



# The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

13 July 2025: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 30:10-14 A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.*

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 10:25-37 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Who is my neighbour?*

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

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## INTERCESSIONS

*Dear friends, let us bring our intentions before the Lord, who we trust in love.*

That, like Christ the sower, our Holy Father, Pope Leo, will continue to reveal God's word to all people.

May the Holy Spirit allow us to see that all people are our neighbours. May we reflect God's unconditional love to all those we meet.

We pray for peace for families and communities caught up in violence and conflict throughout the world. We pray for the peacemakers working to end the wars.

We pray for the world: may we be inspired to share in the griefs, anxieties, joys, and hopes of all God's people and all of creation, speaking up to challenge suffering, death and destruction.

We pray for those who are ill.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Mary Hannabery, Alicia Assmann, Francesco Pulitano, Francesco Gregorio, Mary Brown, Margaret Norrie and Michael Brown; And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: James Michael Smith, Salvatore Ganci, Andrew Gray, Lucia Mazzone, Laura Colonnello, Vincent Catterall and John Noce.

*Loving God, hear our prayers and help us to live prayerful lives as we rejoice in the mystery of Christ present to us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

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**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.

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**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.

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**CONTRIBUTE TO THE OLN SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE** Generous parishioners have donated \$4700 to the \$31,000 project. 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.

**ANOINTING MASS AND MORNING TEA** Next week there will be a Mass of Anointing at St Therese's followed by morning tea in PACE hosted by the Parish Friendship Group on Thursday 17 July. All welcome. Details on next page.

**PARISH MORNING TEAS NEXT WEEKEND** Next weekend we will hold our monthly Sunday morning teas after Masses at both Our Lady of the Nativity and St Therese's churches.

**MEMORIAL GARDEN AT ST THERESE'S** St Therese's Church Memorial and Precious Angels Garden was established in 2011 to allow committed parishioners to remember their deceased loved ones, by interment or memorial plaque. Today the garden is available to all active/involved parishioners of The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon. There are now 64 inground interment plots and 11 columbariums remaining for purchase with no plans to extend the garden. Parishioners interested in securing a place in the garden should contact the parish office. Info: <https://www.essendoncatholic.org.au/our-parish/memorial-garden-and-precious-angels-monument/> Please note that there will be a price increase on 1 August 2025. We are currently not approving purchase for people without a current connection to the parish.

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



For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

**This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.**

**APPEAL WEEKEND 19 & 20 JULY**



**Freecall: 1800 257 296**  
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APPEALS CALENDAR FOR REMAINDER OF 2025	
DATE	APPEAL/ OBSERVANCE
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 19 & 20 JULY (WEEK 3)		
MASS	READERS	EUCARIST
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.childrensliturgyofthewordc.com/yhc3rwjcm2.html">https://www.childrensliturgyofthewordc.com/yhc3rwjcm2.html</a>		

**PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST THERESE**

## SAFEGUARDING

**Volunteers must:**

- Hold a current Working With Children Check and must list the parish as a place you volunteer
- Complete the CAM Safeguarding Essentials Training Certification every three years
- Acknowledge The Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct every three years

**DOES THIS APPLY TO YOU?**



SCAN FOR DETAILS

Church Cleaning ~ Collector ~ Counter  
 Data Projector Operator ~ Eucharistic Minister  
 Finance Committee ~ Gardening ~ Kids at Mass  
 Lector ~ Liturgy Team  
 Maintenance ~ Men's Choir ~ Music Ministry  
 Parish Leadership Team ~ Pastoral Visitation  
 Play Group Leader (Tiny T's)  
 Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Group  
 Sacristan ~ Senior Friendship Group  
 Special Projects ~ Wedding Helper ~ Welcoming Team

**DO THE SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO YOU?  
 NO MATTER HOW YOU VOLUNTEER IN THE PARISH  
 THE ANSWER IS YES**

