



The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

27 April 2025: Second Sunday of Easter Year C

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-31 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!'

Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

INTERCESSIONS

Brothers and Sisters, with true belief in Jesus Christ, we bring our prayers before the Lord.

We remember Pope Francis, a man of compassion, humility and unwavering faith. Let us pray that the Church will grow in its ministry to the displaced, the marginalised and disadvantaged.

For peace on earth, that nations will put aside division and hate and seek peace.

For those who do not believe, that their doubt will turn to faith.

We pray for the men and women who have served in our armed forces in defence of this country. We give thanks for their great sacrifices, in conflict and in captivity and for the dedicated service of current Australian military personnel.

We pray for the children who are welcomed this weekend into our parish with the Sacrament of Baptism.

We pray for those who are ill, especially Moira Farrell.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Jo Godden, John Guiney, Helen Whelan and John Lee. And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: John Ryan, Tess Fogarty, Margaret Jenkins, Jim Duffy, Jeanette D'Cruz, Daphne Shelitoe, Hyacinth & Reginald D'Cruz, Mary Reddan and Madge Dobson.

Lord God, you breathe your Spirit on your people and strengthen the hearts of believers. Hear our prayers which we make in the name of Christ Jesus, who is Lord for ever. Amen

WHICH PRIEST WHERE This weekend Fr John will preside at both Masses at OLN as well as the 9:00am Sunday Mass at St Therese's. Fr Bernie will therefore preside at St Therese's for 6:00pm Saturday and 10:30am Sunday Masses. Next weekend Fr John will preside at all St Therese's Masses while Fr Bernie presides at OLN for all Masses.

ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT We thank our collectors who will be conducting the Parish Mass 'count' on weekends throughout May. This annual count taken in May is important for our Archdiocese pastoral planning activities and allows for comparisons to be made across the years. This year, the four weekends of 3-4 May, 10-11 May, 17-18 May and 25-26 May have been selected for the count.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED The parish office is closed on ANZAC Day Friday 25 April and will reopen on Monday 28 April. During the long weekend closure, Fr John will be contactable on our After-Hours service for end-of-life visitations and funeral arrangements. The after-hours number is 0490 956 610 which is an answering service.

MEN'S CHOIR We welcome the Men's Choir to St Therese's this Sunday at 10:30am Mass. The choir will then take a break and they'll be back at 10:30am Mass on Sunday 29 June.



VALE POPE FRANCIS: A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP COMENSOLI As the Church enters this time of Easter filled with the light and hope of the world, it is with deep sadness that we have received the news of the death of His Holiness, Pope Francis. We unite with all the People of God in praying for the eternal rest of his soul and entrust him to the tender loving mercy of the Father.

Pope Francis, who came from the peripheries of the world, has been the father of the poor, and a witness of joy and hope. May the Lord, he so faithfully trusted, now welcome him into eternal life. May he rest in God's gracious and gentle peace.

A SOLEMN PONTIFICAL MASS for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli at St Patrick's Cathedral on Monday 28 April at 1:00pm. All are welcome. For those unable to attend in person, the Mass will be livestreamed and broadcast on Community Channel C31 (Channel 44 on digital television) thanks to Archdiocese broadcast partner C31.

CATHOLICARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). As the Catholic Church's mission in action, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS Are made from wheat starch and water with a gluten content of 6.2 parts per million.

KAM IS BACK NEXT WEEKEND
SATURDAY 3 MAY
 AT ST THERESE'S 6:00PM MASS

Primary school-aged children can listen to Jesus' message in a child friendly and engaging way.
 Children who are not yet at school should be accompanied by parent/s

Lest we forget

They shall grow not old,
 as we that are left grow old;
 Age shall not weary them
 nor the years condemn.
 At the going down of the
 sun and in the morning
 We will remember them.

