



# The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon



**5 & 6 April 2025: Fifth Sunday in Lent Year C  
Project Compassion Appeal**



**First Reading:** Isaiah 43:16-21 A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.*

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel:** John 8:1-11 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

## INTERCESSIONS

*Brothers and sisters, in the hope of the resurrection, let us bring our prayers before the Lord.*

That the Church, by the power of the Spirit, will be a beacon of hope and healing in times of crisis.

That nations will put right their failings of the past, working together in face of adversity.

We pray for parents and teachers and students: May the holidays be a time of rest and recreation as we enjoy time with family and friends.

We pray for all who go out of their way to bring God's love to others, especially to those most in need. We pray in gratitude for the many partners of Caritas Australia who ensure our contributions to Project Compassion reach the places they are needed.

We pray for the children who are welcomed into our parish this weekend in preparation for their Baptism.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Jessie Jackman; And for those we remember at this time, especially: Ann Pitt, Stella Gatt, Mary & Joyce Taylor, Bridget, Fredrick & Harry Belamy, Ivor & Lorraine Perdrisat, Godfrey Gilmour and Carl Pereira.

*Loving God, hear our prayers and help us to trust in your promises as the time of Christ's suffering draws near. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*



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

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**PROJECT COMPASSION** The transformative work of Caritas Australia is only possible thanks to supporters like you and the dedication, passion, and resilience of our local partners. In Vietnam, partner programs, like I-SHINE, helped Lam, a young man with a disability, gain graphic design skills and start a successful freelance business. In Samoa, Caritas works with to improve access to clean water and sanitation through initiatives like water tank installations, transforming health and well-being for families like Toefuata'iga's. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Kongolo on the Youth Capacity Strengthening Program. Through partnerships like these, Caritas Australia creates lasting change in communities across the globe. Donate via the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above. **Or online at:** [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) **Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

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|  | <p><b>HOLY WEEK AT OLN</b></p> <p><b>Palm Sunday</b><br/>Saturday 12 April: 5.00pm Vigil Mass<br/>Sunday 13 April: 10.00am Mass</p> <p><b>Holy Thursday 17 April</b><br/>Mass of the Lord's Supper: 5.00pm</p> <p><b>Good Friday 18 April</b><br/>Stations of the Cross: 10.00am<br/>Veneration of the Cross: 3.00pm</p> <p><b>Holy Saturday 19 April</b><br/>Easter Vigil: 5.00pm</p> <p><b>Easter Sunday 20 April</b><br/>10.00am</p> |  | <p><b>HOLY WEEK AT ST THERESE'S</b></p> <p><b>Palm Sunday</b><br/>Saturday 12 April: 6.00pm<br/>Sunday 13 April Mass: 9.00am<br/>Procession and Mass from 10.15am</p> <p><b>Tuesday 15 April</b><br/>Communal Penance: 7.00pm</p> <p><b>Holy Thursday 17 April</b><br/>Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7.00pm<br/>Altar of Repose: 8:00pm to 10.30pm</p> <p><b>Good Friday 18 April</b><br/>Stations of the Cross: 10.00am<br/>Veneration of the Cross: 3.00pm</p> <p><b>Holy Saturday 19 April:</b> Vigil 6.00pm<br/><b>Easter Sunday 20 April:</b> 9.00am &amp; 10.30am</p> |
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**EASTER MASS VOLUNTEERS** We are seeking helpers at all Masses and Services throughout Holy week. Please add your names to the sign-up sheets (printed and left on church entrance tables) if you can help out.

**WORKING BEE NEXT SATURDAY** To have our churches looking their best for Holy Week and Easter we will hold our usual working bees next Saturday from 9:00am at both churches. We look forward to many hands making light work!

**HOLY WEEK COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE** Our usual Lent/Easter Communal Reconciliation service will be held in Holy Week this year on Tuesday 15 April at 7:00pm. All welcome.

**THE WAY OF THE CROSS GOOD FRIDAY** For the second year, on Good Friday morning, Fr Colin McLean's vision of a modern re-enactment of Jesus's walk to Calvary will be held at our parish, beginning at 10:00am in front of St Therese's church. At the same time our usual Good Friday Stations of the Cross will be held inside St Therese's church. Stations of the Cross will also be held at Our Lady of the Nativity church at 10:00am on Good Friday and we thank parishioner Adrian Commadeur who has produced a Way of the Cross inspired by the artwork of Voitre Marek at OLN.