To maintain accurate records ALL volunteers must be registered parishioners





**THE NEXT  
GENERATION:  
STRENGTH,  
VISION &  
LEGACY**  
6-13 JULY 2025

Ancestral Lines by Jeremy Morgan Worrall

This artwork is a visual representation of the generational lines that carry through my mob, when I think of the next generation, I think towards my ancestors—my strength, my lineage, Maria Wright—through to my Nanna Audrie and my Mother Vanessa. Looking back gives me the strength and vision to look forward. Each figure in the painting is tied to family lines, like songlines, reflecting what they knew and what they passed on. The first represents love, hunting, and tracking. The second reflects care, weaving, and love. The third shows the two combined, while the final two carry unfinished elements—symbols of knowledge and care in motion. Above them sits the essence of Country—swirling skies and a giant moon over Emuville. It is by the fire, under these cool skies where the next generation finds their strength, vision, and legacy.

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NAIDOC Week Mass Sunday 13 July 2025 at 11:00am  
St Francis' Church, 326 Lonsdale St, Melbourne

# Parish Friendship Group Morning Tea

PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF  
OUR PARISH ARE INVITED TO

**A Mass of Anointing  
Thursday 17 July**

**at 10:00am**

**St Therese's Church**

**followed by**

**Morning Tea**

**in PACE Function Room**

*All welcome*

## 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**

## PARISH GARDENING GROUP PRUNING DAY

*Saturday 26 July*

*9:00am*

*St Therese's*

*It's the season for  
PRUNING!*

*Join the gardening group at  
St Therese's for a morning of  
pruning and tidying up*

*BYO gardening tools*


*All welcome, especially green  
thumbs!*

*Morning tea provided*



PARISH DIARY	Monday 14 July	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Rosario family	
	Tuesday 15 July	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's	10:00am
	Wednesday 16 July	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store Requiem Mass for Francesco Gregorio at St Therese's	9:00am 10:45am 12:00pm
	Thursday 17 July	Mass of Anointing at St Therese's Parish Friendship Group morning tea in PACE	10:00am 10:30am
	Friday 18 July	Requiem Mass for Michael Brown at St Therese's	11:00am
	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 three SVPD 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
	Saturday 26 July	St Therese's Gardening Group Pruning morning	9:00am
	Sunday 27 July	Parish Baptisms at St Therese's	12:00pm
	Wednesday 30 July	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am
	Thursday 31 July	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room	9:30am 10:30am
	Saturday 2 August	Kids at Mass at St Therese's	6:00pm
	Tuesday 5 August	Sharing Memories Group morning tea in the Annex	10:30am
	Wednesday 6 August	The Transfiguration of the Lord Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store	9:00am 10:45am
	Thursday 7 August	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room	9:30am 10:30am
	Friday 8 August	Feast of St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop)	
	Wednesday 13 August	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am
	Thursday 14 August	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room SVPD Regional Council meeting in PACE	9:30am 10:30am 7:00pm

MASSES	<b>ST THERESE'S CHURCH</b> 48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon <b>Weekday Masses:</b> Tuesday to Friday 10:00am <b>Weekend Masses:</b> Saturday 6:00pm Sunday 9:00am & 10:30am <b>Reconciliation:</b> Saturday 5:45pm	<b>OUR LADY OF THE NATIVITY CHURCH</b> 31 Fawkner St, Aberfeldie <b>Weekend Masses:</b> Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:00am <b>Reconciliation:</b> Saturday 4:45pm
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PARISH CONTACTS	<p align="center"><b>PARISH PRIEST</b> Fr John Hannon</p> <p align="center"><b>Office phone:</b> 9401 6330 <b>Office address:</b> 48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon</p> <p align="center"><b>Office email:</b> <a href="mailto:essendon@cam.org.au">essendon@cam.org.au</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.essendoncatholic.org.au">www.essendoncatholic.org.au</a></p> <p align="center"><b>Office hours:</b> Monday to Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm</p> <p align="center"><b>After-Hours phone:</b> 0490 956 610 (answering service)</p> <p align="center"><b>St Vincent de Paul Helpline:</b> 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:  <a href="https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w00000LOj4wAAD&amp;req=subscribe">https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w00000LOj4wAAD&amp;req=subscribe</a></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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By Arya DSB, Year 7



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