



The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

5 October 2025: 27 Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Jubilee of Migrants ~ Refugee and Asylum Seeker Appeal

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

If you had faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

INTERCESSIONS

Dear friends, with faith deep in our hearts, let us bring our prayers before the Lord.

That the Holy Church will continue to support all priests and bishops in their service to the people of God.

That those who are surrounded by violence, destruction and hardship will be given courage and strength.

That those who carry the flame of the Holy Spirit through teaching and preaching will be given insight and wisdom.

That those who feel abandoned by God or God's people will be touched and transformed by Christ's healing presence.

We pray for those fleeing their homes due to poverty, war, or persecution; may God grant them comfort, protection, and strength and compassionate, welcoming hearts from those who receive them.

We pray for those who are ill.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Jackie Isabella, Pat O'Dwyer, Frank Cananzi and John Martinkus.

And we pray all who are remembered at this time, especially: Des Freeman, Grazia Tenace, Albano Molea, Teresa Galgano, Giuseppe Di Vincenzo, Fred Whitty, Bryn DuCasse, Herman Misquitta, and John Zieba.

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 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. Fr Tony Feeney will preside at Saturday 6:00pm and Sunday 10:30am Masses at St Therese's.

DONATE TO THE REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKER APPEAL THIS WEEKEND On the Jubilee of Migrants this weekend we are holding 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.

CASH IN ENVELOPES/LOOSE CASH There are envelopes available on entrance tables which can be put into any collection until the end of October but for those with loose cash this weekend we'll ask our collectors to hold a 'leaving collection' where you can put that cash into collection plates as you leave at the conclusion of Mass.

TAP N GO This weekend all donations accepted via our Tap N Go terminals will go to the RAASG appeal.

ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL Use the QR code to go to the portal. You can make payments with credit card, Google Pay or Apple Pay. Instructions are on our website here: <https://www.essendoncatholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/RAASG-Appeal-How-to-donate-using-the-payment-portal.pdf> for using the portal.



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

VALE PAT O'DWYER We mourn the passing of long-term parishioner Frances 'Pat' O'Dwyer. Requiem Mass for Pat will be held at St Therese's on Tuesday 14 October at 11:00am.

INTRODUCING THE MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIV, "MIGRANTS, MISSIONARIES OF HOPE"

This year we celebrate the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) and the Jubilee of Migrants in October 2025. The theme is: "Migrants, Missionaries of Hope." For this day, Pope Leo has written his first message. He makes direct reference to the fact that so many in the world today are experiencing "frightening scenarios and the possibility of Global devastation." This is making so many people go on the move either as Migrants or Refugees.

Pope Leo writes about the great courage of such people. He says, "In a world darkened by war and injustice, even when all seems lost, Migrants and Refugees stand out as messengers of hope." We all know of Refugees and Migrants in our own personal lives here in Australia where this is so true. Taking time to sit back and listen to some of their wonderful stories generates a great sense of hope and an appreciation of their courage. For this reason, they are among the great evangelisers and leaders of faith in our Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope.

Of course, our ultimate pilgrimage is to be with Christ in our Heavenly homeland. This must never be eclipsed or forgotten. For this reason, Pope Leo in his message reminds us that God's People must never forget about our Heavenly homeland. If so, "she ceases to be in the world and becomes of the world."

Finally, Pope Leo speaks of how Migrants and Refugees so easily become missionaries of hope journeying towards their final homeland. He writes and encourages that "the communities that welcome them can also become a living witness to hope."

Clearly Migrants and Refugees need our help. We need their help. Perhaps our help is more of a material kind and their help is more of a spiritual kind. The Pope concludes his message by saying, "I wish to entrust all who are on the journey, as well as those who are working to accompany them, to the maternal protection of the Virgin Mary, comfort of migrants."

I encourage you to read this beautiful message and see how Migrants and Refugees are an important part of our Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Archbishop Christopher Prowse

Chairperson: Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry.

Pope Leo's message is on our website: <https://www.essendoncatholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/20250725-world-migrants-day-2025.pdf> and is attached to our online bulletin.

SHARING MEMORIES GROUP Our Sharing Memories group will meet on Tuesday 7 October in the Annex for their monthly get together at 10:30am.

TINY TS PLAYGROUP Will be back on Thursday 9 October for the first session of term 3.

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

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.

PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP The annual Spring Racing morning tea is coming up on Thursday 16 October.

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

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 TERESE
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 ~ Senior 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 11 & 12 OCTOBER (WEEK 2)

MASS	READERS	EUCHARIST
OLN 5:00pm	Georgina Kucera & John Harris	Kathy Ferguson
OLN 10:00am	Natale Cutri	Mark Donahoo
St T's 6.00pm	John O'Connor	Tony Proctor & Trish Giacomini
St T's 9.00am	Lynette Russo	Tony Belcastro & David Gloury
St T's 10.30am	Lucy Angelico	Rosa Pierorazio & Marg Moore

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

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

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)

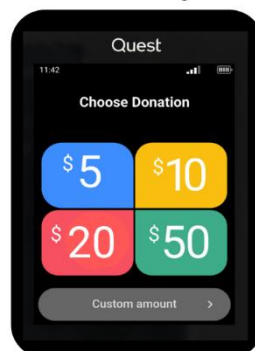
Next date: Tuesday 7 October

— YOU ARE WELCOME

REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT GROUP ANNUAL APPEAL

**THIS WEEKEND ONLY
4 & 5 OCTOBER 2025**

TAP))) TO DONATE



Touch the screen or the Enter button to turn on

Select the preset amount to donate
OR select 'Custom amount' & enter the amount up to \$99

Tap your card/phone or insert your card

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**ALL TAP N GO DONATIONS THIS WEEKEND
GO TO OUR RAASG APPEAL**



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.



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 & 6 December

PARISH DIARY	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	Parish office closed First day of school term 4 Statue of Our Lady moves to the Misquitta 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 Rosary and Requiem Mass for Jackie Isabella at St Therese's	9:00am 11:10am
	Thursday 9 October	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel Reflections on a break until 23/10 SVDP Regional Council meeting in PACE	9:30am 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	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	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	Parish office closed 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
	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 St Therese's	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

PARISH CONTACTS	<p align="center">PARISH PRIEST Fr John Hannon</p> <p align="center">Office phone: 9401 6330 Office address: 48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon</p> <p align="center">Office email: essendon@cam.org.au Website: www.essendoncatholic.org.au</p> <p align="center">Office hours: Tuesday to Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm</p> <p align="center">After-Hours phone: 0490 956 610 (answering service)</p> <p align="center">St Vincent de Paul Helpline: 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: https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w00000LOj4wAAD&req=subscribe</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>	

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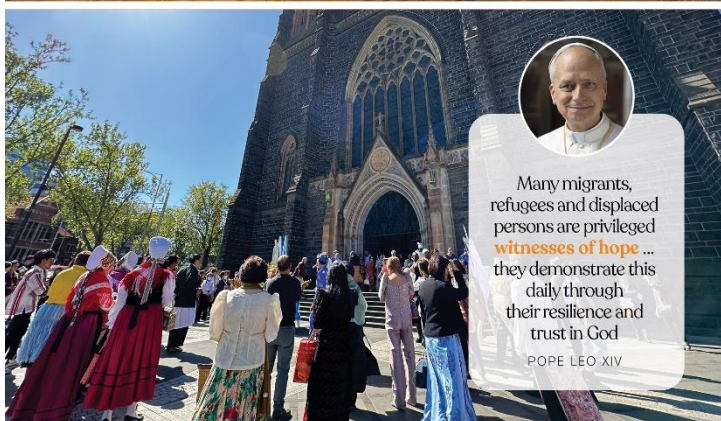
St Francis of Assisi: lover of the Poor and our Mother Earth



Jubilee of Migrants

MISSIONARIES OF HOPE

4-5 OCTOBER 2025



Many migrants, refugees and displaced persons are privileged **witnesses of hope** ... they demonstrate this daily through their resilience and trust in God

POPE LEO XIV

Migrant Festive Gathering

Saturday 4 October 2025 • 9AM–4PM
Loyola College Hall, 325 Grimshaw Street, Watsonia

Mass for All Nations

Sunday 5 October 2025 • 11AM
St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne



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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



The Holy See

MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIV

FOR THE 111th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2025

[4-5 Octobre 2025]

Migrants, missionaries of hope

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

The 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which my predecessor chose to coincide with the Jubilees of Migrants and of the Missions, offers us an opportunity to reflect on the connections between hope, migration and mission.

