



The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

29 June 2025: Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles Year C
Peter's Pence Appeal

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the power of Herod.

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord set me free from all my fears.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are Peter, and I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

INTERCESSIONS

The words we speak display the yearnings of the heart. Let us turn to the Lord in prayer and place our needs before him.

For the Church throughout the world: may we be a Church that moves forward, a Church that always seeks peace, that always seeks charity, that always seeks to be close above all to those who are suffering.

That each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world. (*Pope Leo's prayer intention for June 2025*)

That missionaries all over the world will be inspired by Saints Peter and Paul, on whose faith the Church is built.

That those responsible for armed conflict in so many parts of the world, may be persuaded to turn from violence to sincere dialogue and peaceful outcomes.

For our parish: give us the strength and guidance to grow and remain strong in our service to God, our families and our neighbours.

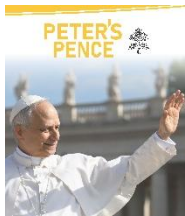
We pray for those who are ill especially: Malcolm Burnell

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Peter McEnroe, Mary Hannabery, Maureen Capuano, John Noce, Eileen Barry, Vita Oliveri, Patrick Shannon, Grazia Mazzarella and Francisco Escobar Pascual. And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Joseph & Ana Marija Udovicic, Patricia Hartnett, Giuseppina & Orazio Giampiccolo, Gerald Kavanagh, Terry Cullum, Giuseppe Strati.

God our Father, hear our prayer. May our thoughts and deeds bring us closer to your truth. We ask this through Christ the Lord.

Amen

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



PETER'S PENCE APPEAL THIS WEEKEND Catholics around Australia are encouraged to support the Peter's Pence appeal next weekend on the Feast of St Peter and St Paul. The proceeds from this collection fund (among other endeavours) the Pope's emergency assistance relief programs throughout the world which help suffering victims of war, oppression and natural disasters.

HOW TO DONATE Cash offerings must be placed in the envelopes available on church entry tables and then dropped in any Mass collection over the next couple of weeks or handed in at the parish office. All online donations should be made using the QR code.



ALPHA CONNECT KICK-START The Alpha Team invites past participants of the Alpha Programs to an evening to be held at PACE Function Room on Tuesday 1 July. The aim of the evening to re-connect with your fellow Alpha participants and establish Alpha Connect groups. The evening will run between 19:00 and 21:15 and like all Alpha evenings, will commence with a light meal, followed by a video presentation and or talk, and a discussion around commencing the Alpha Connect groups. To register for the evening, please use the QR code on the next page.

REGISTER AS A PARISHIONER We encourage all who participate in the worship, mission, and ministry of our parish community to officially register as a parishioner. Parish Registration forms are available on church entrance tables.

JOIN THE PARISH SUPPORT OFFERING PROGRAMME If you'd like to join in the Parish Support Programme with regular automatic payments, Parish Direct Debit Forms are available on church entrance tables.

OFFERING ENVELOPES Uncollected 2025/2026 envelopes are on church entrance tables organised by street name.

OLN SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE BEGINS Preparatory works for the new sound system at OLN began this week with electricians onsite starting the project of the removal and upgrade of the Main switchboard. During this project (which includes the removal of asbestos in the switchboard cupboard) there will be times/days when OLN church will be closed and unavailable. As much possible we will try to advertise closure dates in the bulletin so as not to inconvenience parishioners. At this stage the closures will only occur on weekdays.

CONTRIBUTE TO THE UPGRADE Generous parishioners have already donated \$3100 to the \$31,000 project and we'd be grateful for further financial contributions. If you would like to donate you can send cheques or make credit card payments via the parish office or make EFT payments to the parish account. **Account name:** The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese Essendon **BSB:** 083-347 **Account Number:** 67640 1701 and use the reference "OLN Sound" and your last name.

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,
- 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 or grab a Volunteer Application from church entry tables.

