundation Appeal**



First Reading: Amos 7:12-15 A reading from the prophet Amos

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."' "

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

INTERCESSIONS

Dear friends, let us bring our intentions before the Lord, who we trust in love.

That, like Christ the sower, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, will continue to reveal God's word to all people.

May the Holy Spirit allow us to see that all people are our neighbours. May we reflect God's unconditional love to all those we meet.

We pray for peace for families and communities caught up in violence and conflict throughout the world. We pray for the peacemakers working to end the wars.

As Naidoc week concludes we pray that the spirit accompany us on our journey of reconciliation and healing

We pray for all the residents in Aged Care. As our elderly parishioners continue their journey within nursing homes we seek your eternal grace to accompany them. May they take comfort in the knowledge that your love is boundless.

We pray for those who are ill, especially: Victor Joseph, Karyn Camiller and Palma Monardo.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Brian Gilmore, Lucia Mazzone and Theresa Conforti. And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Andrew Gray, Lorna Callaghan, Pasqualina Italiano, Paul Magri, Sergio De Santis, Rosa Cicero, Bill and Millie O'Connor.

Loving God, hear our prayers and help us to live prayerful lives as we rejoice in the mystery of Christ present to us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



OPENING THE DOORS FOUNDATION APPEAL This weekend we hold our annual appeal for the Opening The Doors Foundation. The Opening the Doors Foundation is an Aboriginal-led community organisation supporting educational opportunities for Aboriginal children. The Foundation enables Aboriginal students to participate fully and equally in education, and supports their families to make their own choices about their children's future.

As a non-government funded charity, the Foundation relies on donations from the community to open the doors to opportunity for Aboriginal students. Every donation to the Opening The Doors Foundation supports Aboriginal decision-making around education led by Aboriginal

families, so please give generously. All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. Envelopes are available or you can go online to donate at: <https://www.openingthedoors.org.au/>

HOW TO DONATE There will be Opening the Doors Appeal envelopes available at both churches which can be dropped in the collection plates or handed in to the parish office. If you'd like a Tax receipt you will need to use the envelopes and include your details. Receipts will be issued by OTDF, not the parish. For those who'd like to make a cash donation we will ask our collectors to stand at the doors for a 'leaving collection' after all Masses this weekend.

WHICH PRIEST WHERE? 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 both Masses at OLN plus the 9am Sunday Mass at St Therese's while Fr Tony says Saturday 6:00pm and Sunday 10:30am Mass at St Therese's.

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP WINTER WARMER NEXT WEEK Don't forget the Senior Friendship Group's Winter Warmer gathering next Thursday in PACE after 10:00am Mass. The SFG will be dishing out delicious mugs of homemade soup. Come along and warm the body and the soul.

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. 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 the second gathering of the group for morning tea in PACE on Wednesday 24 July at 10:30am. Friends are most welcome.

ENVELOPES FOR ST THERESE'S PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMME The remaining 2024/2025 PSP envelopes for St Therese's parish are now available for collection from the parish office.



STELLA MARIS SEA SUNDAYS - 21 & 28 JULY 2024 Catholics around Australia are being asked to reflect on and support seafarers over two Sea Sundays this year. "Without seafarers, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living," Stella Maris chairman Ray Collins said. "They work tirelessly to bring into our ports products that sustain us and our economy." Stella Maris is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. In 1922, Pope Pius XI approved the first constitution of the movement, known as Apostleship of the Sea. Stella Maris now operates in over 300 ports across the world. "People of the sea have always been important to the Church, from Christ gathering fishermen-disciples over 2000 years ago to chaplains and volunteers

supporting merchant, passenger, fishing and other seafarers today," said Bishop Promoter of Stella Maris, Tim Norton. Next week on Sea Sunday, we will pray for all those who live and work at sea. Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church is also holding an online appeal. Funds from the appeal will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. To donate or for more information, visit: <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/>

