

The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

21 September 2025: 25 Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Season of Creation ~ Social Services Sunday

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7 A reading from the prophet Amos

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

INTERCESSIONS

Dear friends, with a generous heart, let us bring our prayers before God.

That the Holy Church will remain true to its ministry of service to the poor and marginalised throughout the world.

That warring and suffering nations will be granted liberty and justice.

That our parish community may support the poor through compassion and care.

That, during this Season of Creation, we will recognise more deeply the sacredness of the world, and do whatever we can to care for it and its inhabitants.

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 especially Pat O'Dwyer.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Sarina Adorno

And we pray all who are remembered at this time, especially: Umberto Vitiello, Domenic Tenuta, Edmond Sait, Pamela Penticoss and Pat Torr.

Gracious and loving God, hear our prayers today, and help us remain responsible and generous as we serve you in faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

WHICH PRIEST WHERE This weekend Fr John will preside at all St Therese's Masses while Fr Tony Feeney presides at our OLN Masses. No schedule yet for next weekend.



Jesus taught – and Catholic social teaching has long emphasized – that the successful human life is not measured by the accumulation of wealth or power. The "good life" is the fruit of strong and loving relationships, bonds of friendship and justice, and commitment to community wellbeing.



SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY: ANCHORS OF HOPE Sunday 21 September 2025 marks Social Services Sunday in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we give thanks for the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised in Victoria, reaching the lives of more than 300,000 people each year. We recognise and appreciate their commitment and compassion, and reflect on our shared call to be anchors of hope in building a more just and equitable society. Members of Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) are Catholic community service providers operating in Victoria, committed to the Gospel values of working to serve the poor and vulnerable, and working toward a just and equitable society. You can see the CSSV members on their website <https://css.org.au/>

PARISH SUNDAY MORNING TEAS THIS WEEKEND This weekend we'll hold our monthly Sunday morning gatherings at both Mass centres after morning Masses. We thank the members of our leadership and welcoming teams who host these events for us each month. At St Therese's parishioners are invited to gather in the Annex (a meeting room at the back of St Therese's church) and at OLN the morning tea is held in the foyer.

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

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 meeting is Wednesday 1 October.

SHARING MEMORIES GROUP Our Sharing Memories group meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the Annex for their monthly get together at 10:30am. The next date is Tuesday 7 October.

TINY TS PLAYGROUP Is on a break for the school holidays. Their next date is Thursday 9 October.

SEPTEMBER 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 Friday 29 September for the Grand Final public holiday.

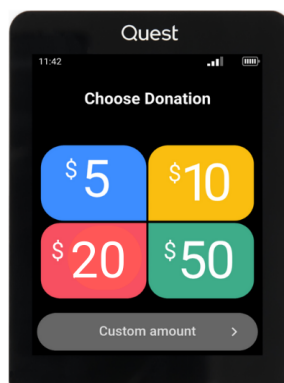


JUBILEE OF MIGRANTS: The Jubilee of Migrants will be celebrated on the first weekend of October when the Catholic Church acknowledges and celebrates the gifts, contributions, and resilience that migrant communities bring to our Church and the world. It is also an opportunity to highlight the image of the Church as a place of refuge, welcome, integration, and solidarity.

REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKER APPEAL On the Jubilee of Migrants weekend we will hold our annual appeal in support of our parish Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Group. Our parish volunteers (headed by our Sisters of Mercy) assist refugee and asylum seeker families both pastorally and materially throughout the year.

PARISH SUPPORT: DIRECT DEBIT AND CREDIT CARD CONTRIBUTORS The parish team are aware that some parishioners have recently seen misleading descriptions for parish/clergy giving transactions on their bank statements. If you notice anything unusual on your bank statement related to your pledge to our parish, please contact the parish office promptly. We'll investigate the matter the matter for you.

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



Tap N Go terminals are now installed at both churches and after some initial technical issues 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 or the Enter button 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

MINISTRY ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 27 & 28 SEPTEMBER (WEEK 4)

MASS	READERS	EUCCHARIST
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/yeh3rwjcm2.html>

Social Services Sunday

What does the Lord require of you?

To **act justly** and to **love mercy** and
to walk humbly with your God
- Micah 6:8

We thank you, loving God, for this unfenced and fertile world, that is your gift, for all to sow and reap, to work and play, to wonder at and pray.