**EASTER HOLIDAYS PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE** Please note that due to school holidays and staff leave the parish office will be operating remotely on Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 April in Holy Week. Staff will still be contactable via the office phone and email but the parish office will be closed. The Easter bulletin will go to print next Friday 11 April and no changes to the printed bulletins will be possible after that date.

**HOLY WEEK AT OLN** We thank Fr Bernie Lane who will preside at the Holy Week services and Masses at OLN.

**MEN'S CHOIR** We welcome the Men's Choir to OLN church this Saturday where they will sing at 5:00pm Vigil Mass.

**KIDS AT MASS** We welcome back Kids at Mass this Saturday 5 April at 6:00pm Vigil Mass at St Therese's.

**SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP MORNING TEA** is this coming Thursday 10 April, held one week earlier than usual because of Holy Week. All welcome!

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| <b>PARISH GIVING</b> | <p><b>BANK ACCOUNT CHANGE</b> As of 1 February all direct debit and credit card financial support has been directed to the bank accounts for The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese. To make manual payments please use the following details for or use the new online giving portal:</p>  |  |
|                      | <p><b>CHURCH ACCOUNT</b> Name: The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese Essendon. BSB: 083-347<br/>Account Number: 67640 1701</p>   |   |
|                      | <p><b>PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT</b> Name: The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese Essendon BSB: 083-347<br/>Account Number: 67616 4988</p>  |   |
|                      | <p><b>ONLINE GIVING PORTAL</b> Parishioners can now make secure financial contributions to support the parish and/or clergy via this website: <a href="https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/donate?id=0012w0000LOj4wAAD">https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/donate?id=0012w0000LOj4wAAD</a> or by using the QR code above. You can choose to make a one-off donation or set up recurring monthly payments.</p> |   |

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

| MINISTRY ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 12 & 13 APRIL (WEEK 2)<br>(HOLY WEEK ROSTER APPLIES FOR LECTORS)   |                               |                               |
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| MASS   | READERS                       | EUCHARIST                     |
| 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                  |
| St Therese's 9.00am  | Lynette Russo                 | Tony Belcastro & David Gloury |
| St Therese's 10.30am   | Lucy Angelico                 | Rosa Pierorazio & Marg Moore  |
| Adults: <a href="https://sundayreadingsathomeyearc.weebly.com/h1sks0t1.html">https://sundayreadingsathomeyearc.weebly.com/h1sks0t1.html</a><br>Children: <a href="https://www.childrensliturgyofthewordc.com/yhc3rwjcm2.html">https://www.childrensliturgyofthewordc.com/yhc3rwjcm2.html</a> |                               |                               |





## The Way of the Cross

We invite you to join us in a modern re-enactment of Jesus' walk to Calvary

Friday 18 April  
Starting at 10:00am  
St Therese's Catholic Church  
48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon

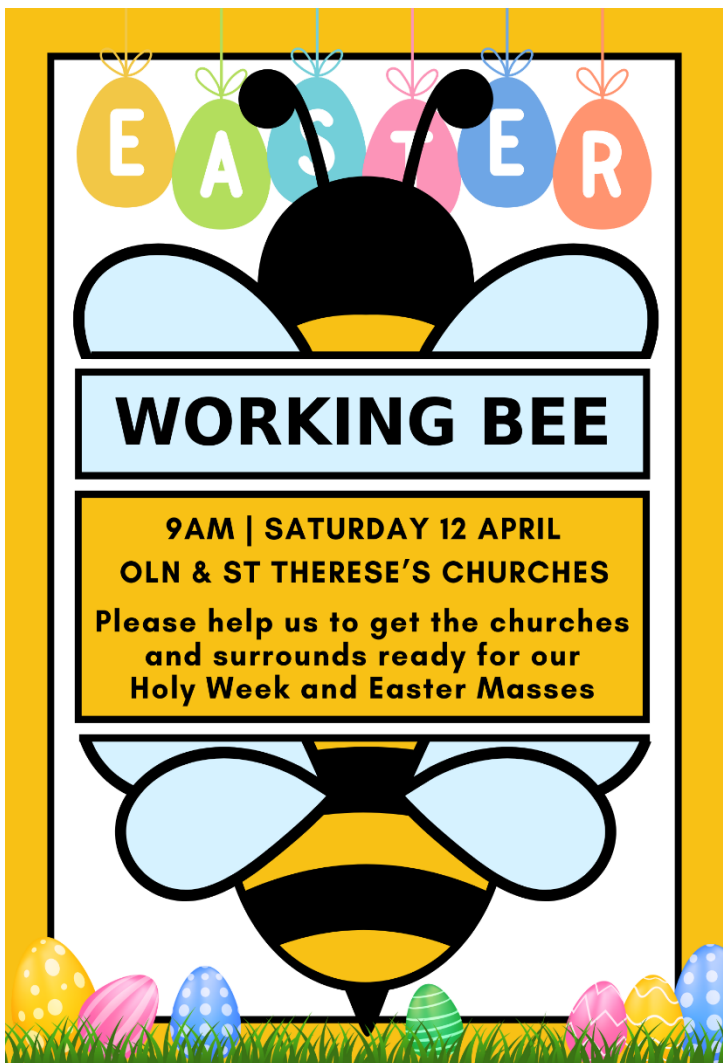
The Way of the Cross will be acted out on the streets of Essendon and will conclude with the crucifixion scene in the church grounds

