

The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

26 October 2025: 30 Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

INTERCESSIONS

Brothers and sisters, as servants of God, let us bring our prayers before the Lord.

That the Church will guide all people in the great commandments of love for God and for our neighbour.

That we will show our love of God in the way we deal with others.

That the community will be attentive to the needs of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged.

That those who are nearing their life's end will be given assurance, consolation and peace in their last days on earth.

We pray for those who are ill especially Fr Peter O'Rourke and Fr Barry Moran.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Betty Laidler and Kevin Guiney.

And we pray all who are remembered at this time, especially: Emmanuel Balia, Joan Kennedy, Noel Dunne, Lucy Kavanagh, Pasquale & Concetta Monteleone, Dorothy Stopford, Sr Michael Padiyara, Antonio & Caterina Legudi and Noel & Carmel O'Brien.

Lord God, hear our prayers and help us to remain steadfast in our love for you and others. 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.

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?



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DETAILS

YES

DO THE SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO YOU?

NO MATTER HOW YOU VOLUNTEER IN THE PARISH
THE ANSWER IS 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 ~ Senior Friendship Group
Special Projects ~ Wedding Helper ~ Welcoming Team

To maintain accurate records ALL volunteers must be registered parishioners

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. On Sunday 2 November we will hold our annual blessing of the St Therese's Memorial Garden following on from our 10:30am Mass.

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.

REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT GROUP APPEAL We thank all parishioners who gave generously to this year's RAASG appeal. To date we have raised just over \$3640. Parishioners can make financial contributions to the group at any time, contact the office if you'd like to donate.

GRATEFUL THANKS FROM PARISHIONER MICHAEL CONLAN Michael has asked us to pass on his thanks to parishioners for your prayers after a life-threatening stroke last year. Michael is doing well and is looking forward to greater independence as he continues in his recovery.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ESSENDON CONFERENCE - QUARTERLY REPORT From July to September 2025 SVDP members have undertaken 41 home visits, assisting 54 adults and 21 children. This quarter our Vinnies team have provided just over \$5,700 in food and Vinnies store vouchers.

On Sunday 12 October Vinnies held a second Bunnings BBQ fundraiser at the Maribyrnong store where they raised \$3,078.

The SVDP Essendon Conference thanks the following local businesses for their very generous support of the BBQ:

- 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

ST THERESE'S GARDENING GROUP: WEEDING DAY Next Saturday 1 November the parish gardening group will gather in the St Therese's church grounds to get stuck into the weeding. Recent sunny days and rains have brought a lot of growth to the gardens so there is a bit to be done. We'll start around 9:00am. All are welcome, morning tea will be provided in PACE.

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.

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 1 & 2 NOVEMBER (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.childrensliturgyofthewordc.com/ych3rwjcm2.html		

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

Blessing and Prayers for All Souls

St Therese's Memorial Garden
Sunday 2 November
after 10:30am Mass

*We invite family and
friends whose loved ones are
interred or memorialised
in our garden to attend the
annual blessing*

PARISH GARDENING GROUP WEEDING DAY

Saturday 1 November

9:00am

St Therese's

It's the season for
WEEDING!

Join the gardening group
at St Therese's for a
morning of weeding and
tidying up of the gardens
BYO gardening tools
All welcome, especially
green thumbs!

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	Sunday 26 October	First Eucharist for Harry Kopp at St Therese's Parish Baptisms at St Therese's	9:00am 12:00pm
	Monday 27 October	Statue of Our Lady moves to the D'Cruz family	
	Wednesday 29 October	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Requiem Mass for Kevin Guiney at St Therese's	9:00am 11:00am
	Thursday 30 October	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room	9:30am 10:30am
	Friday 31 October	Whole school Mass at St Therese's for St Therese of Lisieux Mass of Remembrance at OLN church Mass of Remembrance at St Therese's church	10:00am 5:00pm 7:00pm
	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 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	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Carroll family 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
	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

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

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

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.

