



First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32. 40-41 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people.! Alleluia!

Gospel: John 21:1-19 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (shorter version)

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord,' Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

INTERCESSIONS

Brothers and sisters, fulfilled by the love of our risen Lord, we turn to God with our intentions.

Our God and King, Protect Your Church in this time of transition. Guide the Cardinals in their sacred duty. Grant them Wisdom and Courage, Hope and Charity, and the Faith they need to discern Your Holy Will.

That nations and governments will act in the spirit of Christ by bringing justice to all.

For the staff and volunteers of CatholicCare Victoria: we pray that their work is grounded in love, delivering services and programs which offer care, compassion and hope to those they serve, reflecting CatholicCare Victoria's Guiding Mission.

Let us pray for the twelve participants as they begin the Alpha course this week; that their hearts and minds be open to understand Jesus and what it means to be his disciples.

We pray for those who are ill.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Fr Brian Gore. And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Kevin Oakman, Armando Catania, Mario Campo, Irene & Osmond Bastian, Shirley & Malcolm Baptist, Fr Tom Brophy, Anna Maria Minniti, Marianna Nardo, Marion Plunkett and Reno Barichievich.

God our Father, your Son showed himself as risen from the dead. Hear our prayers and help us to be ever present to those in need, with faith in your great power. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers, and those experiencing grief and trauma. Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

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 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.

ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT START THIS WEEKEND We thank our collectors who will be conducting the Parish Mass 'count' on weekends throughout May beginning this weekend. 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.

KIDS AT MASS THIS SATURDAY We welcome back Kids at Mass this Saturday 3 May at 6:00pm Vigil Mass at St Therese's.

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 email st.thereses.tc@gmail.com to let the club know.

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 CLOSURE IN MAY The parish office will be closed on Thursday 15 May while staff attend offsite training. During the closure, office staff will check emails and voicemail messages periodically. Parish activities that day including Anointing Mass and morning tea, will go ahead as planned.

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

Dear friends at St Therese's and Our Lady of the Nativity communities,

Once more, on behalf of all in our parish communities, acknowledge the time, talent and effort that went into preparation and celebration of our Holy Week and Easter liturgies, with music, decor and setting up, in both of our churches in April. Sorry I am a bit slow in following up, but with weddings and funerals either side of Easter, Baptisms, call outs for Anointing, and two school Masses for Pope Frances, time has got away from me. But I did express our gratitude for all of your efforts at the Easter Masses at which I was celebrant.

Thanks also go to Father Bernie Lane, our Columban friend, who is so willing to help out, and also Father Colin McLean, who co-ordinated the Good Friday Stations of the Cross out on the streets in Essendon (some photos of which we include below), and to those who actively participated.

Then there are the background workers in the parish office, co-ordinating timetables, rosters, liturgy sheets, as well as taking calls, so I do thank them all too.

There are too many to identify individually for their contribution, so please accept this as a general, but personal acknowledgement to all who contributed in some way.

I also express thanks to those who did make a contribution to the Easter Offerings.

Hoping you all enjoyed a happy Easter celebration with families and friends, following your terrific and much appreciated efforts.

It's a sad time as we farewell Pope Francis, but remember his positive and powerful legacy in leading the way in our Church in challenging times, walking with the people all the way to the end!

Warmest wishes and thanks to all.

John Hannon PP



MINISTRY ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 10 & 11 MAY (WEEK 2)

MASS	READERS	EUCCHARIST
OLN 5:00pm	Georgina Kucera & John Harris	Kathy Ferguson
OLN 10:00am	Gerald Mullen	Mark Donahoo
St T's 6.00pm	John O'Connor	Tony Proctor
St T's 9.00am	Lynette Russo	Tony Belcastro & David Gloury
St T's 10.30am	Lucy Angelico	Rosa Pierorazio & Marg Moore

Adults: <https://sundayreadingsathomeyearc.weebly.com/h1sks0t1.html>
 Children: <https://www.childrensliturgyofthewordc.com/ych3rwjcm2.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!

**NO PLAYGROUP ON THURSDAY 8 MAY
BACK ON THURSDAY 15 MAY IN THE ANNEX**

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

KAM IS BACK THIS 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

PARISH DIARY

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 CANCELLED Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room SVDP Regional Conference meeting in PACE	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
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

MASSES

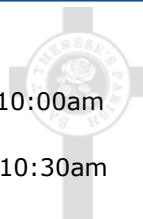
ST THERESE'S CHURCH

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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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 The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon 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."

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.

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 parish. (This is assuming you are a registered parishioner)

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