

# The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

12 October 2025: 28 Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

**First Reading:** 2 Kings 5:14-17 A reading from the second book of the Kings

*Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 17:11-19 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

## INTERCESSIONS

*Dear friends, giving thanks to God, let us bring our prayers before the Father of all.*

That the Church be a lasting sign of forgiveness and healing.

That believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity. [Pope Leo's prayer intention for October 2025]

That refugees who flee from oppression and tyranny will be welcomed by their neighbours.

That those who endure separation will know the presence of Christ.

That those who work to heal and comfort the sick will be strengthened, and blessed for their compassion and care.

We pray for those who are ill.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Denis Price, Teresa Cullia, Pat O'Dwyer and Dianne Sherry.

And we pray all who are remembered at this time, especially: Francesca Foca, Cherie Hardwick, Mary O'Rourke, Ethna Mallon, John Penticoss, Fernanda Brandi, Angela-Antonietta Salpietro, Russell Hande, Obdulia Fondevilla, Betty Hannon and Joe Italia.

*Loving God, we ask you to hear our prayers and help us to keep our faith strong. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

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

**OFFICE CLOSURES NEXT WEEK** The parish office will be closed on Monday 13 October and Wednesday 15 October to accommodate staff leave. The office will open Monday to Friday beginning Monday 20 October.



**NOVEMBER MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE** The month of November is traditionally a time in which the Catholic community remembers those who have died. At the Parish of Our Lady and St Therese we start the Month of Remembrance with a special Mass of Remembrance marking All Saints and All Souls Days. This year those Masses will be held on Friday 31 October at 5:00pm at OLN church and at 7:00pm at St Therese's church.

**BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR NOVEMBER MASSES** If you would like to add NEW names to the book, you can use links on our website. <https://www.essendoncatholic.org.au/remembrance-month/> or use the QR code to go to the page. Before you add any names please check to see if the name is already in our perpetual book as it will save a lot of time for our admin staff who need to double check all entries for double ups.

To **CHECK NAMES** in the St Therese's Book of Remembrance: [Click this link](#)

To **CHECK NAMES** Our Lady of the Nativity Book of Remembrance: [Click this link](#)

If the names are not already in the book you can add them using the links below

To ADD NEW names to the St Therese's Book of Remembrance: [Click this link](#)

To ADD NEW names Our Lady of the Nativity Book of Remembrance: [Click this link](#)

We also have paper and pen submission sheets in our churches on clipboards on entry tables.



**PARISH STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE** We welcome members of the Parish Leadership Team who will speak briefly at all Masses this weekend with an update on the Parish Strategic Plan.

**MEN'S CHOIR** Our Men's Choir will be singing this Saturday at 5:00pm Mass at OLN.

**KIDS AT MASS** We welcome our Kids at Mass team to Mass this Saturday 11 October to 6:00pm Mass at St Therese's. The next session for KAM will be Saturday 29 November and it will be the final session for 2025.

**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 15 October.

**TINY TS PLAYGROUP** Will be meeting in the Annex on Thursday 16 October at 9:30am.

**PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP** The Parish Friendship Group Spring Racing morning tea is on Thursday 16 October.

**PARISH SUNDAY MORNING TEAS** Our Sunday morning teas are held on the third Sunday of each month and will go ahead next weekend on Sunday 19 October.

**GOSPEL REFLECTIONS GROUP** Is on a break until Thursday 23 October.

**SHARING MEMORIES GROUP** Our Sharing Memories group will next meet on Tuesday 10 November.

**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 below to see what that entails. For more information, please contact Jayne on 0438 876 323 or email the parish office.

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

**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

Church Cleaning ~ Collector ~ Counter  
Data Projector Operator ~ Eucharistic Minister  
Finance Committee ~ Gardening ~ Kids at Mass  
Lector ~ Liturgy Team  
Maintenance ~ Men's Choir ~ Music Ministry  
Parish Leadership Team ~ Pastoral Visitation  
Play Group Leader (Tiny T's)  
Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Group  
Sacristan ~ Parish Friendship Group  
Special Projects ~ Wedding Helper ~ Welcoming Team

