



# The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

15 & 16 November: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

**First Reading:** Malachi 3:19-20 A reading from the prophet Malachi

*The sun of righteousness will shine on you.*

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 21:5-19 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Your endurance will win you your life.*

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

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## INTERCESSIONS

*Dear friends, in faith and hope, let us bring our prayers before the Lord.*

That all the baptised will proclaim God's kingdom in their words and deeds.

That warring groups and nations will put down their arms and instead collaborate on building a just and safe world.

That organisations who work for the poor will be encouraged by our generous and prayerful support.

That students who are completing their studies will find meaningful opportunities in the next phase of their lives.

We pray for Mila, Leo, Charlotte, Harper, Willow, Sienna, Lea and Robbie who are welcomed into our parish this weekend and will next weekend be initiated into our church at the Sacrament of Baptism.

We pray for those who are ill.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Fathers Frank Moloney & Barry Moran, Ross Marsolino, Shelley Beecham, Sr Josephine, Laura Truccolo and Ana Brown. And for those we remember at this time, especially: Val Lee, Ken Stout, Hugh & Patricia Hartnett, Marie Tighe, Fortunato & Palma Monardo, Hyacinth D'Cruz and Albie Torr.

*Lord God, you teach us to be attentive in faith and heart. Hear our prayers, and help us to be ever watchful and always ready to respond to the Lord's call. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

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**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.

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**PARISH SUNDAY MORNING TEAS THIS WEEKEND** This weekend we'll hold our monthly morning gatherings after Sunday morning Masses. Thanks to the members of our leadership and welcoming teams who host these events each month. At St Therese's parishioners are invited to gather in the Annex room located at the rear of the church and at OLN the morning tea is held in the church foyer.

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**ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN MESSAGE** Together, parishes across the Archdiocese have raised over \$1.1 million, including \$4,348.45 contributed by The Parish of Our Lady & St Therese, Essendon Parish. These funds will strengthen key mission areas across our Archdiocese, including the Priests Retirement Foundation, the John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, Corpus Christi College, Catholic Theological College, and the Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives. Thank you for your commitment to this important mission and for expressing your faith through your generous response.

**PARISH STRATEGIC PLAN INFORMATION SESSION** Parishioners are invited to attend a one-hour information session on the parish strategic plan. The session will be held in our PACE Function Room on Wednesday 26 November at 7:30pm. The plan is available to read on the parish website here: <https://www.essendoncatholic.org.au/6748-2/> where you will find the full-length version as well as a condensed document.

**BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE** Our Books of Remembrance are now on display in our churches. 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.

**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 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** The monthly children's liturgy group is looking for support to set up a roster of people who can assist the informal sessions where school-aged children 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. Please contact the parish office and we will put you in touch with Jayne Egan who is the leader of K@M.

**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 THIS WEEKEND 15 & 16 NOVEMBER (WEEK 3)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                   |                                       |
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| MASS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | READERS                           | EUCHARIST                             |
| OLN 5:00pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Michael Portelli                  | Fred Grima                            |
| OLN 10:00am                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Natale Cutri                      | Adrian Commadeur                      |
| St T's 6.00pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 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        |
| MINISTRY ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 22 & 23 NOVEMBER (WEEK 4)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                   |                                       |
| MASS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | READERS                           | EUCHARIST                             |
| 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: <a href="https://sundayreadingsathomeyearc.weebly.com/h1sks0t1.html">https://sundayreadingsathomeyearc.weebly.com/h1sks0t1.html</a><br>Children: <a href="https://www.childrensliturgyofthewordc.com/ych3rwjcm2.html">https://www.childrensliturgyofthewordc.com/ych3rwjcm2.html</a> |                                   |                                       |



# Volunteers Needed

*Share Your Time  
& Talents*

*Share your gifts, talents and energy to  
build our parish community*

- ☑ Mass & Liturgy
- ☑ Outreach & Community
- ☑ Education & Formation
- ☑ Administration & Development
- ☑ Property

Brochures available on  
church entrance tables or  
scan the QR code for online  
version



## LOOKING AHEAD

The Essendon Parish of  
Our Lady and St Therese

### STRATEGIC PLAN INFORMATION SESSION

**Wednesday 26 November**

**PACE Function Room**

**7:30PM - 8:30PM**

The session will briefly outline our parish  
Strategic Plan and how parishioners can  
contribute to its success

Use the QR code to view the  
Strategic Plan

You'll find the complete plan  
and a condensed version



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

## Parish Friendship Group Morning Tea

PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF  
OUR PARISH ARE INVITED TO

