



The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

11 May 2025: Fourth Sunday of Easter Year C
Good Shepherd Sunday

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:27-30 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

INTERCESSIONS

As followers of Christ, the Good Shepherd, let us come to God in prayer with our needs and those of the world.

Let us pray for Pope Leo, the Shepherd of our Church: May the Lord preserve him and give him a long life. May he be a shepherd who leads us to ever greater unity and love. May our Church shine out as a sign of Christ's love for the whole world to see.

We pray for all young men and women as they set out in life: may the chosen ones be able answer the call of the Lord.

We pray for all mothers, may the care, happiness, and love they bestow on their family be returned to them bountifully throughout their days.

We pray for the children in our Confirmation Religious Education classes, may they find support within their family and from our parish community along their faith journey.

We pray for those who are ill especially Frances Ashby.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Denis O'Sullivan, Moira Farrell and Carmen Edwards; And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: John Licciardo, Giuseppe Brancatisano, Barry Nunn, Frank O'Brien, Iris Sapiano, Elizabeth Lavars, Bill Dobbie, Joseph Said, Maria Quattrone, Margaret Jenkins and Warwick Stannus.

God, the fountain of all joy, you have entrusted your people into the hands of Christ, your son. May we never become separated from Jesus, our shepherd. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

WHICH PRIEST WHERE This weekend Fr John will preside at 6:00pm Saturday and 9:00am Sunday Mass at St Therese's as well as the 10:00am Sunday Mass at OLN. Fr Bernie will therefore preside at OLN for 5:00pm Saturday and St Therese's 10:30am Sunday Mass. Next weekend Fr John will preside at all St Therese's Masses while Fr Bernie presides at OLN for all Masses.

VALE DENIS O'SULLIVAN & VALE CARMEN EDWARDS The parish community mourns the loss of two parishioners of longstanding. Denis O'Sullivan passed away on Monday 5 May and was farewelled at a Requiem Mass at St Therese's church on Friday 9 May. Carmen Edwards passed away on Friday 2 May and a Requiem Mass for Carmen will be held at OLN church on Monday 12 May at 11:00am.

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.



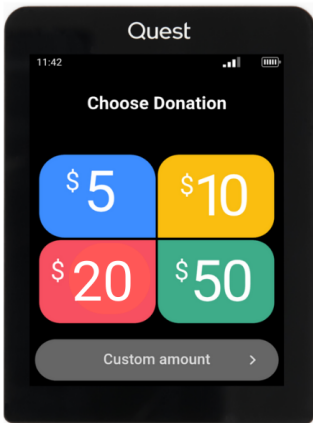
ANOINTING MASS AND BIGGEST MORNING TEA On Thursday 15 May our usual morning Mass will be a Mass of Anointing. Following Mass our Senior Friendship Group are hosting a Biggest Morning Tea to raise funds for Cancer Council. Please come along and give generously to help support the import work of Cancer Council in research, support and prevention programs. Almost one in two Australians are diagnosed with cancer before the age of 85. Cancer Council is the largest non-government funder of cancer research in the country, and thanks to the generosity of supporters have been able to invest almost \$250 million in Australian cancer research in the past 5 years alone. Investment in research has helped increase cancer survival rates from 49% in the 1980s to 71% today. If you can't attend the morning tea you can donate to the SFG donors page using the QR code on the next page.

ST THERESE'S TENNIS CLUB CENTENARY St Therese's Tennis Club celebrates 100 years this year. To mark the occasion, the club will be holding club championships on the Kings Birthday long weekend, with finals on Sunday 8th June. Entries are open now. All members are welcome to participate. The club are also asking any parishioners with information, anecdotes, photos etc relating to the history of the tennis club to please contact the club via email: st.thereses.tc@gmail.com

YCW MASS AND REUNION Parishioners who were a part of a Young Christian Workers (YCW) group are invited to attend a special Mass and reunion organised by the Australian YCW, the Australian Cardijn Institute, and the Cardijn Community Australia. Mass Celebrated by Archbishop Peter Comensoli, Saturday 24 May at 3.00 pm at All Saints Church, King William Street, Fitzroy. A social gathering in the Church Hall will follow. Details: www.australiancardijninstitute.org

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ON THURSDAY The parish office will be closed on Thursday 15 May. Parish activities that day including Anointing Mass and morning tea, will go ahead as planned.

TAP))) TO DONATE TRIAL



We are currently trialing the use of 'Tap and Go' terminals for Mass attendees to financially support the parish

There is one terminal at St Therese's church and it will be available at weekend Masses over the next two months

If the trial is successful we'll install permanent terminals at both churches

Touch the screen to turn on

Select the amount to donate

Tap your card/phone or insert your card

You can choose to select 'Custom amount' and then enter the amount you wish to donate up to \$99

Please note that receipts are not issued from this donation terminal

**Thanks for supporting
The Parish of
Our Lady
and St Therese,
Essendon**

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

SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS Volunteers who haven't completed the Safeguarding obligations will now need to pause their involvement until they have completed all three requirements:

Requirement #1: 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. To apply for a WWC check please visit <https://www.vic.gov.au/working-with-children-check>

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

Requirement #3: Training <https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F>

MINISTRY ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 17 & 18 MAY (WEEK 3)		
MASS	READERS	EUCCHARIST
OLN 5:00pm	Michael Portelli	Fred Grima
OLN 10:00am	Mark Donahoo	Adrian Commadeur
St T's 6.00pm	Murray Sykes	Tric Joseph
St T's 9.00am	John Harvey	Maria Cricri
St T's 10.30am	Rosemary Patterson & Mary O'Brien	Cherrie Arnold & Therese Hanna
Adults: https://sundayreadingsathomeyearc.weebly.com/h1sks0t1.html Children: https://www.childrensliturgyoftthewordc.com/yhc3rwjcm2.html		

STTC CENTENARY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Open to Junior & Senior members

Entry fee for singles \$10 and doubles \$5

Trophies & prizes to be won

Come along to support players and our fundraising activities

Register Now!



