



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



**27 & 28 July 2024: Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time  
Sea Sunday ~ World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly**



**First Reading:** 2 Kings 4:42-44 A reading from the second book of the Kings

*They will eat and have some left over.*

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 6:1-15 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.*

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

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## INTERCESSIONS

*Dear friends, in faith we bring our prayers before the Lord.*

We pray for the Pope and our bishops: that they may lead us into an ever-closer friendship with God.

We pray for seafarers' families who wait at home for their safe return. May they stay hopeful and true and be reunited in safety and love.

We pray that the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people, will share their experience and wisdom to help young people look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

We pray for Sophia, Cedric, Archie, Cartia, Isabella, Zoe and Isla who receive the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

We pray for those who are ill, especially: Victor Joseph, Kath Maslin, Karyn Camiller, Palma Monardo, Pelin Rifat and Con Flaim.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Brendan Gurry, Jacinta Cantwell, Clare Rosario and Pauline Clark. And for those remembered at this time, especially: Giovanni Italiano, John Sexton, Rita Herbert, Carmelo Cassar, Leonard Reddoch, Joanne Brown, Beryl Worcester, Alanah Norohna, Josip & Ana Udovicic, Adriana Verdi, Giovanna Cerrone, Joanne Green, Michael Considine, Mel Ducasse, Edgar Pereira and Domenico Lizio.

*Loving Father, hear us today, and help us to pray as Jesus taught us and to forgive as he showed us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

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**WHICH PRIEST WHERE?** This weekend Fr Tony will say all Masses at OLN while Fr John says all Masses at St Therese's as well as celebrating our parish Baptisms. Next weekend Fr Tony Feeney will say all Masses at OLN again while Fr Bernie Lane SSC says all Masses at St Therese's.

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**ANOINTING OF THE SICK DURING FR JOHN'S LEAVE** While Fr John is away, there will be no priests in residence or at the parish office. Priests will only be on site at our churches to say Masses. Unfortunately, this means we will not have a priest on call for pastoral care or anointing of the sick and dying. Parish staff will try to assist with requests for anointing in our local area but it may not always be possible to find a priest. For patients in hospitals, families should contact the hospital chaplain. There will be no After-Hours message service while Fr John is away.

**WEEKDAY MASSES IN AUGUST** (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN) Starting Tuesday 30 July and up to/including Tuesday 3 September, a Liturgy of the Word with Communion will replace our usual 10:00am Tuesday morning Mass at St Therese's. We thank our parishioners who will lead these Eucharistic celebrations. Masses on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings will be held at 10:00am at St Therese's with Fr Bernie Lanne SSC presiding on Wednesday and Friday and Fr Tom Cleary SSC presiding at our Thursday Masses.

**FUNERAL OF CLARE ROSARIO** Requiem Mass for Clare Ann Marie Rosario will be held at Our Lady of the Nativity Church on Friday 2 August at 11:30am. The funeral will leave at the conclusion of Mass for cremation at Fawkner Memorial Park. A Rosary will be recited at the Tobin Brothers Chapel, 65 Waverley Street, Moonee Ponds, on Thursday 1 August commencing at 6:00pm. Our prayers are with Clare's husband Tony and their sons Ryan, Dean and Darren.

**VALE PAULINE CLARK** We convey the sad news of the passing of St Therese's parishioner Pauline Clark. A Requiem Mass for Pauline will be held at St Therese's church on Tuesday 6 August at 11:00am.

**SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP UPCOMING EVENT** The next morning tea event from our SFG will be on Thursday 15 August after our 10:00am Feast of the Assumption Mass. Following on from the morning tea will be a special session of chair yoga led by parishioner Anne-Marie Brennan.

**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. " 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.

**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 3 & 4 AUGUST (WEEK 1)**

MASS	READERS	EUCCHARIST
OLN 5:00pm	Jon Fleming	Tatiana Polizzi
OLN 10:00am	Paula O'Byrne	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: <a href="https://sundayreadingsathomeyearb.weebly.com/th4g0h3lw.html">https://sundayreadingsathomeyearb.weebly.com/th4g0h3lw.html</a> Children: <a href="https://www.yearbprayingwithchildren.org/s4m3j3l0">https://www.yearbprayingwithchildren.org/s4m3j3l0</a>		



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



**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

## A Blessing Prayer for Grandparents

by Greg Sunter

God of all the generations Your gift of faith and gift of love have been handed down to us through parents, grandparents and great-grandparents for all of time.

Look with favour on all our grandparents and bless them.

Bless their eyes that look on us with love and affection.

Bless their ears that listen to our questions and our stories.

Bless their knees and laps we sit on.

Bless their arms that hold us and their hands that help us.

Bless their legs that walk beside us.

Bless their hearts that swell with pride for us.

And bless their faces that bring us joy.

Bless them and keep them as they bless and keep us.

We make this prayer through Saint Joachim and Saint

Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

Amen.

## 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.

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 Funeral Mass for Brendan Gurry	11:00am
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 at OLN church	9:05am 11:30am
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 Requiem Mass for Pauline Clark	10:00am 11:00am
Wednesday 7 August	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store (105 Lincoln Rd) Parish Leadership Team Meeting	9:00am 10:45am 7:30pm
Thursday 8 August	St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop) Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	9:30am 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 followed by chair yoga	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am
Weekend 17 & 18 August	Archbishop's Campaign Commitment Weekend (New appeal)	
Monday 19 August	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Whiting family	
Tuesday 20 August	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's	10:00am
Wednesday 21 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 22 August	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	9:30am 10:30am
Sunday 25 August	ACBC Social Justice Sunday	

**PARISH PRIEST** Fr John Hannon**Office Telephone:** 9401 6330 **Office address:** 48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon**Office hours:** Monday to Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm

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*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.*