



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



**20 & 21 July 2024: Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time  
Sea Sunday**



**First Reading:** Jeremiah 23:1-6 A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.*

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 6:30-34 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*They were as sheep without a shepherd.*

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

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## INTERCESSIONS

*Dear friends, with the Holy Spirit as our guide, let us bring our prayers before the Lord.*

We pray for that the Spirit of God will lead and guide an imperfect Church to remain true to Christ's message of the coming kingdom.

That grandparents everywhere will be richly blessed by God and by our love and care.

We pray for all seafarers who are required to leave their friends and families to sail the seas in dangerous and lonely conditions with threats of piracy and injustice.

We pray for Sophia, Cedric, Archie, Cartia, Isabella, Zoe and Isla who are welcomed into our parish this weekend before their Baptism next week

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

We pray for those who have died recently: Brian Kerr, Theresa Conforti, Clare Rosario and Laura Colonnello: And for those we remember at this time, especially: Mary-Ann and Francesco Lardieri, Jack Pattison, Micheline Matrenza, Ellen Butler, John Cleary, Stephen O'Reilly, Giovanna Fugaro, Nunzia Piccone, Vilma Manzotti, Salvatore Ganci, Denis Sullivan, Maria Pasquale, Marie Lambert, Vincenzo Chiavola and Gerry Delaharp.

*Loving God, hear our prayers and help us to carry out your plan with patience and care as we wait for the coming kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

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**WHICH PRIEST WHERE?** This 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. Next weekend Fr Tony will say all Masses at OLN while Fr John says all Masses at St Therese's.

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**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 have taken on the task of hosting and organising these events.



**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 operating in over 300 ports across the world including here in Melbourne. The Stella Maris Seafarer's Centre Melbourne is a self-funded, not-for-profit organisation and registered charity. If you would like to help support this important work kindly consider making a gift that is tax deductible (\$2 and above).

**HOW TO DONATE:** To donate or for more information, visit: <https://www.stellamaris.org.au/donate/> Direct deposit is also accepted. Simply add Stella Maris Melbourne as a payee in your online banking by searching with PayID (ABN Number): 21081637945 The account name will appear as "Apostleship of the Sea Stella Maris" or similar. For a receipt of your donation or for more information about how to donate, please contact the Centre Manager via [melbourne@stellamaris.org.au](mailto:melbourne@stellamaris.org.au) There will not be a collection at our Masses for the appeal.

**VALE CLARE ROSARIO** We convey the sad news of the passing of OLN parishioner Clare Rosario. A Requiem Mass for Clare will be held at OLN church on Friday 2 August at 11:30am. Our condolences go to Clare's family and friends.

**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.

**WEEKDAY MASSES IN AUGUST** Starting Tuesday 30 July and up to/including Thursday 5 September, a Liturgy of the Word with Communion will replace our usual 10:00am Tuesday and Thursday morning Masses at St Therese's. We thank our parishioners who will lead these Lay Eucharistic celebrations. Masses on Wednesday and Friday morning will be held at 10:00am at St Therese's with Fr Bernie Lanne SSC presiding. On Thursday 15 August we will hold a 10:00am Mass for the Feast of the Assumption. Fr Tom Cleary SSC will preside at the Mass for the Feast of the Assumption.

**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.

**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 27 & 28 JULY (WEEK 4)**

MASS	READERS	EUCCHARIST
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 Hassed-Dunne & Miriam Gandolfo

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 infancy  
through to primary school age

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



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*

**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.

PARISH CALENDAR

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	Grandparents Mass at OLN (school Mass) Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Journey Through Sadness Group Morning Tea in PACE	9:00am 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 Requiem Mass for Clare Rosario	9:05am 11:30am
Saturday 3 August	Kids at Mass at St Therese's in PACE function room	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	
Tuesday 13 August	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's	10:00am
Wednesday 14 August	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am
Thursday 15 August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary No Gospel Reflections Group Tiny Ts Playgroup in the Annex Mass at St Therese's with Fr Tom Cleary Morning tea in PACE hosted by the SFG	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am
Weekend 17 & 18 August	Archbishop's Campaign Commitment Weekend (New appeal)	

PARISH CONTACTS

**PARISH PRIEST** Fr John Hannon

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**Office hours:** Monday to Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm

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**ST THERESE'S CHURCH**

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**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.*