



The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

18 May 2025: Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 13:31-35 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

INTERCESSIONS

Brothers and sisters, with faith in Christ, we turn to God with our prayers.

For our Pope, bishops, priests and all religious clergy: that God may be glorified in the Church.

That Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

We pray for all who suffer exhaustion or loneliness in caring for a loved one: may they feel the comfort of God's presence.

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may spread happiness throughout the world, by being kind and generous and sharing what we have so that all people may have enough.

We pray for Allegra, Elodie, Salvatore, Charlie, Lily, Isabelle & Caitlyn who are welcomed into our parish this weekend in preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism next weekend. May they lead a life of faith and love.

We pray for those who are ill especially

We pray for those who have died recently especially: John Callaghan, Denis O'Sullivan, Carmen Edwards, Moira Farrell, Jeanne Crowe and Giuseppe Divito; And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Margaret Redmond, Luigi Bentivoglio, Tom Moloney, Shirley Cullum, Luigi and Angela Cardamone and Iris Sapiano.

Wise and loving God, accept our prayers and sustain our deeds and words by your Spirit. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

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

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 host these events.

ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT Thanks to our collectors who have been conducting the Parish Mass count during May. 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.



SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP BIGGEST MORNING TEA Once again the Senior Friendship Group hosted a wonderful morning tea on Thursday 15 May after a Mass of Anointing. This month the SFG raised money to support the Biggest Morning Tea and Cancer Council. So far the group have raised over \$800 with online donations and cash donations. And it's not too late to donate – just use the QR code. SFG thanks everyone for their generous contributions.





ST THERESE'S TENNIS CLUB (STTC) CENTENARY

ARTICLE FROM THE ARCHIVES: 1924-25: In mid-1924 a few enthusiasts decided to attempt to form a parish tennis club. A meeting was called and the club was launched under the name St Therese's Tennis Club. A number of young men each gave £1 (\$2 today) which was about a fifth of their weekly wage at the time. Horses were hired from John Butler for £1 per head for Saturday afternoons and scoops were also hired to level the ground for two clay courts. A substantial fence surrounding the area was erected. At about this time, the Tramways Board was disposing of its antiquated trams and the Parish Priest, Fr Peter O'Brien, arranged to purchase one for approximately £20 (\$40). This was set up at the eastern side of the two courts (where Court 3 is currently) to be used as a clubhouse. The club became popular and saw 54 financial members.

STTC SEEKING SPONSORS The brief history above is brought to us by the Centenary Celebrations Committee from STTC. The club is using centenary celebrations as an opportunity for fundraising and have written a letter of appeal to parishioners. These are printed and are on church entry tables and are also included at the end of our online newsletter.

PLEASE GIVE TO THE
ESSENDON PARISH

Vinnies Winter appeal

THIS WINTER
HELP PEOPLE BREAK FREE FROM
THE CYCLE OF POVERTY AND
HOMELESSNESS

WEEKEND 31 MAY AND 1 JUNE

With your help and support, young people like sisters Abigail and Isabella can look forward to a brighter future

Envelopes will be available for cash donations



Use the QR code to donate online
Include '176 - Essendon' in the Comments/Conference Name field to ensure your donation comes to our Vinnies conference

TAP))) TO DONATE

TRIAL



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

No receipts are issued from this donation terminal

We are 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

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 3 June

YOU ARE WELCOME

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 24 & 25 MAY (WEEK 4)

MASS	READERS	EUCHARIST
OLN 5:00pm	Michael Balia	Fred Grima
OLN 10:00am	Adrian Commadeur	Michael Portelli
St T's 6.00pm	Tric Joseph & Tony Proctor	Joe Fittipaldi
St T's 9.00am	Bruce White & Christine Nelson	Marg Tormey & Mick O'Brien
St T's 10.30am	Jim Maderazo & Lanelle Eid	Marita Hased-Dunne & Miriam Gandolfo

Adults: <https://sundayreadingsathomeyearc.weebly.com/h1sks0t1.html>

Children: <https://www.childrensliturgyofthewordc.com/ych3rwjcm2.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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Club - Essendon

INVITATION

Parish of Our Lady and St Therese MEN'S COFFEE GROUP

Upcoming Dates

21st May
4th & 18th June
2nd & 16th July
6th & 20th August
3rd & 17th September

1st & 3rd
Wednesdays
each month
from 10:45am
Lincoln Food Store
105 Lincoln Rd
Essendon



CAKE Stall

a fundraiser for St Therese's Tennis Club
Centenary Celebrations

SUNDAY 8 JUNE

Cake Stall & Coffee Van
After Masses at St Therese's



BAKERS WANTED

Parishioners who can help bake for the
stall can drop goods off before Mass.

