

The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

1 & 2 November: All Saints & All Souls Year C

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9 A reading from the book of Isaiah

The Lord God will destroy death for ever.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

INTERCESSIONS

Brothers and sisters, gathered as God's Church in this generation let us bring our prayer to God for our needs and the needs of the world.

That all who exercise ministry in the Church may be strengthened by hope in the resurrection.

We pray for those who work for peace and justice among nations.

That those who are poor will be treated with kindness.

That all who have died may share God's victory over death and the joys and blessings of the life to come.

We pray for those who are ill.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Fr Peter O'Rourke, Sr Carole Carmody, Fr Barry Moran, Rosa Stivala and Ana Brown.

We pray for all those we hold dear who are interred or whose names are inscribed in our Memorial Garden, Precious Angels Garden and Parish Book of Remembrance.

And we pray all who are especially remembered at this time including: Theresa Ciantar, Lucy Kavanagh, Noel Dunne, Joan Kennedy, Alan Farnbach, Michael Ciavarella, Ray Fogarty, Margaret Moloney, Gwen Harvey and Frank Nolen.

God of all time, hear these prayers and help us to bear witness to your gospel with courage and conviction. We make our prayer in Jesus' name.

Amen

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST THERESE SAFEGUARDING

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
FOR
DETAILS

YES

DO THE SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO YOU?
NO MATTER HOW YOU VOLUNTEER IN THE PARISH
THE ANSWER IS YES

To maintain accurate records ALL volunteers must be registered parishioners

WHICH PRIEST WHERE This weekend Fr John will preside at all St Therese's Masses while Fr Tony presides at OLN for both Masses. Next weekend Fr John will preside at all OLN Masses as well as 9:00am Sunday Mass at St Therese's while Fr Tony will preside at Saturday 6:00pm and Sunday 10:30am Masses at St Therese's.

BLESSING OF ST THERESE'S MEMORIAL GARDEN The Memorial and Precious Angels Gardens at St Therese's will be blessed this Sunday 2nd November after 10.30 am Mass.

BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE Our Books of Remembrance are now on display in our churches. These books hold the names of our beloved faithful departed whom we pray for during November's month of remembrance. The books are customised for each church. Please note that we try our best to transcribe any new handwritten names into the book but inevitably there are some errors. If you find an error or misspelling, please let the office know and we will update it for next year.

The books are also online <https://www.essendoncatholic.org.au/book-of-remembrance/> or use the following links:

[St Therese's Book of Remembrance 2025](#)

[Our Lady of the Nativity Book of Remembrance 2025](#)

NOVEMBER OFFERING ENVELOPES are available from entrance tables now. These offering envelopes can be given directly to Fr John, dropped at the office or put in collection plates.

SHARING MEMORIES GROUP Our Sharing Memories group will meet next on Tuesday 11 November (after their usual Tuesday falls on Cup Day) in the Annex for their monthly get together at 10:30am.

NOVEMBER MASS OF ANOINTING There will be a Mass of Anointing on Thursday 20 November at 10:00am at St Therese's. Following on from that Mass our Parish Friendship Group will host their monthly morning tea in PACE.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES NOVEMBER The parish office will be closed on Monday 3 November for the Cup Day weekend and then again on Monday 24 November.



PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP CHRISTMAS LUNCH The annual PFG Christmas Luncheon will be held on Thursday 4 December at 12 noon in PACE. The cost is \$30 per person and include a two-course set-menu meal and entry into the lucky door prize draw. Please note that we keep costs low by providing a set menu with an alternate vegetarian option which must be requested at the time of booking.