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

MINISTRY ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 18 & 19 OCTOBER (WEEK 3)		
MASS	READERS	EUCHARIST
OLN 5:00pm	Michael Portelli	Fred Grima
OLN 10:00am	Natale Cutri	Adrian Commadeur
St T's 6.00pm	Murray Sykes	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: <a href="https://sundayreadingsathomeyearc.weebly.com/h1sks0t1.html">https://sundayreadingsathomeyearc.weebly.com/h1sks0t1.html</a> Children: <a href="https://www.childrensliturgyofthewordc.com/ych3rwjcm2.html">https://www.childrensliturgyofthewordc.com/ych3rwjcm2.html</a>		



Parish Friendship Group

# Spring Racing Morning Tea

PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS  
OF OUR PARISHES ARE  
INVITED TO ATTEND

Morning Tea in  
PACE FUNCTION ROOM  
Thursday 16 October  
from 10:30am

*All welcome*

KAM WILL BE BACK

**SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER**

AT ST THERESE'S 6:00PM MASS



Primary school-aged children can listen to Jesus' message in a child friendly and engaging way. Children who are not yet at school should be accompanied by parent/s

REMAINING DATES FOR 2025  
11 October & 29 November

## 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](mailto:essendon@cam.org.au) or call the Parish Office to discuss with a member of the Team.



IF YOU CAN MAKE IT  
PLEASE SUPPORT OUR  
ESSENDON PARISH VINNIES TEAM  
AT THEIR

# Vinnies Fundraiser Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

**SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER**  
**BUNNINGS MARIBYRNONG**


**Cnr Rosamond Rd & Williamson Rd  
Maribyrnong  
9am until 4pm**

**Our Vinnies team will be fundraising  
this Sunday at Bunnings Maribyrnong**

Come along and buy a sausage in support the great work of our SVDP Essendon Conference

PARISH DIARY	Saturday 11 October	Men's Choir Singing at OLN Kids at Mass at St Therese's	5:00pm 6:00pm
	Sunday 12 October	One year anniversary Mass for Joe Italia at OLN	10:00am
	Monday 13 October	Parish office closed Statue of Our Lady moves to the Xerri family Alpha Connect evening in PACE function room	7:00pm
	Tuesday 14 October	Requiem Mass for Frances (Pat) O'Dwyer at St Therese's	11:00am
	Wednesday 15 October	Parish office closed for staff leave 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 10:30am
	Friday 17 October	Requiem Mass for Denis Price at St Therese's church	11:00am
	Saturday 18 October	One year anniversary Mass for Finbarr Downey and First Eucharist Mass for Cathy Nguyen at St Therese's	6:00pm
	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 and First Eucharist Mass for Marquis Chidiac 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 returns 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
	Thursday 30 October	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room	9:30am 10:30am
	Friday 31 October	Mass of Remembrance at OLN church Mass of Remembrance at St Therese's church	5:00pm 7:00pm
	Saturday 1 November	All Saints Day	
	Sunday 2 November	All Souls Day	
	Monday 3 November	Parish office closed	
	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 Parish Leadership Team Meeting in PACE	9:00am 10:45am 7:30pm
	Thursday 6 November	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room	9:30am 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

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 (closed 13/10 and 15/10)</p> <p align="center"><b>After-Hours phone:</b> 0490 956 610 (answering service)</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>	



# 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!

**IN THE ANNEX THIS COMING  
THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER**



**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

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

Put it in your diary!  
Remaining  
dates for 2025

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

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



# RED NOVEMBER

**REMEMBER • PRAY • SUPPORT**



"I could never  
lie to God. It  
is better to be  
faithful to God  
than to men."  
- Mathieu

**Stand with persecuted  
Christians this November**

1 in 7 Christians live in countries where they are  
persecuted for their faith.

**Pray for them. Learn their stories.**

Visit [www.rednovember.org](http://www.rednovember.org) to join a Red November Mass  
and to pray the Red Rosary.



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## Mass of Remembrance

Our annual Mass of Remembrance  
will be held at each church to mark  
All Saints & All Souls Days and the  
beginning of the Month of  
Remembrance

### Our Lady of the Nativity

Friday 31st October at 5pm

### St Therese's

Friday 31st October at 7pm

These Masses are a time to  
remember and give thanks for  
those who have gone before us.  
We especially remember those  
we've lost since last year's  
All Saints/All Souls

# 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



Guiding our parish community into the future!