

The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

28 September 2025: 26 Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Season of Creation

First Reading: Amos 6:1. 4-7 A reading from the prophet Amos

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

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

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

INTERCESSIONS

Dear friends, with concern for others, let us bring our prayers before God

That our Holy Father Pope Leo will lead the church in ministry for the poor and forsaken.

That governments will provide an honest and equal sharing of finances for the benefit of all.

That the poor and afflicted will be met with generosity and concern.

That we will pursue devotion, gentleness and patience and walk in the ways of the Lord.

We pray that we may become more aware of the great gift of Creation and grow in awe and gratitude to our Creator.

We pray for those who are ill especially Pat O'Dwyer.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Luke Mulkearns.

And we pray all who are remembered at this time, especially: Jack Dobson, Merna Moloney, Jennifer Riley, Michael Dunphy, Dawn Watson, Benjamin Carfew, Kath Kennelly and Celine Pereira.

God of the poor, you reach out to all people and provide for their needs. Hear our prayers and open our eyes to see you more clearly in every human person. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

WHICH PRIEST WHERE This weekend Fr John will preside at all OLN Masses as well as the Saturday Vigil and 9:00am Mass at St Therese's. Fr Tony Feeney will preside at 10:30am Mass on Sunday at St Therese's. Next weekend Fr John will preside at all St Therese's Masses while Fr Tony presides at OLN for both Masses.



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.



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 NEXT WEEKEND 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. There are envelopes available this weekend which can be put into any collection. **Next weekend** we'll ask our collectors to hold a 'leaving collection' for loose cash donations.

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. See the next page ad for the remaining dates for 2025.

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.

KIDS AT MASS Will return after the school holidays. The next date is Saturday 11 October.

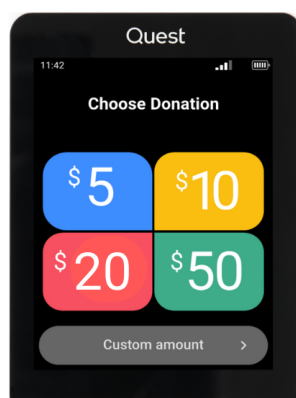
PARISH SUPPORT: DIRECT DEBIT AND CREDIT CARD CONTRIBUTORS The parish team are aware that some parishioners have recently seen misleading descriptions for parish/clergy giving transactions on their bank statements. If you notice anything unusual on your bank statement related to your pledge to our parish,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

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS The parish office will be closed on Mondays until further notice. The current office hours are Tuesday to Friday from 9:00am until 3:00pm. The office closes on weekends and all public holidays.

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

BREATH OF GRACE – PRAY WITH MARY THIS OCTOBER *"Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."* This October, the month of Mary, Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia invite you into a simple daily prayer practice — Breath of Grace. Join online and each day, from October 1st to 31st, you will receive a short 2.5-minute video guiding you in the Ignatian way of praying with the breath. Together, you will pray the Hail Mary — one word at a time, allowing it to gently settle into the rhythm of your breathing, your heart, and your daily life. With beautiful images of Mary, these prayers are simple yet profound, offering a way to rest, reflect, and let grace flow quietly into your day. Register online: <https://jisa.org.au/breath-of-grace-pray-with-mary-this-october/>

TAP))) TO DONATE



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 an entrance 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' & 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 4 & 5 OCTOBER (WEEK 1)

MASS	READERS	EUCCHARIST
OLN 5:00pm	Jon Fleming	Tatiana Polizzi
OLN 10:00am	Paula O'Byrne	Andrew Scaramozzino
St T's 6.00pm	Eve Korytkowski	Gina Bell & Maggie Catterall
St T's 9.00am	Mary Dowling & Margaret Kerr	Carmen Merrigan & Rosina Tempini
St T's 10.30am	Silvia Campo & George Jungwirt	Miriam Gandolfo & Maria Giampiccolo

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

Children: <https://www.childre sliturgyofthewordc.com/yhc3rwjcm2.html>

Parish of Our Lady and St Therese 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



REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT GROUP ANNUAL APPEAL



ON THE 11TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

MIGRANTS, MISSIONARIES OF HOPE: MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIV
"... Migrants and refugees remind the Church of her pilgrim dimension, perpetually journeying towards her final homeland, sustained by a hope that is a theological virtue. ..."

NEXT WEEKEND 4 & 5 OCTOBER 2025

Our parish volunteers (headed by our Sisters of Mercy) assist refugee and asylum seeker families both pastorally and materially throughout the year.

CASH DONATIONS

There will be envelopes available for cash donations
 Envelopes can be placed in any collection at any Mass until the end of October
 Envelopes can also be dropped in to the parish office
 No receipts will be issued for cash donations

EFT DONATIONS CAN BE MADE TO

Account name: The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese
 BSB: 083 347
 Account number: 67640 1701
 Reference: RAASG + your surname
 Cheques: The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese



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 RIP

Printed materials are provided to participants.

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

**PACE 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 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
Monday 20 October	SVDP Essendon Conference meeting in PACE	7:00pm
Wednesday 22 October	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am
Thursday 23 October	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room Mass at Trevi Court Aged Care	9:30am 10:30am 11:00am
Sunday 26 October	Parish Baptisms at St Therese's	12:00pm
Wednesday 29 October	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am

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

PARISH PRIEST Fr John Hannon

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Office email: essendon@cam.org.au **Website:** www.essendoncatholic.org.au

Office hours: Tuesday to Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm

After-Hours phone: 0490 956 610 (answering service)

St Vincent de Paul Helpline: 1800 305 330 WEEKDAYS 10:00am-3:00pm

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<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w00000LOj4wAAD&req=subscribe>



Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

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.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC

Year 9 –
25 years
plus leaders



BE EMPOWERED
TO LIVE
YOUR FAITH

EXPERIENCE
THE BREADTH
OF THE CHURCH

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CONNECT
WITH OTHER
YOUNG PEOPLE

DEEPEN YOUR
RELATIONSHIP
WITH JESUS

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

30 NOV – 2 DEC 2025

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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