TO BOOK: You can pay by card over the phone or pay cash and by card at the Parish Office by Friday 21 November. Last year's event was a sell out so please book in soon to avoid disappointment. The annual Christmas lunch is a fun social gathering for our senior parishioners. All are welcome

KIDS AT MASS: LEADER SUPPORT NEEDED Interested in helping at K@M? The monthly run children's liturgy group is looking for support!! We are keen to set up a roster of people who can assist the relaxed and informal sessions where we invite school-aged children of our parish to listen & discuss a message and engage in an activity based on the Sunday Gospel. You will be fully supported with materials and guided to help the leader and no experience is necessary. You will need to meet the Safeguarding requirements – use the QR code in the ad on the front page of the bulletin to see what is required. For more information, please contact the parish office and we will put you in touch with Jayne Egan who is the leader of K@M.

THIS MONTH

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 5 November.

TINY TS PLAYGROUP Is held in PACE function each Thursday during the school term from 9:30am. All are welcome, including grandparents. Anyone wanting to find out more or get in touch should email Michelle at stthereses.tinyts@gmail.com

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS GROUP Meets each Thursday morning in the PACE meeting room after 10:00am Mass. Printed materials are supplied and anyone is welcome to come along.

PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP Next morning tea will be Thursday 20 November following a Mass of Anointing. The last event for our PFG this year will be their annual Christmas lunch – details are above.

KIDS AT MASS Will return for their last session of 2025 on Saturday 29 November at 6:00pm Mass at St Therese's.

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

MINISTRY ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 8 & 9 NOVEMBER (WEEK 2)

MASS	READERS	EUCHARIST
OLN 5:00pm	Michael Portelli	Fred Grima
OLN 10:00am	Mark Donahoo	Adrian Commadeur
St T's 6.00pm	Murray Sykes & Alison Bretag	Tric Joseph & Trish Giacomini
St T's 9.00am	John Harvey	Maria Cricri
St T's 10.30am	Rosemary Patterson & Mary O'Brien	Cherrie Arnold & Therese Hanna

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

Children: <https://www.childrensliturgyofthewordc.com/yhc3rwjcm2.html>

Parish of Our Lady and St Therese **MEN'S COFFEE GROUP**

Upcoming Dates

5th & 19th November
3rd & 17th December

Only four more for 2025!

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



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 mornings 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

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 11 November
after Cup Day holiday**

YOU ARE WELCOME

LOOKING AHEAD

The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon Strategic Plan 2026 - 2030

Use the QR code to find the Strategic Plan
Documents on the Parish Website

You'll find the complete plan or you can
read the condensed version

We will conduct information
sessions shortly, to provide an
opportunity for parishioners to
understand, and discuss, the
proposed program



<https://www.essendoncatholic.org.au/6748-2/>

Guiding our parish community into the future!

PARISH DIARY

Saturday 1 November	All Saints Day Gardening Group Weeding day at St Therese's	9:00am
Sunday 2 November	All Souls Day Blessing of the St Therese's Memorial Garden after Mass	11:30am
Monday 3 November	Parish office closed Statue of Our Lady moves to the D'Cruz family	
Tuesday 4 November	Melbourne Cup Day public holiday: parish office closed	
Wednesday 5 November	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store Requiem Mass for Rosa Stivala at St Therese's Parish Leadership Team Meeting in PACE	9:00am 10:45am 11:00am 7:30pm
Thursday 6 November	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room	9:30am 10:30am
Monday 10 November	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Carroll family Alpha Connect evening in PACE function room	7:00pm
Tuesday 11 November	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's Sharing Memories Group morning tea in the Annex Requiem Mass for Ana Brown at St Therese's	10:00am 10:30am 11:00am
Wednesday 12 November	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am
Thursday 13 November	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room Mass at Arcadia Aged Care SVDP Regional Council meeting in PACE	9:30am 10:30am 11:00am 7:00pm
Sunday 16 November	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 17 November	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Laterra family SVDP Essendon Conference meeting in PACE	7:00pm
Wednesday 19 November	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store	9:00am 10:45am
Thursday 20 November	Tiny Ts Playgroup in St Therese's Annex Mass of Anointing at St Therese's Parish Friendship Group morning tea in PACE	9:30am 10:00am 10:45am
Sunday 23 November	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe Youth Sunday Parish Baptisms at St Therese's	12:00pm
Monday 24 November	Parish office closed Statue of Our Lady moves to the Notaro family	
Wednesday 26 November	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am
Saturday 29 November	Kids at Mass at St Therese's	6:00pm

