



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



3 & 4 August 2024: Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time



First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15 A reading from the book of Exodus

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."' And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:24-35 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

INTERCESSIONS

Dear friends, through Christ, our refuge and strength, we make our prayers to the Lord.

We pray for the Church: may our communities always be welcoming havens for those in need or distress.

We pray for our world: may the search for justice and peace always take precedence over more selfish motives.

We pray for all in positions of responsibility, from parents, to teachers, to business leaders, to members of government: may the service and well-being of those in their care be their unfailing priority.

During Homelessness Prevention Week may we all dig a little deeper, strive a little harder, to get a roof over everyone's head so they have a place they can call home.

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

We pray for those who have died recently: Clare Rosario, Brendan Gurry, Pauline Clark, Jacinta Cantwell and Hilda Lynch: And for those we remember at this time, especially: Phyllis Whiting, Ena Farnbach, Trevor Fitzpatrick, Carmelo Salpietro, Sean Patrick Tyrrell, Francesco Di Nuzzo, John Lawless, Jessie Attard, Angela Faraco, Denis Sully and Brian Wallmeyer.

Loving Father, you are our strength and our refuge. Hear our prayers and help us to serve your name through right judgment and justice. We ask this through Christ our Lord. 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. We thank Fr Tony for his continued support and Fr Bernie from the Columbans for stepping in while Fr John is on leave.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK DURING FR JOHN'S LEAVE While Fr John is away, there will be no priest in residence. 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.

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 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.

REQUIEM MASS FOR PAULINE CLARK (PLEASE NOTE UPDATE FROM LAST WEEKEND'S BULLETIN) A Requiem Mass for St Therese's parishioner Pauline Clark will be held at St Therese's church on Monday 5 August at 10:30am.

VALE HILDA LYNCH Requiem Mass for long-time St Therese's parishioner Hilda Lynch will be held at St Therese's church on Tuesday 6 August at 1:00pm. Our sympathies and prayers are with Hilda's family.

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.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN One major collection for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. On the weekend of 17 & 18 August the first Archbishop's Campaign will be held in all parishes in Melbourne. Rather than separate appeals, this one campaign will fund many of the Archdiocesan ministries including Corpus Christi College Building Fund, John Pierce Centre, Priests Retirement Foundation, Melbourne Overseas Mission and University of Divinity Building Fund.

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.

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 10 & 11 AUGUST (WEEK 2)		
MASS	READERS	EUCCHARIST
OLN 5:00pm	Georgina Kucera & John Harris	Kath Ferguson
OLN 10:00am	Gerald Mullen	Mark Donahoo
St Therese's 6.00pm	John O'Connor	Tony Proctor & Trish Giacomini
St Therese's 9.00am	Lynette Russo	Tony Belcastro & David Gloury
St Therese's 10.30am	Lucy Angelico	Rosa Pierorazio & Marg Moore

Adults: <https://sundayreadingsathomeyearb.weebly.com/th4g0h3lw.html>
Children: <https://www.yearbprayingwithchildren.org/s4m3j3l0>

VOLUNTEERING

KAM IS BACK THIS WEEKEND
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

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



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.

Saturday 3 August	Kids at Mass at St Therese's	6:00pm
Monday 5 August	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Grima family Requiem Mass for Pauline Clark at St Therese's	10:30am
Tuesday 6 August	The Transfiguration of the Lord Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's Requiem Mass for Hilda Lynch at St Therese's	10:00am 1:00pm
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 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 with 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	
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	All Masses
Saturday 31 August	Kids at Mass at St Therese's	6:00pm

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ST THERESE'S CHURCH

48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon

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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.