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

SAFEGUARDING AUDIT AND UPDATE OF PARISH RECORDS The parish is currently undertaking a review of all records relating to our volunteers. As part of our legal responsibilities, we must maintain an accurate record of who is a volunteer here and those volunteers must abide by the certification and training requirements. In the coming weeks we will be contacting any parishioners on our volunteer lists where we have a gap in proper record keeping. We thank you for your assistance.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TO HOMES We invite all parishioners who currently take Eucharist to private homes to contact the parish office to ensure we have the details of your ministry recorded. This is very important from a Safeguarding perspective but also keeps the parish informed about parishioners who can no longer attend Mass but who are still valued members of our parish community.

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 The [Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct](#) must be read and signed upon commencement with the parish. Volunteers are required to re-sign the Code of Conduct every three years. You can sign the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct through the online [Safeguarding Essentials Training platform](#) (without completing the training).

MINISTRY ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 20 & 21 JULY (WEEK 3)

MASS	READERS	EUCCHARIST
OLN 5:00pm	Michael Portelli & Robyn Grima	Fred Grima
OLN 10:00am	Mark Donahoo	Adrian Commadeur
St Therese's 6.00pm	Murray Sykes	Tric Joseph
St Therese's 9.00am	John Harvey	Maria Cricri
St Therese's 10.30am	Rosemary Patterson & Mary O'Brien	Cherrie Arnold & Therese Hanna
Adults: https://sundayreadingsathomeyearb.weebly.com/th4g0h3lw.html Children: https://www.yearbprayingwithchildren.org/s4m3j310		

KAM IS BACK NEXT MONTH
SATURDAY 3 AUGUST
AT ST THERESE'S 6:00PM MASS



DATES FOR 2024

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

**ON A BREAK FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
BACK ON THURSDAY 18 JULY IN THE ANNEX**



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 Winter Warmer

PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS
OF OUR PARISHES ARE
INVITED TO ATTEND

The Annual Winter Warmer
Thursday 18 July
at 10:30am
in

PACE FUNCTION ROOM
Delicious homemade soup
to warm the body and soul

All welcome

OLN & St Therese's MEN'S COFFEE GROUP

Upcoming Dates

17th July
7th & 21 August
4th & 18th September

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



Weekend 13 & 14 July	Opening the Doors Foundation Appeal	
Sunday 14 July	NAIDOC week ends	
Monday 15 July	Term 3 commences Statue of Our Lady moves to the Stazko family	
Wednesday 17 July	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Grandparents Mass at OLN (school Mass) Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store (105 Lincoln Rd)	9:00am 9:00am 10:45am
Thursday 18 July	No Gospel Reflections Group Tiny Ts Playgroup in the Annex Winter Warmer Soup morning tea in PACE hosted by the SFG	9:30am 10:30am (after Mass)
Sunday 21 July	Sea Sunday (In Support of Stella Maris) Parish Morning Tea after morning Masses 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	10:30am 10:45am
Monday 22 July	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Nguyen family	
Wednesday 24 July	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Journey Through Sadness Group Morning Tea in PACE	9:00am 10:30am
Thursday 25 July	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	9:30am 10:30am
Friday 26 July	School Mass for Grade 2 & 3 at St Therese's	10:00am
Sunday 28 July	Sea Sunday (In Support of Stella Maris) World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Parish Baptisms at St Therese's	12:00pm
Monday 29 July	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Rosario family	
Tuesday 30 July	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's	10:00am
Wednesday 31 July	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am
Thursday 1 August	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am
Friday 2 August	Grandparents Day school morning paraliturgy at St Therese's	9:05am
Saturday 3 August	Kids at Mass at St Therese's	6:00pm
Monday 5 August	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Grima family	
Tuesday 6 August	The Transfiguration of the Lord Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's	10:00am
Wednesday 7 August	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 8 August	St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop) Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am
Monday 12 August	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Dang family	

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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.