

The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

24 August 2025: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21 A reading from the prophet Isaiah

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

INTERCESSIONS

Dear friends, with faith in the kingdom of God, let us bring our prayers before the Lord.

That the Church will faithfully bring God's message to every nation on earth

That nations will be open to religious freedom and all people given the right to hear Christ's Gospel.

That all who have lost faith will once again hear Christ's invitation of love and peace.

That this community, baptised into Christ, will be witnesses to our shared faith in every part of our lives.

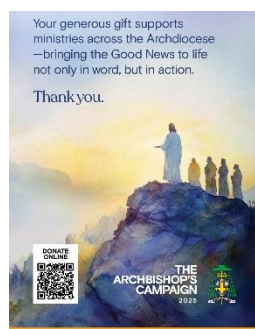
We pray for those who are ill.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Christopher Gannon; And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Sheila & Jim O'Brien, Leigh Wallmeyer, Rachel & Claire Wallmeyer, Robert Rosace, Palma Monardo, Mary Lirosi, Jo Seddon, Isabella Campo, Michael John Tighe and Ivor Pereira.

Loving God, it is through faith and action we may enter your kingdom. Hear our prayers today, and help us to always respond to the invitation of Jesus your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

WHICH PRIEST WHERE This weekend Fr Colin will preside at all St Therese's Masses and Fr Tony will preside at OLN Masses. Next weekend Fr Tony Feeney will say all Masses at St Therese's while Fr Colin McLean presides at our 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 don't have a priest in residence to attend the sick and dying. For patients in hospitals, families should contact the hospital chaplain.



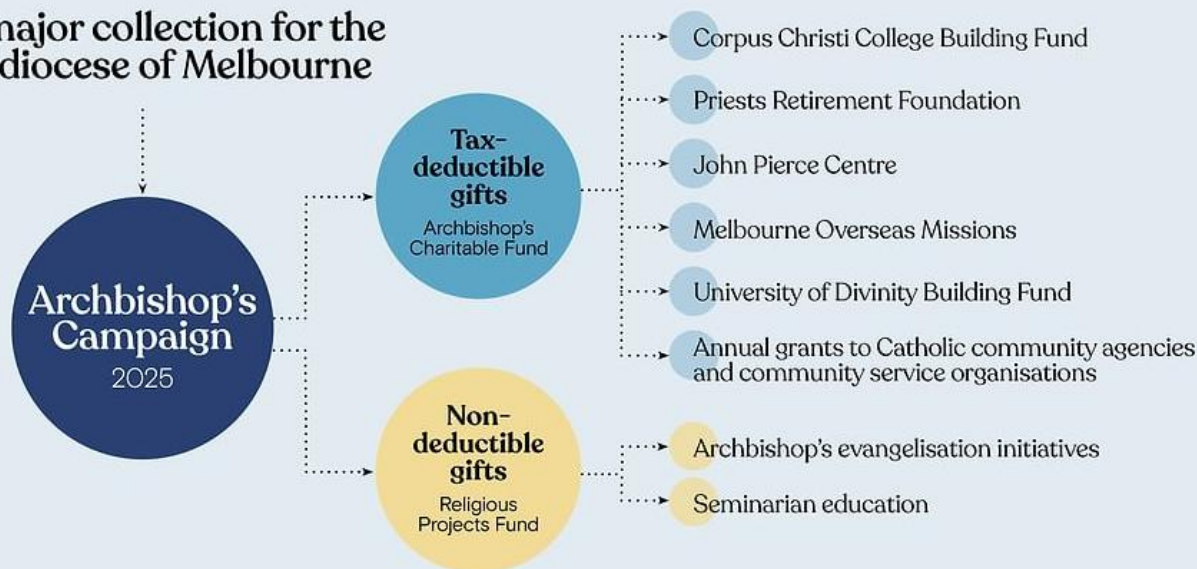
THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN Go out and proclaim the Good News! The Archdiocese has streamlined their approach to fundraising by moving to just one annual campaign for the purposes of the Archdiocese. Your contribution to the Archbishop's Campaign supports the vital ministries that serve all in our Archdiocese and helps build our community of faith.

ENVELOPES: Campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards are around the churches and on entrance tables. These envelopes can be mailed (postage paid) directly to the Archdiocese, can be placed on a collection plate at Mass or dropped into the parish office.

ONLINE Go to <https://melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign> to donate or find out more.

LOOSE CASH DONATIONS/LEAVING COLLECTION We ask our collectors to arrange a 'leaving collection' where loose cash donations can be given at the end of all Masses this weekend.

One major collection for the Archdiocese of Melbourne



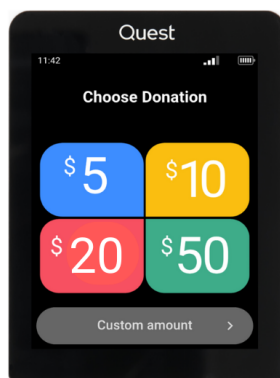
OLN SOUND SYSTEM PROGRESS The next step will then be the installation of the sound system components which will be undertaken by volunteers this will happen on weekends and will take a number of weeks.

\$7600 DONATED TO OLN SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE We have reached a total of \$7600 donated to the project and we'd like to thank everyone who has so generously contributed, it's been a really amazing response. The total project cost will be over \$31,000 so if you'd still like to contribute 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. You can also place cash or cheques in a clearly marked envelope in any collection at Mass.

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 attend the quarterly Parish Administration Forum at the Catholic Leadership Centre (CLC) in East Melbourne.

TAP))) TO DONATE IS HERE

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Tap N Go terminals are now installed at both churches and after some technical issues last weekend they're now operational

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 30 & 31 AUGUST (WEEK 5)

MASS	READERS	EUCARIST
OLN 5:00pm	Paul Whiting	Kathy Ferguson
OLN 10:00am	Coral D'Cruz	Doug D'Cruz
St T's 6.00pm	Anne Lechte & Eve Korytkowski	Teresa Pong
St T's 9.00am	Margaret Kerr	Marg Tormey & Tony Belcastro
St T's 10.30am	Rosa Pierorazio	Marita Hassed-Dunne
Adults: https://sundayreadingsathomeyearc.weebly.com/h1sks0t1.html Children: https://www.childre sliturgyofthewordc.com/yeh3rwjcm2.html		

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three years

Acknowledge The Safeguarding
Children and Young People Code of
Conduct every three years

DOES THIS APPLY TO YOU?



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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

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 THIS 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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PARISH DIARY	Weekend 23 & 24 August	Archbishop's Campaign Appeal collection at all Masses	
	Sunday 24 August	One Month Mass of Remembrance for Robert Rosace at StTs	10:30am
	Monday 25 August	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 Five-year Mass of Remembrance for Domenico Germano StTs	10:00am 10:30am
	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	
	Monday 8 September	Parish office closed The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue of Our Lady moves to the O'Neil family	
	Tuesday 9 September	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's	10:00am
	Wednesday 10 September	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Sacrament of First Eucharist Faith Night at St Therese's	9:00am 6:45pm
	Thursday 11 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 SVDP Regional Council meeting in PACE	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am 7:00pm

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 (on leave) Office phone: 9401 6330 Office address: 48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon Office email: essendon@cam.org.au Website: www.essendoncatholic.org.au 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> <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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