The current global context is sadly marked by wars, violence, injustice and extreme weather events, which force millions of people to leave their homelands in search of refuge elsewhere. The widespread tendency to look after the interests of limited communities poses a serious threat to the sharing of responsibility, multilateral cooperation, the pursuit of the common good and global solidarity for the benefit of our entire human family. The prospect of a renewed arms race and the development of new armaments, including nuclear weapons, the lack of consideration for the harmful effects of the ongoing climate crisis, and the impact of profound economic inequalities make the challenges of the present and the future increasingly demanding.

Faced with frightening scenarios and the possibility of global devastation, it is important that there be a growing desire in people's hearts for a future of peace and of respect for the dignity of all. Such a future is essential to God's plan for humanity and the rest of creation. This is the messianic future anticipated by the prophets: "Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand because of their great age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets... For there shall be a sowing of peace; the vine shall yield its fruit, the ground shall give its produce, and the skies shall give their dew" (*Zech* 8:4-5, 12). This future has already begun, since it was inaugurated by Jesus Christ (cf. *Mk* 1:15; *Lk* 17:21), and we believe and hope in its full realization, for the Lord is always faithful to his promises.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: “The virtue of hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of every man and woman; it takes up the hopes that inspire human activities” (N. 1818). What is more, the search for happiness, and the prospect of finding it beyond one’s place of origin, is certainly one of the main motivations for the movement of people today.

This link between migration and hope is clearly evident in many contemporary experiences of migration. Many migrants, refugees and displaced persons are privileged witnesses of hope. Indeed, they demonstrate this daily through their resilience and trust in God, as they face adversity while seeking a future in which they glimpse that integral human development and happiness are possible. Moreover, we can see the itinerant experience of the people of Israel repeated in their own lives: “O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel. Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy” (*Ps 68:7-10*).

In a world darkened by war and injustice, even when all seems lost, migrants and refugees stand as messengers of hope. Their courage and tenacity bear heroic testimony to a faith that sees beyond what our eyes can see and gives them the strength to defy death on the various contemporary migration routes. Here too we can find a clear analogy with the experience of the people of Israel wandering in the desert, who faced every danger while trusting in the Lord’s protection: “he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday” (*Ps 91:3-6*).

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. Each time the Church gives in to the temptation of “sedentarization” and ceases to be a *civitas peregrine*, God’s people journeying towards the heavenly homeland (cf. Augustine, *De Civitate Dei*, Books XIV-XVI), she ceases to be “in the world” and becomes “of the world” (cf. *Jn 15:19*). This temptation was already present in the early Christian communities, so much so that the Apostle Paul had to remind the Church of Philippi that “our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself” (*Phil 3:20-21*).

In a special way, Catholic migrants and refugees can become missionaries of hope in the countries that welcome them, forging new paths of faith where the message of Jesus Christ has not yet arrived or initiating interreligious dialogue based on everyday life and the search for

common values. With their spiritual enthusiasm and vitality, they can help revitalize ecclesial communities that have become rigid and weighed down, where spiritual desertification is advancing at an alarming rate. Their presence, then, should be recognized and appreciated as a true divine blessing, an opportunity to open oneself to the grace of God, who gives new energy and hope to his Church: “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it” (*Heb 13:2*).

The first element of evangelization, as Saint [Paul VI](#) emphasized, is that of witness: “All Christians are called to this witness, and in this way they can be real evangelizers. We are thinking especially of the responsibility incumbent on migrants in the country that receives them” (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 21). This is a true *missio migrantium*, a mission carried out by migrants, for which adequate preparation and ongoing support must be ensured through effective inter-ecclesial cooperation.

At the same time, the communities that welcome them can also be a living witness to hope, one that is understood as the promise of a present and a future where the dignity of all as children of God is recognized. In this way, migrants and refugees are recognized as brothers and sisters, part of a family in which they can express their talents and participate fully in community life.

On this Jubilee, when the Church prays for all migrants and refugees, I wish to entrust all those who are on the journey, as well as those who are working to accompany them, to the maternal protection of the Virgin Mary, comfort of migrants, so that she may keep hope alive in their hearts and sustain them in their commitment to building a world that increasingly resembles the Kingdom of God, the true homeland that awaits us at the end of our journey.

From the Vatican, 25 July 2025

Feast of Saint James, Apostle

LEO PP. XIV