ANZAC Day
25 April 2025
Mass at St Therese's
10:00am

MINISTRY ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 3 & 4 MAY (WEEK 1)

MASS	READERS	EUCARIST
OLN 5:00pm	Jon Fleming	Tatiana Polizzi
OLN 10:00am	Paula O'Byrne	Andrew Scaramozzino
St T's 6.00pm	Eve Korytkowski	Gina Bell & Maggie Catterall
St T's 9.00am	Mary Dowling & Margaret Kerr	Carmen Merrigan & Rosina Tempini
St T's 10.30am	Silvia Campo & George Jungwirt	Miriam Gandolfo & Maria Giampiccolo

Adults: <https://sundayreadingsathomeyearc.weebly.com/h1sks0t1.html>
 Children: <https://www.childrensliturgyofthewordc.com/yhc3rwjcm2.html>

Tiny Ts Playgroup

A great place to make new friends!

For children from infancy through to primary school age

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

Grandparents welcome!

**ON A BREAK FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
BACK ON THURSDAY 1 MAY**



WHEN: Thursday mornings during school terms

TIME: 9.30am - 10:30am

WHERE: St Therese's PACE Function Room
48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon

COST: Free of charge

EMAIL: stthereses.tinyts@gmail.com

SHARING

memories

A Friendship group supporting parishioners through life's challenges including:

- Grief and loss
- Relationship breakdowns
- Life changes

Monthly Morning Tea
First Tuesday of each month
10:30am in the Annex
(room located behind St Therese's church)

Next date: Tuesday 6 May

- YOU ARE WELCOME

Senior Friendship Group Morning Tea

PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF
OUR PARISH ARE INVITED TO

**PACE Function Room
Thursday 15 May
from 10:45am
(After Anointing Mass)**

Donations on the day will raise funds for Cancer Council Australia's Biggest Morning Tea or you can donate using the QR code



 **Cancer Council**
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

THERE'S A SEAT FOR YOU AT THE TABLE

ALPHA IS COMING AFTER EASTER

BEGINS TUESDAY 29 APRIL
PACE FUNCTION ROOM AT 7:00PM
ST THERESE'S CHURCH
48A LINCOLN RD, ESSENDON



REGISTRATION IS
ESSENTIAL
Use the QR code or
phone 9401 6630



PARISH DIARY

Friday 25 April	ANZAC Day: public holiday parish office closed	
Sunday 27 April	Second Sunday of Easter Men's Choir singing at St Therese's church Parish Baptisms at St Therese's	10:30am 12:00pm
Monday 28 April	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Portelli family	
Tuesday 29 April	Alpha begins in PACE	7:00pm
Wednesday 30 April	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Requiem Mass for John Guiney at St Therese's Sacrament of First Reconciliation at St Therese's	9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm
Thursday 1 May	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room Funeral service for Helen Whelan at St Therese's	9:30am 10:30am 11:30am
Weekend 3 & 4 May	Annual Parish Mass Count	All Masses
Saturday 3 May	Kids at Mass at St Therese's	6:00pm
Sunday 4 May	Third Sunday of Easter Catholic Care Victoria Sunday Appeal RE Programme Confirmation Session 1 - PACE Function Room	9:30am
Monday 5 May	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Draim family	
Tuesday 6 May	Sharing Memories Group morning tea in the Annex	10:30am
Wednesday 7 May	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store	9:00am 10:45am
Thursday 8 May	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room SVDP Regional Conference meeting in PACE	9:30am 10:30am 7:00pm
Weekend 10 & 11 May	Annual Parish Mass Count	All Masses
Sunday 11 May	Fourth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day World Day of Prayer for Vocations (Good Shepherd Sunday) RE Programme Confirmation Session 2 - PACE Function Room	9:30am
Monday 12 May	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Notaro family	
Wednesday 14 May	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Sacrament of Confirmation Faith night at St Therese's	9:00am 6:45pm
Thursday 15 May	Parish office closed for offsite staff training Tiny Ts Playgroup in St Therese's Annex Mass of Anointing at St Therese's Senior Friendship Group morning tea in PACE	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am
Weekend 17 & 18 May	Annual Parish Mass Count St Therese's Students present as candidates for Confirmation	All Masses St Ts Masses
Sunday 18 May	Fifth Sunday of Easter Parish Morning Tea after morning Masses at St Therese's Parish Morning Tea after 10:00am Mass at OLN RE Programme Confirmation Session 3 - PACE Function Room Parish Baptism Welcoming Mass at St Therese's	9:30am 10:30am