KAM IS BACK THIS WEEKEND  
**SATURDAY 5 APRIL**  
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



## Senior Friendship Group Morning Tea

PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF  
OUR PARISH ARE INVITED TO

Morning Tea in  
**PACE FUNCTION ROOM**  
at St Therese's

After 10:00am Mass  
Thursday 10 April

Please note: Our usual monthly morning tea is  
a week earlier due to Easter

*All welcome*

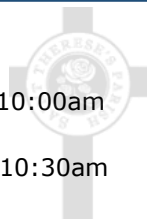
PARISH DIARY

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| Saturday 5 April   | Men's Choir singing at OLN<br>Kids at Mass at St Therese's  | 5:00pm<br>6:00pm                       |
| Sunday 6 April     | Fifth Sunday of Lent  |  |
| Monday 7 March     | Statue of Our Lady moves to the Rodriguez family  |  |
| Wednesday 9 April  | Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex   | 9:00am                                 |
| Thursday 10 April  | Senior Friendship Group morning tea in PACE<br>SVDP Regional Conference meeting in PACE<br>Mass at Arcadia Aged Care<br>Mass at Trevi Court Aged Care   | 10:30am<br>7:00pm<br>11:00am<br>1:30pm |
| Friday 11 April    | Stations of the Cross at St Therese's<br>Stations of the Cross at OLN   | 3:00pm<br>6:00pm                       |
| Saturday 12 April  | Easter Working Bees at both churches  | 9:00am                                 |
| Sunday 13 April    | Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)  |  |
| Monday 14 April    | Statue of Our Lady moves to the D'Cruz family   |  |
| Tuesday 15 April   | Communal Reconciliation Service at St Therese's church  | 7:00pm                                 |
| Wednesday 16 April | Parish office operating remotely<br>Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex<br>Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store   | 9:00am<br>10:45am                      |
| Thursday 17 April  | Parish office operating remotely<br>Holy Thursday<br>Mass of the Lord's Supper at OLN<br>Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Therese's<br>Altar of Repose at St Therese's church                                    | 5:00pm<br>7:00pm<br>8:00pm to 10:30pm  |
| Friday 18 April    | Good Friday<br>Holy Land Appeal<br>Morning Prayer of the Church at OLN<br>Stations of the Cross (both churches)<br>Way of the Cross beginning at St Therese's church<br>Veneration of the Cross (both churches) | 9:30am<br>10:00am<br>10:00am<br>3:00pm |
| Saturday 19 April  | Holy Saturday<br>Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at OLN<br>Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at St Therese's  | 5:00pm<br>6:00pm                       |
| Sunday 20 April    | Easter Sunday Masses at St Therese's<br>Easter Sunday Mass at OLN   | 9:00am & 10:30am<br>10:00am            |
| Monday 21 April    | Easter Monday public holiday<br>Statue of Our Lady moves to the D'Cruz family   |  |
| Tuesday 22 April   | First day of school term 2  |  |
| Wednesday 23 April | Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex   | 9:00am                                 |
| Thursday 24 April  | Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room   | 10:30am                                |
| Friday 25 April    | ANZAC Day: public holiday parish office closed  |  |

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

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**Office email:** [essendon@cam.org.au](mailto:essendon@cam.org.au) **Website:** [www.essendoncatholic.org.au](http://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

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<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 Owners of Country of the land of our parish and recognize their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them 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!