



The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

20 July 2025: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Catholic Mission Appeal

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10 A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

INTERCESSIONS

Dear friends, as God's people we pray for the needs of the Church and the world. Loving God, we ask that you hear our prayers today in the hope that all people can have life and have it to the full.

For our Pope, that he will continue to show the compassion of Christ to the world.

That we might learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel. *Pope Leo's prayer intention for July 2025*

For all missionaries, that they will be inspired to continue the saving work of Christ.

For all of us, that we will continue to be a source of hope and love for all people, and live out our faith through our actions.

We pray for the children who are welcomed into our parish this weekend in preparation for Baptism next weekend. That they lead a life of faith and love for all.

We pray for those who are ill.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Francesco Gregorio, Michael Brown, Susan Bellen and Mary Addison; And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Brendan Gurry, Clare Rosario, Denis Sully, Vera Oliveri and Jack Pattison.

God of all people, fill our hearts with your Holy Spirit, that we will act justly in our relationships with each other and for our brothers and sisters all over the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

WHICH PRIEST WHERE This 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 Next weekend Fr John will preside at St Therese's Masses and Fr Tony will preside at OLN Masses.

PARISH MORNING TEAS THIS SUNDAY Parishioners are invited for a cuppa and biscuit after Sunday morning Masses this weekend at both churches. At St Therese's the cuppa will be served in the PACE function room and at OLN they will be served in the foyer of the church. We thank the members of our Welcoming and Parish Leadership teams who host these monthly events. Morning teas are held on the third Sunday of each month. Just a note that next month there will be no morning tea at St Therese's.

GARDENING GROUP WORKING BEE Next Saturday from 9:00am the parish gardening group will meet at St Therese's to prune the roses and tidy up the gardens. Even if you're not a member of the group you are welcome to come along as there are many roses to prune and plenty of weeding and tidying up to do. Morning tea will be provided in PACE. Please note, in the case of severe weather, the working bee will be rescheduled to another date.

MISSIONARIES OF

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CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL WEEKEND

This weekend, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely. We are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby received a safe and dignified start to life.

TO DONATE: You can support this work by using the appeal envelopes available on church pews and entrance tables, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code.



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FRIENDSHIP GROUP Our Senior Friendship Group (SFG) is one of our great parish strengths and has been successfully operating for the past 15 years. When established, the group's aim was to provide monthly opportunities for our older parishioners to come together to share a cup of tea and cake. The committee have recently been involved in the parish strategic development discussions which gave them an opportunity to consider how to operate into the future. After a number of discussions, the group have decided to slightly change their name in order to remain contemporary and inclusive - a place where all parishioners from both Our Lady of the Nativity as well as St Therese's feel welcome and comfortable. You will now see all group activities listed as the Parish Friendship Group (PFG) in the weekly bulletin. Everyone is welcome to join!

MEMORIAL GARDEN AT ST THERESE'S St Therese's Church Memorial and Precious Angels Garden was established in 2011 primarily for St Therese's parishioners. Today the garden is available to all active/involved parishioners of The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon (regardless of which church you regularly attend) for the interment of cremated remains along with the installation of a memorial plaque. There are no plans to extend the garden and there is now a limited number of inground interment plots and columbariums remaining for purchase.

Parishioners interested in securing a place in the garden should contact the parish office as soon as possible. Info: <https://www.essendoncatholic.org.au/our-parish/memorial-garden-and-precious-angels-monument/>

In order to allow parishioners the opportunity to secure places in the garden we are no longer approving purchase for people without a current connection to the parish. Further, it is no longer possible to install a plaque on the memorial wall without purchasing an inground interment plot.

Please note that there will be a price increase on 1 August 2025.

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.

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
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 26 & 27 JULY (WEEK 4)

MASS	READERS	EUCHARIST
OLN 5:00pm	Michael Balia	Fred Grima
OLN 10:00am	Adrian Commadeur	Michael Portelli
St T's 6.00pm	Tric Joseph & Tony Proctor	Joe Fittipaldi
St T's 9.00am	Bruce White & Christine Nelson	Marg Tormey & Mick O'Brien
St T's 10.30am	Jim Maderazo & Lanelle Eid	Marita Hassed-Dunne & Miriam Gandolfo

Adults: <https://sundayreadingsathomeyearc.weebly.com/h1sks0t1.html>

Children: <https://www.childrensliturgyofthewordc.com/ych3rwjcm2.html>

KAM WILL BE BACK
SATURDAY 2 AUGUST
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

REMAINING DATES FOR 2025
2 August, 11 October & 6 December

ESSENDON PARISH

SAFEGUARDING

ALL 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 ME
FOR
DETAILS

YES

ALL volunteers must be registered as parishioners

If you are a volunteer but not a registered parishioner please fill in a Parishioner Registration Form (available from church entry tables) and return it to the parish office

Tiny Ts Playgroup

A great place to make new friends!

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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

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	Weekend 19 & 20 July	Propagation of the Faith Appeal (Catholic Mission)	All Masses
	Sunday 20 July	One-month memorial Mass for Vera Oliveri at St Therese's One year anniversary Mass for Clare Rosario at OLN 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	9:00am 10:00am 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 Funeral service for Susan Bullen at St Therese's	11:00am 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 Mass at Trevi Court Aged Care	9:30am 10:30am 11:00am 1:30pm
	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
	Monday 28 July	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Dang family	
	Tuesday 29 July	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's	10:00am
	Wednesday 30 July	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am
	Thursday 31 July	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am
	Saturday 2 August	Kids at Mass at St Therese's	6:00pm
	Monday 4 August	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Christie family	
	Tuesday 5 August	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's Sharing Memories Group morning tea in the Annex	10:00am 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 Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am
	Friday 8 August	Feast of St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop)	
	Monday 11 August	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Whiting family	
	Tuesday 12 August	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's	10:00am
	Wednesday 13 August	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	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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