MASSES

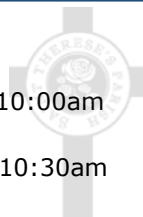
ST THERESE'S CHURCH

48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon

Weekday Masses: Tuesday to Friday 10:00am

Weekend Masses: Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 9:00am & 10:30am

Reconciliation: Saturday 5:45pm



OUR LADY OF THE NATIVITY CHURCH

31 Fawkner St, Aberfeldie

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00pm,
Sunday 10:00am

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:45pm



PARISH CONTACTS

PARISH PRIEST Fr John Hannon

Office phone: 9401 6330 **Office address:** 48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon

Office email: essendon@cam.org.au **Website:** www.essendoncatholic.org.au

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

After-Hours phone: 0490 956 610 (answering service)

St Vincent de Paul Helpline: 1800 305 330 WEEKDAYS 10:00am-3:00pm

To subscribe to our newsletter go to the link below or use the QR code:

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w00000LOj4wAAD&req=subscribe>



Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land of the Kulin Nation who have walked upon and cared for this country for thousands of years. We pay our respect to them and their cultures and to Elders past, present and emerging.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

The Archdiocese is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.

HOW TO UPDATE YOUR COMPLIANCE STATUS

This information is provided to assist volunteers to ensure continued compliance. This information assumes you have access to internet and are comfortable with computers. If you require assistance, please call our parish staff on 9401 6330, so we can help.

Requirement #1: Working with Children Check

All volunteers over the age of 18 are required to maintain a current Working with Children (WWC) check throughout their involvement with the parish, irrespective of the ministry in which they serve.

A volunteer check is free but only valid for volunteer work. To apply for a WWC check please visit <https://www.vic.gov.au/working-with-children-check>

It is a requirement that volunteers register Essendon or West Essendon parish as an organisation where they engage in volunteering through the [WWCC Service Vic website](#). The Parish will then receive a letter linking their WWC check to the parish and will be informed if the WWC check status changes.

A teacher who holds a current registration with the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) is exempt from the requirement to undertake a WWC check. VIT, however, requires registered teachers to nominate organisations in which they undertake volunteer work. Website: [Service Victoria Teachers Notifications](#)

Requirement #2: Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct

You can sign the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct through the [online Safeguarding Essentials Training platform](#) (without completing the training). When you log into the online Safeguarding Essentials Training platform, you will see the following statement:

"Our records indicate that you have not acknowledged the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct Declaration in recent times. Please read the document provided below and acknowledge your agreement by clicking the Accept Button."

Volunteers are required to read and acknowledge the Code of Conduct every three years. There is a downloadable pdf version of the code on Archdiocese website here: [Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct](#)

Requirement #3: Safeguarding Essentials Training

Volunteers are required complete the Safeguarding Essentials training module every three years.

Website link: [online Safeguarding Essentials training](#)

The Safeguarding Essentials Training takes approximately 45 minutes and you can stop, leave and go back to it if you need to break it up.

Websites:

Working With Children Check: <https://www.vic.gov.au/working-with-children-check>

Code of Conduct: <https://melbournecatholic.org/uploads/documents/Code-of-Conduct.pdf>

Training: <https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F>

Once you have read and accepted the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct, and completed the Safeguarding Essentials Training, the online training platform will automatically update the parish administration system (PACEM) held by our Essendon and West Essendon parish.

The parish is happy to assist those who have trouble accessing the online training so please reach out!