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

APPEALS CALENDAR FOR REMAINDER OF 2025	
DATE	APPEAL/ OBSERVANCE
28 & 29 June	Peter's Pence: Intentions of the Holy Father
5 & 6 July	Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday: Opening the Doors Foundation Appeal
19 & 20 July	Propagation of the Faith: Catholic Mission Appeal
17-31 August (3 weekends)	The Archbishop's Campaign
4 & 5 October	Jubilee of Migrants: Refugee and Asylum Seeker Appeal
1 st weekend in December	Christmas Appeal: St Vincent de Paul Society

MINISTRY ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 5 & 6 JULY (WEEK 1)		
MASS	READERS	EUCCHARIST
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		

Tiny Ts Playgroup

A great place to make new friends!

All-weather with indoor and outdoor space

For infant to school-aged children

Grandparents welcome!



WHEN: Thursday morning in school terms
9.30am – 10:30am

WHERE: St Therese's PACE Function Room
48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon

COST: Free of charge

EMAIL: stthereses.tinyts@gmail.com

Alpha Connect



*The Alpha Team invites all past participants
at our parish to re-connect at*

Alpha Connect Kick-Start

ST THERESE'S
PACE FUNCTION ROOM
48A LINCOLN RD, ESSENDON

Tuesday, 01-JULY-2025
7:00pm until 9:15pm



PLEASE REGISTER /
BOOK

Use the QR code to
book online



SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS GROUP

The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese

Parishioners and other interested people are invited to attend
our weekly Gospel reflections session

PACE Meeting Room Thursdays 10:30am

Weekly Meetings are held after 10:00am Mass on
Thursdays for a short session (one hour maximum)

A great way to meet and engage with people who share a
passion for scripture

Look at Sunday's Gospel with a focus on reflections
written by His Holiness Pope Francis

Printed materials are provided to participants.

No need to book, just turn up for the session.

**PACE is located at
48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon**

Collection 2025

PETER'S PENCE



Hope in the Lord! Hold firm,
take heart and hope in the Lord!

Ps 27:14




MAKE YOUR DONATION TO THE HOLY FATHER

Offerings are designated for the Pope's apostolic and charitable ministry



PARISH DIARY	Friday 27 June	Parish office closed due to staff leave The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Whole school Mass at St Therese's	10:00am
	Weekend 28 & 29 June	Peter's Pence Annual Appeal	All Masses
	Sunday 29 June	Feast of Saints Peter and Paul Men's Choir singing at St Therese's church	10:30am
	Tuesday 1 July	Sharing Memories Group morning tea in the Annex	10:30am
	Wednesday 2 July	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store	9:00am 10:45am
	Thursday 3 July	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room Rosary and Requiem Mass for Vita Oliveri at St Therese's	9:30am 10:30am 11:00am
	Friday 4 July	Last day of school term 2	
	Weekend 5 & 6 July	Opening the Doors Foundation Appeal	All Masses
	Saturday 5 July	Men's Choir singing at OLN church	5:00pm
	Sunday 6 July	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday	
	Tuesday 8 July	Requiem Mass for Mary Hannabery at St Therese's	11:30am
	Wednesday 9 July	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am
	Thursday 10 July	Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room SVDP Regional Council meeting in PACE	10:30am 7:00pm
	Wednesday 16 July	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store	9:00am 10:45am
	Thursday 17 July	Mass of Anointing at St Therese's Senior Friendship Group morning tea in PACE	10:00am 10:30am
	Weekend 19 & 20 July	Propagation of the Faith Appeal (Catholic Mission)	All Masses
	Sunday 20 July	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 21 July	First day of school term 3 SVDP Essendon Conference meeting in PACE	7:00pm
	Tuesday 22 July	Mass at Ryman Raelene Boyle Village	11:00am
	Wednesday 23 July	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am
	Thursday 24 July	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room Mass at Arcadia Aged Care	9:30am 10:30am 11:00am
	Friday 25 July	OLN school Mass for Grandparents	9:00am

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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PARISH CONTACTS	<p align="center">PARISH PRIEST Fr John Hannon</p> <p align="center">Office phone: 9401 6330 Office address: 48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon</p> <p align="center">Office email: essendon@cam.org.au Website: www.essendoncatholic.org.au</p> <p align="center">Office hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm</p> <p align="center">After-Hours phone: 0490 956 610 (answering service)</p> <p align="center">St Vincent de Paul Helpline: 1800 305 330 WEEKDAYS 10:00am–3:00pm</p> <p align="center">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</p> <p align="center"><i>Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.</i></p> <p align="center"><i>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.</i></p>	
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