We thank you, loving God, for all our fellow workers in your garden – for those who plan and plant, who prune and harvest, so that all may flower in a glory of shapes and colours. We promise, loving God, we servants at your table, to open your banquet to all your guests, to seat the hungry, lame and poor, to find a seat for those shut out and hold the door open against the crowd.

May we follow Jesus, your Son, who walked in our world in wonder, reached out and healed and died to free and save it (us).

Written by Fr Andy Hamilton SJ



Catholic Social Services
Victoria



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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC

Year 9 –
25 years
plus leaders



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BE EMPOWERED
TO LIVE
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CONNECT
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YOUNG PEOPLE

DEEPEN YOUR
RELATIONSHIP
WITH JESUS

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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

**PAGE 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 RIP

Printed materials are provided to participants.

No need to book, just turn up for the session.

**PAGE is located at
48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon**

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

PARISH DIARY	Sunday 21 September	CSSV – Social Services Sunday 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 22 Septembers	Parish office closed Statue of Our Lady moves to the Asher family	
	Wednesday 24 September	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am
	Thursday 25 September	Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room	10:30am
	Friday 26 September	AFL Grand Final Public Holiday: parish office closed	
	Sunday 28 September	Parish Baptisms at St Therese's	12:00pm
	Monday 29 September	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Sequeira family	
	Wednesday 1 October	Feast of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store Parish Leadership Team Meeting in PACE	9:00am 10:45am 7:30pm
	Thursday 2 October	Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room	10:30am
	Weekend 4 & 5 October	Refugee and Asylum Seeker Appeal	
	Saturday 4 October	Feast of St Francis of Assisi	
	Sunday 5 October	Jubilee of Migrants Men's Choir Singing at St Therese's	9:00am
	Monday 6 October	First day of school term 4 Statue of Our Lady moves to the Musquitta family	
	Tuesday 7 October	Sharing Memories Group morning tea in the Annex	10:30am
	Wednesday 8 October	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am
	Thursday 9 October	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room SVDP Regional Council meeting in PACE	9:30am 10:30am 7:00pm
	Friday 10 October	OLN school Mass for Feast of St Francis	9:00am
	Saturday 11 October	Men's Choir Singing at OLN Kids at Mass at St Therese's	5:00pm 6:00pm
	Sunday 12 October	Jubilee of Children, Families, Elderly and Grandparents	
	Monday 13 October	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Xerri family	
	Wednesday 15 October	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store	9:00am 10:45am
	Thursday 16 October	Tiny Ts Playgroup in St Therese's Annex Parish Friendship Spring Carnival morning tea in PACE	9:30am 10:45am
	Sunday 19 October	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

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

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">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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MEN'S COFFEE GROUP

Put it in your diary!
Dates for 2025

1st & 15th October
5th & 19th November
3rd & 17th December

1st & 3rd
Wednesdays
each month
from 10:45am
Lincoln Food Store
105 Lincoln Rd
Essendon



GOOD MORNING GOOD PEOPLE:

The Story of St Francis of Assisi
A musical narrative by Peter Kearney



Watch/listen on YouTube by scanning the QR code below



If you enjoy Part 1, **Like**, **Share** and **Comment** on your phone or other device.

Subscribe to the Good Morning Good People - Peter Kearney Channel to be notified when Part 2 and other videos are uploaded.

St Francis of Assisi: lover of the Poor and our Mother Earth

SHARING *memories*

A Friendship group supporting parishioners through life's challenges including:

- Grief and loss
- Relationship breakdowns
- Life changes

Monthly Morning Tea
First Tuesday of each month
10:30am in the Annex
(room located behind St Therese's church)

Next date: Tuesday 7 October

- YOU ARE WELCOME

You are invited

to a conversation: an
evening to learn about
domestic violence and its
impacts.

This is a chance to ask all your questions (nothing is off the table), and to find out how you can make a difference.

Hear from our speaker, Naomi Johnson: social worker, PhD candidate and survivor of domestic violence.

St John's Uniting Church Essendon

Cr. Buckley Street and Mount Alexander Road, Essendon

0430 625 216

7pm, Wednesday 8th October

Light supper to follow