And if you can't bake,
come along and buy

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!



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

PARISH DIARY

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 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 Funeral service for Janene Dinduck at St Therese's	9:30am 10:30am 11:00am 11:30am
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
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
Weekend 31 May & 1 June	Vinnies Winter Appeal	All Masses
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	
Monday 2 June	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Periera family	
Tuesday 3 June	Sharing Memories Group morning tea in the Annex Sacrament of First Eucharist Faith night at OLN	10:30am 7:00pm
Wednesday 4 June	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store	9:00am 10:45am
Thursday 5 June	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room	9:30am 10:30am
Friday 6 June	St Therese's school Mass Grade 2 & Grade 3 students	10:00am
Sunday 8 June	Pentecost Sunday	

MASSSES

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

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

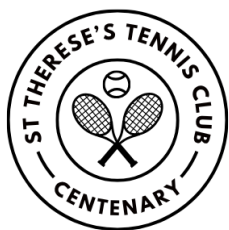
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<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w00000LOj4wAAD&req=subscribe>

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

We acknowledge the traditional 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.





St Therese's Tennis Club

Celebrating 100 years

14 May 2025

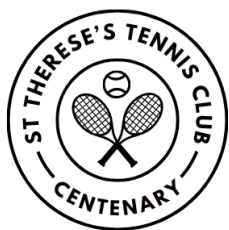
Dear Parishioners,

St. Therese's Tennis Club (STTC) is celebrating its Centenary year in 2025. It is hard to believe that our great club is 100 years old. This significant milestone cannot pass by without us giving appropriate recognition and acknowledgment of the Club's humble beginnings and rich history. To celebrate this very special occasion, we are bringing back the Club Championship competition for our junior and senior members. The tournament will be held across the Kings Birthday weekend on 6 – 8 June 2025, with finals for all grades to be played on Sunday, 8 June 2025.

To give you a glimpse of the humble beginnings of the STTC, we have included a short history of the club in this week's parish bulletin with plans to publish excerpts in the coming weeks. After reading these histories, you will no doubt appreciate the significance of this occasion and just how important the STTC has been, and continues to be, to our local community. The tennis courts were certainly the social hub for our community back in those days and the sport and club environment provided much joy for all involved.

We are doing our best to piece together the history of the STTC. The later decades are just as interesting, if not more so, and certainly multi-generational families around Essendon will have their own memories and stories to tell. We encourage you to reach out to us if you would like to share your memories, photographs, or assist with our historical recollection and we invite you to come along to support our players who will be competing in the tournament across the long weekend.

We also invite our local business community and families to sponsor the STTC Centenary Club Championships event and our fundraising activities. There are many ways in which you can support us. You can donate prizes for our amazing raffle, donate cash to enable us to buy vouchers for the raffle, sponsor or donate money to help us purchase equipment or sponsor the Club on an ongoing basis. Any level of support will be greatly appreciated by the Club Committee and its members, in particular the junior players who are beginning their tennis journey at the Club.



St Therese's Tennis Club

Celebrating 100 years

As a token of our appreciation, your business or family will receive recognition across our social media platforms and through the St. Therese's Parish and Primary School community. Your company or family details will also be included in communications to the STTC membership in relation to the centenary celebrations. We would be pleased to discuss the options with you.

This is truly a unique opportunity for local businesses and residents in our community to support a grass roots tennis club and one that has provided so much enjoyment for many people in our community over the past 100 years.

The STTC clubrooms are in need of refurbishment and the Club Committee and Catherine O'Dea, our club Coach, have identified a number of priorities in this regard. We are also keen to hear from any tradespeople – builders, plumbers, tilers, electricians, painters, handy people – who are willing to donate their time and expertise to make our refurbishment plans come to life.

Thank you for time and consideration. Please feel free to contact our Club President, Nathan O'Brien via the Club email or us directly if you would like to discuss how you can assist our Centenary fundraising activities.

Yours sincerely,

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St. Therese's Tennis Club
Centenary Celebrations – Sub-Committee