



The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

17 August 2025: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10 A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, come to my aid!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

INTERCESSIONS

Let us call on God to come to our aid.

We pray for the Church: may our leaders be faithful to the justice and peace teachings of Jesus, offering hope for our trouble world.

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.

That leaders and their governments will work together to find a just path to peace in Ukraine and Gaza.

We pray for our country during Keep Australia Beautiful week. With God's help we can build a strong and healthy environment to care for a strong and healthy national family.

We pray for those who are ill.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Giuseppina Nesci; And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Palma Monardo, Sheila and Jim O'Brien, Robert John Iles, Jeff Anderson, Jean O'Brien, Mary Gilmore, Leigh Wallmeyer and Antonio Tripodi.

Dear God, we know that you are with us always. Help us to keep our eye always on your Son Jesus and to live our lives as true followers. Amen

WHICH PRIEST WHERE This weekend Fr Tony Feeney will say all Masses at St Therese's while Fr Colin McLean presides at our OLN Masses. Next weekend Fr Colin will preside at all St Therese's Masses and Fr Tony will preside at OLN Masses. Fr Tony and Fr Colin will rotate Masses in this way until Fr John returns from leave.

FR JOHN ON LEAVE While Fr John is away on annual leave a Liturgy of the Word with Communion service will replace 10:00am Masses on Tuesday and Thursday at St Therese's while Fr Colin will preside at 10:00am Masses on Wednesdays and Fridays. There is no After-Hours message service while Fr John is away and we won't have a priest in residence to attend the sick and dying. For patients in hospitals, families should contact the hospital chaplain.

ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN The Archbishop's Campaign Appeal collection will be next weekend, the 23 & 24 August.

HOW TO DONATE: This weekend there are campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards around the church. Parishioners can take envelopes home to fill them out and return them next weekend. **NEXT WEEKEND** 23 & 24 August we will ask our collectors to arrange a 'leaving collection' where loose cash donations can be given at the end of Masses.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES The parish office will be closed on Mondays until further notice to accommodate staff leave. The office will also be closed on Wednesday 17 September when staff will attend the quarterly Parish Administration Forum at the Catholic Leadership Centre (CLC) in East Melbourne. These admin forums, facilitated by the Executive Director's office of the Archdiocese, are an important opportunity for parish staff to keep informed and up to date on Archdiocesan developments.

PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP Our PFG hold monthly gatherings in PACE. This month the group will be dishing out delicious home-made soup instead of the usual cuppa this Thursday 21 August from 10:30am in PACE.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS GROUP Meet every Thursday in the PACE meeting room at 10:30am except on the third Thursday of the month when our PFG host their morning tea.

TINY TS PLAYGROUP Our playgroup meets every Thursday during the school term at 9:30am. The group usually meet in PACE but this Thursday they'll meet in the Annex while our friendship group set up in PACE.

MEN'S COFFEE GROUP The Men's coffee group meet at Lincoln Food Store on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 10:45am. The next gathering will be this coming Wednesday 20 August

SHARING MEMORIES GROUP Our Sharing Memories group meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the Annex at St Therese's church at 10:30am. The next gathering will be on Tuesday 2 September.

WHY DO WE HAVE TWO MASS COLLECTIONS? Funds from each weekend Mass collection are allocated differently, in fact into different bank accounts. So, where does the money go?

FIRST COLLECTION (Church Bank Account):

- Utilities (gas, electricity, internet etc) for church and presbytery buildings
- Repairs, maintenance and capital works for church and presbytery buildings
- Property expenses for churches, presbytery and other parish buildings including insurance, rates and water charges.
- Motor vehicle expense reimbursements for our parish priest
- Supply* costs during the parish priest's annual holidays or sick leave
- Archdiocesan Quota Levy
- Liturgical, pastoral and administrative expenses including staff wages, office expenses etc
- Discretionary spending in support of disadvantaged people living in our parish and parish groups.