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

PARISH CONTACTS

PARISH PRIEST Fr John Hannon

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Office hours: Monday 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.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL MELBOURNE,
IN CONJUNCTION WITH CHARIS, INVITE YOU TO

Come and celebrate

JESUS IS ALIVE

HEALING MASS SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER

3PM PRAISE & WORSHIP | 4PM MASS
PRAYERS FOR HEALING AFTER MASS

ALL WELCOME

ST BRIGID'S CHURCH
378 NICHOLSON ST, FITZROY NORTH

GOT QUESTIONS? GET IN TOUCH.
centre@ccr.org.au | 03 9486 6544 | www.ccr.org.au



PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP
Christmas Lunch
THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER
PACE FUNCTION ROOM
12:00pm
\$30 SET MENU
Includes:
Two-course Christmas lunch
Glass of wine (or soft drink)
Entry into the lucky door prize draw
NUMBERS ARE LIMITED AND PAYMENT IS
REQUIRED AT TIME OF BOOKING
PAY CASH OR CARD AT THE PARISH OFFICE
BY FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER
OR UNTIL SOLD OUT
BOOK NOW!!

**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**

**Parish of
Our Lady & St Therese
Essendon
Leadership Team**
Are you interested in the future of your Parish and what is
has to offer? Are you eager to share your voice and drive
positive change?
We are looking for energetic individuals, with a variety of
skills, to join our Leadership Team and help drive real
outcomes across the parish community.
The Parish Leadership Team plays a vital role in shaping
the future of our community by providing valuable direction,
clarity, and advice regarding the needs of the parish
community.
We are looking for people who can bring their ideas, talents
and experience to help make a meaningful impact in the
parish.
If you are interested, email
essendon@cam.org.au or call the
Parish Office to discuss with a
member of the Team.



We proclaim a crucified Christ

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30 October 2025

Prayer Service of Lament

12 November 2025 - St Patrick's Cathedral Grounds, East Melbourne: 11.30am–12.00pm

Dear Fathers, Deacons, and Parish Communities,

In this Year of Jubilee — a sacred time of mercy, renewal, and reconciliation — the Church is called to a deep and humble work of reparation. As the Body of Christ, we acknowledge the wounds within our community and the profound suffering endured by survivors of child sexual abuse, and the shared hurt of their loved ones. Through prayer and lament, we stand before God in truth and hope, asking that His grace bring healing to what has been broken.

I invite all those who have been affected and impacted by abuse and violence across the Archdiocese to join in a **Prayer Service of Lament** on **Wednesday 12 November 2025**, in the grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral. Daily Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 1.00pm for those who wish to remain in prayer before the Lord.

This gathering expresses our shared lament for the abuse that has occurred, as well as our commitment to those who have suffered abuse within the Church in our ongoing journey of reverent listening and repentance. Survivors and their loved ones will be at the heart of this Service. Through word, ritual, and music, we will pray for all who have suffered and for the continued conversion of our Church.

In the week leading up to the Service (**5–12 November**), Parishes are invited to join the wider Archdiocesan community in prayer and reflection. Resources will be provided to help incorporate these intentions into daily and Sunday liturgies. Please share this invitation among your communities so all may have an opportunity to gather in prayer.

Being sensitive to survivors and their families that may attend the Cathedral grounds, and mindful that this is our first such gathering, Parishes are asked to send only 1–2 official representatives. The Service will also be live-streamed via the Archdiocesan YouTube channel for those joining online.

May this moment of communal lament become, by God's grace, a sign of hope — a step toward truth, healing, and renewed trust within the Church of Melbourne. With every blessing and gratitude for your ongoing pastoral care.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

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