



# The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

10 August 2025: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

**First Reading:** Wisdom 18:6-9 A reading from the book of Wisdom

*Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.*

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 12:32-48 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*See that you are prepared.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

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## INTERCESSIONS

*Dear friends, with faith in the love of Christ, we bring our prayers before the Lord.*

We pray for the Pope and all who lead us in faith; That they may bring us closer to Jesus and one another as we learn to live in love.

That nations will proclaim an era of peace and justice.

That those who sail the oceans and seas will be returned to land in safety.

Pray for those who are sick and all those who care for them: May God bless them with hope, patience and trust so that they may live without anxiety.

We pray for those who are ill.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Terry Vaughan and Tony Palumbo; And for those whom we remember at this time, especially: Michael Darcy, Lorraine Collins, Salvatore Paino, Patricia Price, Carmelo Salpietro, Giuseppina Mazzarotta, Joan Sapiano, Eunice Wilson, Mark Sherlock, Jean O'Brien, Ralph Trainor, Rupert and Mary Gilmore, James, Margaret and James Bergin, Jack Cox and Filomena Maisano.

*Loving God, you give us courage through the words of Jesus. Hear our prayers and help us to not be afraid, but to live out our lives in faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

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**WHICH PRIEST WHERE** This weekend Fr Colin McLean will preside at all St Therese's Masses and Fr Tony Feeney will preside at OLN Masses. Next weekend Fr Tony will say all Masses at St Therese's while Fr Colin presides at our OLN Masses.

**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 launches next weekend with the collection taking place on the weekend of 23 & 24 August. During the campaign we are encouraged to consider making a personal and recurring monthly gift to support the vital ministries that serve all in our Archdiocese. **HOW TO DONATE:** From next week, there will be campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards around the church and a link on our website. On the weekend of 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. Campaign brochures are available from church entrance tables this weekend.

**PARISH STRATEGIC PLANNING** We thank members of our Parish Leadership Team (PLT) who spoke recently at weekend Masses with an update on the Parish Strategic Planning initiative. For those who missed it we have published the speakers notes on our website: <https://www.essendoncatholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Strategic-plan-update.pdf> More information on the strategic planning will be published soon.

**TAP N GO TERMINALS COMING SOON** Earlier this year we trialed the use a of Tap N Go terminal at St Therese's church which was on loan from CDF. Our own Tap N Go terminals will be delivered by mid-August and will be installed in our churches shortly afterward.

**CONTRIBUTE TO THE OLN SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE** We have received \$6700 toward the \$31,000 project and we'd be grateful for any contributions. 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. Thanks for your generous support.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

**AROUND THE PARISH** Winter weather keeps us indoors more at this time of year yet there is still lots happening around the parish for those of us who can brave the cold.

**GOSPEL REFLECTIONS GROUP** Meets every Thursday in the PACE meeting room at 10:30am.

**TINY TS PLAYGROUP** Our playgroup meets every Thursday during the school term at 9:30am.

**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 Wednesday 20 August

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

**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.

**AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE** There is always lots going on around the Archdiocese of Melbourne. This week we've been asked to promote two upcoming events.

**ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER** Join the Knights of the Southern Cross on Friday 29 August at 7:00pm at Moonee Valley Racecourse to celebrate the 25th annual Archbishop's Dinner. The dinner is held each year to raise funds for the Priests Support and Education Fund. For more details and to download the booking form go to: <https://melbournecatholic.org/events/knights-of-the-southern-cross-archbishops-dinner-2024>

**PILGRIMS OF HOPE: A JOURNEY WITH THE LORD JESUS** Catholic Women's League are hosting a full-day Women's retreat on Saturday 6 September at St Patrick's Cathedral. You can find more details and a QR to link you to the booking site on the next page ad.

**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	
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 16 & 17 AUGUST (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 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!



**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)

SPECIAL LEAGUE EVENT FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR  
AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL - A PILGRIM PLACE



## Pilgrins of Hope

### A JOURNEY WITH THE LORD JESUS

**WOMEN'S RETREAT**  
**SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2025**  
9am – 4pm

Led by Fr Nicholas Pearce

Holy Mass celebrated by  
Archbishop Peter A Comensoli  
St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

Talks, Adoration, Confession  
Includes morning tea and lunch

Talks by Fr Nicholas and  
Sylvana Scarfe



FR NICHOLAS  
PEARCE

Parish Priest of  
St Michael's,  
North Melbourne



SILVANA  
SCARFE

Formation Specialist  
for the  
Archdiocese  
of Melbourne



ARCHBISHOP  
PETER A COMENSOLI



MUSIC BY  
ALYSSA AGIUS

Join other women of faith to step  
away from the busyness of life and  
enter into rest, reflection, and renewal.

Reflect on the words of St Paul —  
"Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering,  
persevere in prayer" — and explore  
how to trust the Lord more deeply,  
remain faithful through challenges,  
and grow in joyful confidence  
on the pilgrimage of life.

#### TICKETS

\$60 (\$50 for League members)  
Lunch and Morning Tea included  
Special Offer – 2 for 1 deal  
Exclusively for those under 35!


#### BOOKING OPTIONS

TryBooking [www.trybooking.com/DCBKR](http://www.trybooking.com/DCBKR)  
Scan the QR code  
Email us at: [info@cwlvicwv.org.au](mailto:info@cwlvicwv.org.au)



PARISH DIARY	Saturday 9 August	Men's Choir Singing at OLN	5:00pm
	Sunday 10 August	One month Mass for Filomena Maisano at OLN	10:00am
	Monday 11 August	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Whiting family Requiem Mass for Terry Vaughan at St Therese's	11:00am
	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 Requiem Mass for Tony Palumbo at St Therese's	9:00am 12:00pm
	Thursday 14 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 SVDP Regional Council meeting in PACE	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am 7:00pm
	Friday 15 August	Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	Weekend 16 & 17 August	The Archbishop's Campaign launches	
	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	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	9:00am 10:45am
	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	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	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

MASSES	<b>ST THERESE'S CHURCH</b> 48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon <b>Weekday Services:</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>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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