



The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

25 May 2025: Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2. 22-29 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:23-29 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

INTERCESSIONS

Sisters and brothers, with Christ our gift of peace, let us turn to God with our intentions

We pray for the Pope Leo and all pastors and leaders in the Church: may they always act in the love of the heart of Jesus and the wisdom of the Spirit.

That nations and peoples who carry long-standing resentment and animosity will seek a better future.

Let us pray that Reconciliation is alive in the hearts, minds and actions Australians as we move forward, as a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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

We pray for the students from St Therese's school and our RE program who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. May they be guided by the Spirit as they continue to grow in faith and life.

We pray for those who are ill.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Giuseppe Divito, Jo & Bob Godden, Brian Delaney and Monica Vargas Cabezas; And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Giulia Paparone, Joseph Meyers, Daniel and Jean McAuslan and Sr Barbara Burke.

God our Father, you give us the greatest gift of love. Hear our prayers and help us to no longer be troubled or afraid, but to embrace your gift of peace and remain faithful to your loving word. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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

ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT We thank our collectors who have been conducting our Parish Mass 'count' 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 is the final weekend of counting.



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK (NRW) is held on the same dates every year – 27 May through to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey; the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively. Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The artwork for the National Reconciliation Week 2025 “Bridging Now to Next” symbolises native plants, renowned for their ability to endure harsh conditions, regenerate after fire, and flourish through adversity. These plants embody the strength and adaptability of people and communities, emphasising the importance of growth in the present while looking toward the future.

To learn more about National Reconciliation Week go to <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/>

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND Next weekend is our annual Vinnies Winter Appeal but before then, a reminder that parishioners can support our SVDP Conference all year by putting any loose change into the ‘Poor Boxes’ at either of our churches. At OLN there is a stand-alone box in the narthex/foyer and at St Therese’s there are black ‘Poor Boxes’ built into the walls of all foyers and at the back of the church. Many thanks for your support! Next weekend we welcome representatives from our Essendon Conference who will launch this year’s Winter Appeal.

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT VOLUNTEERING? We need to ensure that the right people volunteer and support vulnerable members of our congregation. We ensure this by requesting:

- A current and valid volunteer Victorian Working with Children check (and Police checks for particular roles),
- Completion of the Safeguarding Essentials online training every three years, and,
- Reading and understanding the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Framework including signing the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct. Reach out to the parish office for more information.

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. 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

STTC NEWS CENTENARY EDITION		ST THERESE’S TENNIS CLUB	
<p>1926 Popularity in being part of the club was rapidly increasing. The committee decide to hold over membership applications from players outside the parish for two months to give the parishioners the opportunity to have first call on the courts. The maximum membership (70) was reached within a few weeks of this fact being advertised.</p> <p>With approval of Fr Peter O’Brien (Parish Priest), the Building and Finance Committee of the Parish advanced money on a loan basis to asphalt the two courts July 1926. The official opening of the new courts on 1 August was performed by Hon E Kiernan MLC and featured an exhibition match by visiting pennant stars.</p> <p>1930’s The 1930’s were turbulent years for the tennis club. The courts fell into disrepair, debt increased and memberships waned in the early part of the decade.</p>	<p>Eventually the parish committee agreed to finance new courts in the mid 1930’s and the club began to rebuild. The club committee agreed to repay the cost of the new courts with money raised from social events. On 5 September 1937 the third court was officially opened on with a Gala Day of speeches and exhibition and social tennis matches. The increase in members over recent years, had made two courts quite inadequate. Fr Peter O’Brien coopted the Parish Committee to support the effort with financial assistance. The mid-week Ladies Club was formed in 1937. Social events continued to include annual picnics, dinner dances and picture nights.</p> <p>1940’s On 3 September 1940 Mr Frank Daly, a member of the club since its inception, was honoured by having the first Honorary life membership of the club conferred on him. A special presentation was made to recognise Frank’s great work for the club.</p>	<p>Alice Clareborough, a popular and energetic member of the club over a number of years, entered Rossana Convent 26 July 1942 with best wishes from all the members.</p> <p>This period saw several club members enlisting in the military forces. These included Des Brophy, Larry Whiting, Keith Hasted, John Quilty, Ray Whiting, Leo Murphy.</p> <p>The period during World War 2 was tough for the club and there were many changes. This was evident from the following note that was recorded: ‘Afternoon tea has always been an institution and appreciated very much at all times. Tea rationing will be overcome if each member subscribes a small quantity to the club caddy and the secretary is making a canvas with this objective.’</p> <p>In the annual report of 1946-47 the secretary, Mr E Angel states the following: “I have every confidence in predicting that when the history of St Therese’s Tennis Club is written in the years hence the year 1946-47 will go down as one of the greatest.”</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 31 MAY & 1 JUNE (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/ych3rwjcm2.html		

KAM IS BACK NEXT WEEKEND
SATURDAY 31 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

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

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

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

PARISH DIARY

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	9:30am 10:30am
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	
Monday 9 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday: parish office closed Statue of Our Lady moves to the Rob family	
Wednesday 11 June	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am
Thursday 12 June	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room SVDP Regional Council meeting in PACE	9:30am 10:30am 7:00pm
Weekend 14 & 15 June	OLN Students present as candidates for First Eucharist	OLN Masses
Sunday 15 June	The Most Holy Trinity Parish Morning Tea after morning Masses at St Therese's Parish Morning Tea after 10:00am Mass at OLN Parish Baptism Welcoming Mass at St Therese's	10:30am
Monday 16 June	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Mazzarella family SVDP Essendon Conference meeting in PACE	7:00pm
Wednesday 18 June	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store	9:00am 10:45am
Thursday 19 June	Tiny Ts Playgroup in St Therese's Annex Senior Friendship Group morning tea in PACE	9:30am 10:30am

MASSES

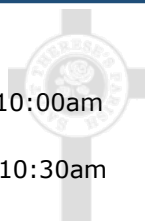
ST THERESE'S CHURCH

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



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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.

