



The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

19 October 2025: 29 Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
World Mission Sunday

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13 A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death.'"

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

INTERCESSIONS

Dear friends, with prayer and faith in our hearts, let us bring our prayers before God.

That we will remember that You are always close and always ready to listen to us.

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, on this World Mission Day, we will support and pray for missionaries who work to bring hope to all people.

For the nations of the world: That they support and intercede for those who suffer injustice.

We pray for the children who are welcomed into our parish this weekend in preparation for Baptism and for those receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist. That they lead a life of faith and love for all.

We pray for those who are ill.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Denis Price and Sr Raphael Shoveller RSM.

And we pray all who are remembered at this time, especially: Rocco Brancatisano, Finbarr Downey, Chris Meehan, Emmanuel Balia, Pauline Tighe and DeDe Huzunken Benissan.

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 St Therese's Masses while Fr Tony Feeney 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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Celebrated annually in every Catholic parish around the world, World Mission Sunday is the moment when the global Church comes together in prayer and solidarity to support mission work in developing communities. In Australia, Catholic Mission leads this celebration as the local arm of the Pontifical Mission Societies, the Pope's mission agency, supporting vital projects that bring hope and change to the people most in need.

Pope Leo has released a video for World Mission Sunday, calling on Catholics around the world to renew their missionary commitment. In his address, Pope Leo XIV reflects on his own missionary journey and the transformative power of faith and generosity. We have published Pope Leo's speech on our website: <https://www.essendoncatholic.org.au/pope-leo-on-world-mission-sunday/> and where technology allows, hope to play the video at Masses this weekend.

PARISH SUNDAY MORNING TEAS THIS WEEKEND This weekend we'll hold our monthly morning gatherings after Sunday 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 PACE function room and at OLN the morning tea is held in the church foyer.

KIDS AT MASS: LEADER SUPPORT NEEDED Interested in helping at K@M? The monthly children's liturgy group is looking for support! We are keen to set up a roster of people who can assist at the 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. For more information, please email the parish office and we will put you in touch with our K@M leader.

PAT O'DWYER: MASS AND MORNING TEA On Friday 24 October we will remember recently deceased parishioner Pat O'Dwyer at 10:00am Mass at St Therese's and gather after Mass in PACE for refreshments. All are welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ESSENDON CONFERENCE - QUARTERLY REPORT

Our Conference has been quite busy over the past 3 months from July to September 2025 - our members have undertaken 41 home visits which have assisted 54 adults and 21 children. In the main, the people that we visit tend to be in receipt of some type of government benefit such as Disability Support Pension or JobSeeker payments and are struggling financially to pay utility bills and for food. This quarter we provided just over \$5,700 in food vouchers and Vinnies store vouchers.

On Sunday 12 October we conducted our second Bunnings BBQ fundraiser at the Maribyrnong store. This time around we were blessed with great weather and lots of people from OLN and St Therese's Churches dropped in to grab a quick snack at our sausage sizzle! Even though it was extremely busy all day cooking and serving sausages - our members really enjoyed getting to know one another in a fun way while raising money for SVDP! Our efforts were well rewarded - we raised \$3,078!!

We would also like to especially thank the following local businesses for their very generous support of this event:

- Baker's Crust - supplying 30 loaves of fresh bread
- Sita Holdings Pty Ltd and Firefly Express - \$500 of fresh sausages
- Premier Fresh - 30 kg chopped onions
- Coles stores at Essendon and Moonee Ponds for providing \$80 Coles vouchers used to purchase miscellaneous items

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.

BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR NOVEMBER MASSES Each November we publish our annual Perpetual Books of Remembrance. If you would like to add NEW names to the book, you can use links on our website. Our churches have individual books so please make sure you are adding the name to the correct book.

Before you add a name please check to see if the name is already in our perpetual book. It will save a lot of time for our admin staff: <https://www.essendoncatholic.org.au/remembrance-month/>

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.

TINY TS PLAYGROUP Will be held in PACE function room this Thursday 23 October from 9:30am with a special Grandparent's Day activity and morning tea. All are welcome and anyone wanting to find out more or get in touch should email Michelle at stthereses.tinyts@gmail.com

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS GROUP Returns this Thursday 23 October in the PACE meeting room after 10:00am Mass.

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.

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.

PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP Next morning tea will be Thursday 20 November following a Mass of Anointing.

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 25 & 26 OCTOBER (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/ych3rwjcm2.html>

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

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 of Our Lady & St Therese Essendon Leadership Team

Are you interested in the future of your Parish and what it 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.



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	Saturday 18 October	One-year anniversary for Finbarr Downey and ten-year anniversary for Rocco Brancatisano Sacrament of First Eucharist for Cathy Nguyen	6:00pm Mass at St Therese's
	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 & Sacrament of First Eucharist 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
	Friday 24 October	Mass of remembrance for Pat O'Dwyer Morning tea in PACE	10:00am 10:30am
	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 Blessing of the St Therese's Memorial Garden after Mass	11:30am
	Monday 3 November	Parish office closed for Cup Day long weekend	
	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
	Monday 10 November	Alpha Connect evening in PACE function room	7:00pm
	Tuesday 11 November	Sharing Memories Group morning tea in the Annex Mass at Ryman Raelene Boyle Village	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

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
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PARISH CONTACTS	PARISH PRIEST Fr John Hannon Office phone: 9401 6330 Office address: 48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon Office email: essendon@cam.org.au Website: www.essendoncatholic.org.au 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 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 <i>Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.</i> <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>	
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An Invitation to Attend Mass of Remembrance

Masses of Remembrance are held each year in our parish 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
and
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

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



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**

HOLY FAMILY PARISH Maidstone

RCIA

COME AND SEE

We welcome those who would wish to know more about the Catholic faith, refresh yourself about being Catholic or wish to become a Catholic

STARTING OCTOBER 30

**7:00 PM
every
Thursday**

In the
Presbytery
Pavilion
46A Ballarat
Road Maidstone
VIC 3012

Adult Baptism
will be celebrated
at the
Easter Vigil Mass
on Saturday 4
April 2026

Please contact Parish Office by email
maidstone@cam.org.au or (03) 9454 3879