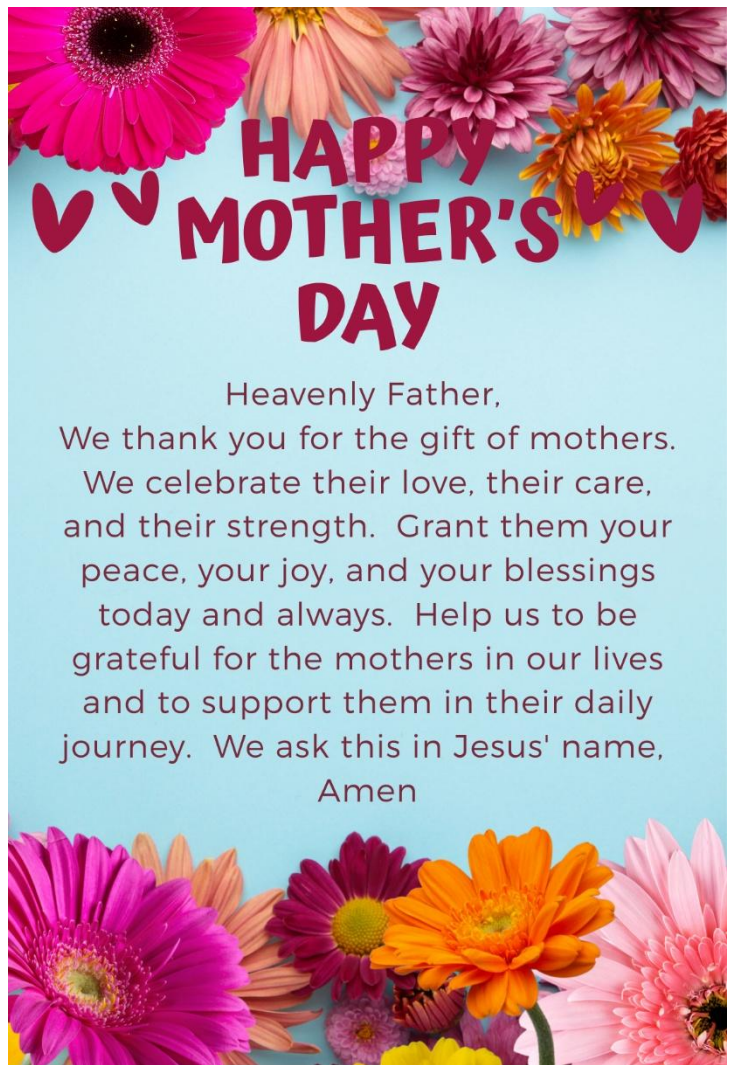
June 6-7

<https://www.trybooking.com/CZRHT>



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INVITATION



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Heavenly Father,
We thank you for the gift of mothers.
We celebrate their love, their care, and their strength. Grant them your peace, your joy, and your blessings today and always. Help us to be grateful for the mothers in our lives and to support them in their daily journey. We ask this in Jesus' name,
Amen

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

Humans were created by God to age

St Augustine

St Martin De Porres Parish
Reflect on ageing and spirituality
With facilitator Sister Lorraine Testa asjm

St Martin De Porres Parish Hall
158 Military Rd, Avondale Heights

7:00pm Tuesday 13 May
Getting Old or Ageing Well

7:00pm Tuesday 20 May
Journey into care: Who cares for the carer?

7:00pm Tuesday 27 May
The journey to eternal life

\$5 per session payable on the night
For more info contact phone: 9377 6016
or email avondaleheights@cam.org.au

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/DARQO>

Sr Lorraine Testa asjm has 35 year experience in education and has worked as a hospital and school Chaplain and as a pastoral carer in the aged care sector. Sr Lorraine is a facilitator of workshops in faith development and a sessional lecturer for Diploma of Pastoral Care for the Aged.

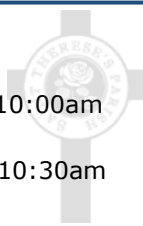
PARISH DIARY

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 Requiem Mass for Carmen Edwards at OLN	11:00am
Wednesday 14 May	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Requiem Mass for Moira Farrell at St Therese's Sacrament of Confirmation Faith night at St Therese's	9:00am 11:00am 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
Monday 19 May	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Lambert family SVDP Essendon Conference meeting in PACE	7:00pm
Wednesday 21 May	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store	9:00am 10:45am
Thursday 22 May	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room Sharing Memories morning tea in PACE Function Room	9:30am 10:30am 11:00am
Friday 23 May	Sacrament of Confirmation at St Therese's (6RB & 6S) Sacrament of Confirmation at St Therese's (6OK and RE)	4:30pm 6:30pm
Weekend 24 & 25 May	Annual Parish Mass Count	All Masses
Sunday 25 May	Sixth Sunday of Easter Parish Baptisms at St Therese's	12:00pm
Monday 26 May	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Condillac family	
Tuesday 27 May	National Reconciliation Week begins Mass at Ryman Raelene Boyle Village	11:00am
Wednesday 28 May	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am
Thursday 29 May	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room Mass at Arcadia Aged Care	9:30am 10:30am 11:00am
Saturday 31 May	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Kids at Mass at St Therese's	6:00pm
Sunday 1 June	The Ascension of the Lord	

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 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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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.