



# The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

8 June 2025: Pentecost Year C

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 14:15-16. 23-26 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.*

Jesus said to his disciples

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever. 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 that I have said to you.'

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## INTERCESSIONS

*Sisters and brothers, with the Holy Spirit as our gift, let us bring our prayers before God.*

That the Holy Church all over the world will be united in the spirit of peace.

That all members of our own community be always open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we may continue to build the body of Christ in this place.

For the leaders of the nations, that they would develop the fruits of the Spirit and act with love, kindness and peace working together for the common good.

Loving God, we pray for the children/youth of the world. That they may grow to be just leaders, inspired by your Son Jesus to bring about your kingdom on earth.

For those whom this fast-changing world has marginalised: that communities will be moved to gather in all who may feel lost, or left out, or left behind.

We pray for those who are ill.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Anne Blundo and Wendy Fernandez; And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Gwen Carroll, Carmelo & Connie Schembri, Bridie Lennon and Maria Tripodi.

*Loving God, you sent the Holy Spirit to us to make us strong in our faith. Help us to listen to the Spirit and live as children of God. We make our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen*

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**WHICH PRIEST WHERE** This weekend we welcome back Fr Tony Feeney and send our grateful thanks to Fr Bernie who has provided supply to weekend Masses for the first part of 2025. Our schedule this weekend will see Fr John preside at all Masses at OLN and the 9:00am Sunday Mass at St Therese's. while Fr Tony presides at Saturday 6:00pm and Sunday 10:30am Mass at St Therese's. Next weekend Fr John will preside at all St Therese's Masses while Fr Tony presides at OLN for all Masses.

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**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.

**PARISH SUPPORT OFFERING ENVELOPES** The 2025/2026 envelopes for our parish are now available to collect from church entrance tables. Envelopes are grouped and organised alphabetically by STREET NAME. If you find your neighbour's we'd love you to deliver them.

**ENVELOPE CHANGE** Parishioners who donate via envelopes will see that we have moved to a standard Parish Support Offering envelope across both Mass centres. Cash donations for both church and clergy support should be put together into your weekly envelope. The parish will distribute the funds as per your parishioner pledge, which we have on record. If you would like to check your pledge and how we distribute your donation you can contact the parish office. PSP envelopes can be put on the collection plate at Masses at either church.

**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 or go online to <https://www.essendoncatholic.org.au/our-parish/parish-registration-and-support/>

**TAP & GO PAYMENTS** If you'd like to support the parish with a once-off donation (up to \$99) you can use the Tap & Go terminal at St Therese's church (coming soon to OLN). Donations received through the T&G terminals are anonymous and funds are distributed equally between the church (parish) and the clergy (presbytery) bank accounts.

**REGISTER AS A PARISHIONER** If you feel that the Parish of Our Lady and St Therese is your spiritual home, we encourage you to officially register as a parishioner and we hope that you will participate in the worship, mission, and ministry of our parish community. Parish Registration forms are available on church entrance tables.

**OLN SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE** The parish is delighted to announce the completion of the design and pricing stage of the project to upgrade the sound system at OLN church. We're very grateful for the hard work of our volunteer, Mario Iacobaccio, who has spent many hours designing and pricing the new sound system. We are confident that at the end of this project OLN church will have a good-quality and user-friendly sound system which is fit for purpose. The project has some complexities and includes a strategy for installation that is as sympathetic to the church décor/structure/architecture as possible. The project will also include an upgrade to the Main Switchboard and removal of asbestos in the existing switchboard cupboard.

**CONTRIBUTE TO THE OLN SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE** The cost of the upgrade project will be close to \$31,000. The parish has some generous parishioners who have expressed willingness to donate to the project and we'd be grateful for any financial contributions to offset the cost. If you would like to make a contribution you can send cheques to the parish office or contact the office for other payment options.



**VINNIES WINTER APPEAL** The annual Vinnies Winter Appeal funds the works of our Essendon St Vincent De Paul Conference who support Companions across our parish. Funds raised through the Winter Appeal will support people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, and people struggling with poverty and cost-of-living pressures. Envelopes are available for cash and credit card donations. Donate: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal> or by scanning the QR code on the next page. **PLEASE NOTE:** when donating online there is a Comments/Conference Name field at the bottom of the details page. Please add '176 - Essendon' here to ensure your donation comes to the Vinnies conference here in our local area. You can also call 13 18 12 to donate.

APPEALS CALENDAR FOR REMAINDER OF 2025	
DATE	APPEAL/ OBSERVANCE
1 <sup>st</sup> weekend of June	Winter Appeal: St Vincent de Paul Society
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 <sup>st</sup> weekend in December	Christmas Appeal: St Vincent de Paul Society

MINISTRY ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 14 & 15 JUNE (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: <a href="https://sundayreadingsathomeyearc.weebly.com/h1sks0t1.html">https://sundayreadingsathomeyearc.weebly.com/h1sks0t1.html</a> Children: <a href="https://www.childre sliturgyofthewordc.com/ych3rwjcm2.html">https://www.childre sliturgyofthewordc.com/ych3rwjcm2.html</a>		



# 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](mailto:stthereses.tinyts@gmail.com)

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

### Upcoming Dates

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



PLEASE GIVE TO THE  
ESSENDON PARISH

## Vinnies Winter appeal

**THIS WINTER**

**HELP PEOPLE BREAK FREE  
FROM THE CYCLE OF POVERTY  
AND HOMELESSNESS**

### YOU CAN STILL DONATE

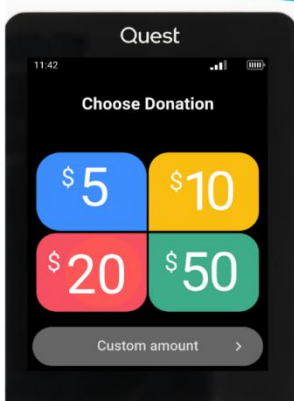
With your help and support, young people like sisters Abigail and Isabella can look forward to a brighter future

Envelopes are available for all cash donations. Put them on the plate this weekend, bring them back next week or drop them off to the parish office.



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



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 have recently been trialing the use of a 'Tap and Go' terminal at St Therese's and are now planning on installing a second terminal at St Therese's church and a single terminal at OLN church

Please note that receipts are not issued and donations received via the terminal are anonymous

Donations from the terminals will be divided 50-50 between church and clergy

# PARISH DIARY

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
Weekend 21 & 22 June	Sacrament of First Eucharist at OLN	OLN Masses
Sunday 22 June	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Parish Baptisms at St Therese's	12:00pm
Monday 23 June	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Mazzarella family	
Tuesday 24 June	The Nativity of John the Baptist	
Wednesday 25 June	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am
Thursday 26 June	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room Sharing Memories Evening gathering in PACE function room	9:30am 10:30am 7:00pm
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	9:30am 10:30am
Friday 4 July	Last day of school term 2	

# 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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<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.*