



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



17 & 18 August 2024: Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time



First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6 A reading from the book of Proverbs

Come and eat my bread; drink the wine I have prepared.

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table.

She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.' To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:51-58 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the crowd: '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.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

INTERCESSIONS

Let us call on God to come to our aid.

We pray for the Church: may our leaders be faithful to the justice and peace teachings of Jesus, offering hope for our trouble world

We pray for the world: may we be inspired to share in the griefs, anxieties, joys, and hopes of all God's people and all of creation, speaking up to challenge suffering, death and destruction

We pray for parents and teachers: may we teach our children to be bridge-builders, tackling differences and tensions with love and compassion

We pray for the vital ministries of our Archdiocese of Melbourne. May they continue to flourish and thrive. 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.

We pray for those who are ill, especially: Adelina Cuda, Victor Joseph, Palma Monardo and Frances Ashby.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Kevin Brearley and Peter O'Brien. And for those we remember at this time, especially: Teresa Conforti, Jean O'Brien, Christopher Lane, James & Margaret Bergin, Rupert & Mary Gilmore, Leigh Wallmeyer, Isabella Campo, Peter Murphy, Ivor Periera, Rosario Larosa, Ralph Trainor, Lorraine Collins, Clare Rosario, Jim & Sheila O'Brien and Michael Tighe.

Dear God, we know that you are with us always. Help us to keep our eye always on your Son Jesus and to live our lives as true followers. Amen

WHICH PRIEST WHERE? This weekend Fr Tony Feeney will say all Masses at OLN while Fr Bernie Lane SSC says all Masses at St Therese's. Next weekend Fr Bernie will preside at OLN Masses while Fr Tony presides at St Therese's.

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.

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. 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 or via the QR codes on the campaign materials. I invite you to give generously to this important campaign.

HOW TO DONATE: Appeal envelopes can be used to make a once-off donation or to pledge ongoing support for the campaign. Envelopes are on some pews and on all entrance tables at both churches. Parishioners can return appeal envelopes to the parish via the collection plate or dropped off at the office. The Archdiocese has provided pencils to use to fill in the forms.

Our collectors will stand at the doors at the end of every Mass for a 'leaving collection'. This is for people who would prefer to just give a one-off cash donation without filling in any details. Completed envelopes can also go into these collections too if people need a bit more time to fill them out.

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 24 & 25 AUGUST (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 Hassed-Dunne & Miriam Gandolfo

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.



Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE



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OLN & St Therese's MEN'S COFFEE GROUP

Upcoming Dates

21st August
4th & 18th September
2nd & 16th October
6th & 20th November
4th & 18th December

1st & 3rd
Wednesdays
each month
from 10:45am

Lincoln Food Store
105 Lincoln Rd, Essendon

KAM WILL BE BACK
SATURDAY 31 AUGUST
AT ST THERESE'S 6:00PM MASS

St Therese's Parish
Kids at Mass

DATES FOR 2024
Saturday 31 August &
Saturday 30 November

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.

Weekend 17 & 18 August	Archbishop's Campaign Commitment Weekend 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 Month's Mind Mass for Clare Rosario at OLN church	9:30am 10:00am
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 Men's Choir singing at Mass at St Therese's Sacrament of First Eucharist RE session 3 in PACE	9:00am 9:30am
Monday 2 September	Parish office closed	
Tuesday 3 September	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's	10:00am
Wednesday 4 September	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 5 September	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	9:30am 10:30am
Weekend 7 & 8 September	Students present as candidates for Confirmation at OLN Sacrament of First Eucharist Masses at St Therese's	All Masses All Masses
Sunday 8 September	Safeguarding Sunday	
Monday 9 September	Parish office closed	

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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<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w00000LOj4wAAD&req=subscribe>**ST THERESE'S CHURCH**

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.*