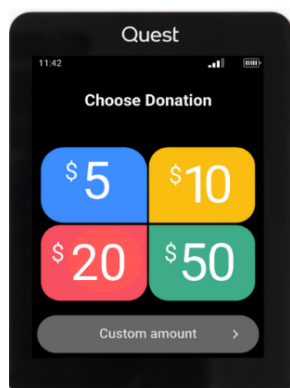
SECOND COLLECTION (Presbytery Bank Account):

- Living expenses/stipend for our Parish Priest
- Supply* costs for the priests who share our regular Mass schedule with Fr John,
- Subsidy which goes to the many parishes whose income cannot financially support their priest.
- Support of the Archbishop
- Support of retired priests

The second collection is never for an appeal. Appeals are handled separately from our usual collections.

*Supply fees are payments made for the services of fill-in priests and usually are paid out of the second collection however when Fr John is on leave the supply fees are paid out of the first collection.

TAP))) TO DONATE IS HERE



Tap N Go terminals are now installed at both churches

At St Therese's there are two machines: One on the entry table at the main entrance and the other is on the table at the Lincoln Rd side entrance

At OLN the machine is located on the foyer table

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

Receipts are not issued from the terminal and donations are anonymous

Funds are distributed 50/50 between church account and presbytery account

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

MINISTRY ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 23 & 24 AUGUST (WEEK 4)

MASS	READERS	EUCARIST
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		

Parish Friendship Group Winter Warmer

PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS ARE
INVITED TO ATTEND

THURSDAY 21 AUGUST

10:30am

PACE FUNCTION ROOM

Instead of the usual cuppa we'll be
serving up delicious homemade soup
to warm the body and soul

All welcome

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!

All-weather with indoor and outdoor space

For infant to school-aged children

Grandparents welcome!

IN THE ANNEX THURSDAY 21 AUGUST



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

COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Your generous gift supports
ministries across the Archdiocese
—bringing the Good News to life
not only in word, but in action.

Thank you.



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ONLINE


THE
ARCHBISHOP'S
CAMPAIGN
2025



Envelopes and brochures available this
weekend to take home and fill out

PARISH DIARY	Weekend 16 & 17 August	The Archbishop's Campaign launches (no collection)	
	Sunday 17 August	Parish Morning Tea after 10:00am Mass at OLN Parish Baptism Welcoming Mass at St Therese's	10:30am
	Monday 18 August	Parish office closed Statue of Our Lady moves to the D'Cruz family SVDP Essendon Conference meeting in PACE	7:00pm
	Tuesday 19 August	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's	10:00am
	Wednesday 20 August	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store Rosary and Requiem Mass for Giuseppina Nesci at St Therese's	9:00am 10:45am 11:30am
	Thursday 21 August	Tiny Ts Playgroup in St Therese's Annex Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's Parish Friendship Group Winter Warmer morning tea in PACE	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am
	Weekend 23 & 24 August	Archbishop's Campaign Appeal COLLECTION at all Masses	
	Monday 25 August	Parish office closed Statue of Our Lady moves to the Neenan family	
	Tuesday 26 August	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's Sacrament of Confirmation Faith Night at OLN	10:00am 7:00pm
	Wednesday 27 August	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am
	Thursday 28 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
	Weekend 30 & 31 August	Archbishop's Campaign Appeal concludes OLN Students present as candidates for Confirmation	OLN Masses
	Sunday 31 August	ACBC Social Justice Sunday One year Mass of Remembrance for Pat Monteleone at OLN	10:00am
	Monday 1 September	Parish office closed Statue of Our Lady moves to the Bacak family	
	Tuesday 2 September	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's Sharing Memories Group morning tea in the Annex	10:00am 10:30am
	Wednesday 3 September	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store	9:00am 10:45am
	Thursday 4 September	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
	Weekend 6 & 7 September	St Therese's Students present as candidates for First Eucharist	St Ts Masses
	Saturday 6 September	Kids at Mass at St Therese's	6:00pm
	Sunday 7 September	Father's Day Men's Choir singing at St Therese's church	

MASSES	ST THERESE'S CHURCH 48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon Weekday Services: 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: Tuesday to Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm</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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