



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



**10 & 11 August 2024: Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**



**First Reading:** 1 Kings 19:4-8 A reading from the first book of Kings

*Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.*

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 6:41-51 A reading from the gospel according to John.

*I am the living bread come down from heaven.*

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

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## INTERCESSIONS

*Dear friends, with faith in the love of Christ, we bring our prayers before the Lord.*

We pray for the Pope and all who lead us in faith; That they may bring us closer to Jesus and one another as we learn to live in love.

That nations will proclaim an era of peace and justice.

We pray for the vital ministries of our Archdiocese of Melbourne. May they continue to flourish and thrive. We pray for all seminarians, all retired priests and those working in vital ministries. May the 2024 Archbishop's Campaign enjoy the generous support of the faithful and may those who work in our vital ministries—our seminarians and our priests, including those who are now retired but have served your people in the past—be filled with the light of your love, continuing to faithfully do your work and serve your people right across our Archdiocese.

Pray for those who are sick and all those who care for them: May God bless them with hope, patience and trust so that they may live without anxiety.

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

We pray for those who have died recently: Pauline Clark, Hilda Lynch, Joseph Pace-Ubaldini, Darcy Duggan and Michael Patrick Darcy: And for those we remember at this time, especially: Bill and Millie O'Connor, Lily Hester, Mark Sherlock, Peter Heslop, Filip Kelava, Giuseppina Mazzarotta, Salvatore Paino, Mary Gilmore, Jean O'Brien and Patricia Price.

*Loving God, you give us courage through the words of Jesus. Hear our prayers and help us to not be afraid, but to live out our lives in faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

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**WHICH PRIEST WHERE?** This weekend Fr Bernie will preside at OLN Masses while Fr Tony presides at St Therese's. Next weekend Fr Tony Feeney will say all Masses at OLN while Fr Bernie Lane SSC says all Masses at St Therese's. We thank Fr Tony for his continued support and Fr Bernie from the Columbans for stepping in while Fr John is on leave.

# THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2024

**MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP COMENSOLI** The 2024 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the Campaign brochure which you will find on entry tables in your church today. Gifts of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift to help us continue to strengthen the Christian faith and address the needs of God's people. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at [melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign](http://melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign) or via the QR codes on the campaign materials. I invite you to give generously to this important campaign.

**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. Chair yoga is ideal for beginners and is a gentle form of yoga that's done while seated making the practice more accessible, especially for seniors. The chair yoga session will be facilitated by parishioner Anne-Marie Brennan.

**WEEKDAY MASSES IN AUGUST** Until 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 are leading these Eucharistic celebrations. Masses on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings will be held at 10:00am at St Therese's with Fr Bernie Lane SSC presiding on Wednesday and Friday and Fr Tom Cleary SSC presiding at our Thursday Masses.

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

**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** In the next week or two we will be contacting parishioners on our volunteer lists where we have a gap in our mandated Safeguarding record keeping. This will be in the form of email, or where we don't have an email address on file, a letter via post. We thank you for your assistance and assure you all that we are available to assist any volunteer who needs help in adhering to the Safeguarding training requirements.

**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 17 & 18 AUGUST (WEEK 3)

MASS	READERS	EUCHARIST
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 & Sofia Ganci
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>



**THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2024**



Brothers and Sisters in Christ, As the first disciples responded to Jesus' invitation to "Come, follow me" and with him grow the early Church, so too are we called to continue this vital and life-giving work today.

Your contribution to this campaign supports the vital ministries that serve all in our Archdiocese and helps build the community of faith in the future. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Yours in Christ,

To do this, we have this year streamlined our approach to fundraising by moving to just one annual campaign for the purposes of the Archdiocese.



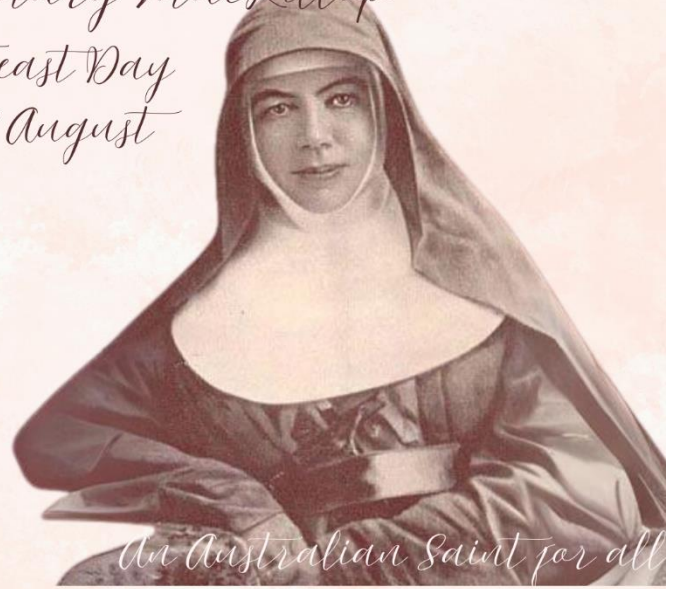
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*Mary MacKillop*

*Feast Day  
8 August*



God of all blessings,

you revealed in Mary MacKillop a sensitivity to the rights and dignity of every person, regardless of race or creed.

May we learn from her to overcome the obstacles of prejudice and fear.

Help us to value the goodness of each person and all the blessings of unity in diversity.

We ask this through the depth and unity of you, our bountiful God, who hold all things in being.

Amen

*Senior Friendship Group  
Morning Tea*

**PACE FUNCTION ROOM**

**at St Therese's**

**Thursday 15 August**

**after 10:00am Mass for**

**The Feast of the Assumption**

*All welcome*

This month will feature a session of Chair Yoga suitable for all ages and abilities beginning at 11:45am



**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.

Weekend 10 & 11 August	Fr Tony Feeney saying all Masses at St Therese's Fr Bernie Lane saying all Masses at OLN	
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 Requiem Mass for Michael Darcy at St Therese's	9:00am 11:00am
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 then chair yoga	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am
Friday 16 August	Funeral service for Leo 'Darcy' Duggan	12:00pm
Weekend 17 & 18 August	Archbishop's Campaign Commitment Weekend (New appeal) Fr Bernie Lane saying all Masses at St Therese's Fr Tony Feeney saying all Masses at OLN	
Sunday 18 August	Sacrament of First Eucharist RE session 1 in PACE	9:30am
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
Weekend 24 & 25 August	Fr Tony Feeney saying all Masses at St Therese's Fr Bernie Lane saying all Masses at OLN	
Sunday 25 August	ACBC Social Justice Sunday Sacrament of First Eucharist RE session 2 in PACE	9:30am
Monday 26 August	Statue of Our Lady moves to the DeLorenzo family	
Tuesday 27 August	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's	10:00am
Wednesday 28 August	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Faith Night for Sacrament of First Eucharist at St Therese's	9:00am 6:45pm
Thursday 29 August	Parish office closed for offsite staff training Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	9:30am 10:30am
31 August & 1 September	Students present as candidates for Eucharist at St Therese's Fr Bernie Lane saying all Masses at St Therese's Fr Tony Feeney saying all Masses at OLN	All Masses
Saturday 31 August	Kids at Mass at St Therese's	6:00pm
Sunday 1 September	Season of Creation Begins World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation Father's Day Sacrament of First Eucharist RE session 3 in PACE	9:30am

**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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**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.*