**Morning Tea in  
PACE Function Room  
Thursday 20 November  
from 10:45am  
After Mass of Anointing  
at St Therese's Church**

*All welcome*

## 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!!**

# PARISH DIARY

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| Sunday 16 November    | Parish Morning Tea after morning Masses at St Therese's<br>Parish Morning Tea after 10:00am Mass at OLN<br>Parish Baptism Welcoming Mass at St Therese's | 10:30am                      |
| Monday 17 November    | Statue of Our Lady moves to the Laterra family<br>SVDP Essendon Conference meeting in PACE                                                               | 7:00pm                       |
| Tuesday 18 November   | Mass at Ryman Raelene Boyle Village Aged Care                                                                                                            | 11:00am                      |
| Wednesday 19 November | Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex<br>Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store                                                              | 9:00am<br>10:45am            |
| Thursday 20 November  | Tiny Ts Playgroup in St Therese's Annex<br>Mass of Anointing at St Therese's<br>Parish Friendship Group morning tea in PACE                              | 9:30am<br>10:00am<br>10:40am |
| Friday 21 November    | Requiem Mass for Ana Brown at St Therese's                                                                                                               | 11:00am                      |
| Sunday 23 November    | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe<br>Youth Sunday<br>Parish Baptisms at St Therese's                                                           | 12:00pm                      |
| Monday 24 November    | Parish office closed<br>Statue of Our Lady moves to the Notaro family                                                                                    |                              |
| Wednesday 26 November | Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex<br>Parish Strategic Plan Information Session in PACE                                                     | 9:00am<br>7:30pm             |
| Thursday 27 November  | Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room<br>Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room                                                                       | 9:30am<br>10:30am            |
| Saturday 29 November  | Kids at Mass at St Therese's                                                                                                                             | 6:00pm                       |
| Sunday 30 November    | Year A Begins<br>First Sunday of Advent<br>Men's Choir singing at St Therese's church                                                                    | 9:00am                       |
| Monday 1 December     | Statue of Our Lady moves to the Lambert family                                                                                                           |                              |
| Tuesday 2 December    | Sharing Memories Group morning tea in the Annex                                                                                                          | 10:30am                      |
| Wednesday 3 December  | Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex<br>Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store<br>Parish Leadership Team Meeting in PACE                    | 9:00am<br>10:45am<br>7:30pm  |
| Thursday 4 December   | Tiny Ts Playgroup in St Therese's Annex<br>Parish Friendship Group Christmas Lunch in PACE                                                               | 9:30am<br>12:00pm            |
| Saturday 6 December   | Men's Choir singing at OLN church<br>Kids at Mass at St Therese's                                                                                        | 5:00pm<br>6:00pm             |
| Sunday 7 December     | Second Sunday of Advent                                                                                                                                  |                              |
| Monday 8 December     | The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary<br>Statue of Our Lady moves to the Dang family<br>Alpha Connect evening in PACE function room       | 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

**PARISH PRIEST** Fr John Hannon

**Office phone:** 9401 6330 **Office address:** 48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon

**Office email:** [essendon@cam.org.au](mailto:essendon@cam.org.au) **Website:** [www.essendoncatholic.org.au](http://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>



*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.*



# International Day of People with a Disability event

Pathways to Inclusion

Saturday 29  
November  
12pm-4pm

Djerring  
Flemington Hub



Join us in celebrating people of all abilities this International Day of People with a Disability!

Come along for

- hands-on workshops and presentations
- live performance from Eliza Hull and Leap Into Dance
- information stalls to support your access and participation
- story sharing on pathways to inclusion.



9243 8888 | mvcc.vic.gov.au/IDPWD



# 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](mailto:stthereses.tinyts@gmail.com)

## 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 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](mailto: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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Monday 3 November 2025

Rev John Hannon  
The Parish of Our Lady & St Therese, Essendon Parish

Dear Fr Hannon

My prayerful greetings to you in the Lord.

It is with deep gratitude and warm congratulations that I write to you and your parish community in acknowledgement of your generous support for this year's Archbishop's Campaign.

I am delighted to share that Essendon Parish has raised \$4,348.45 towards this year's Campaign. Already, the overall effort has surpassed last year's total, exceeding \$1.1 million. Further donations are still being processed.

This is a remarkable achievement, and I am immensely proud of the Archdiocese and the many families across our city who have come together in such a spirit of generosity. Their commitment is a powerful testament to our shared mission of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

With your Parish's support, the Archdiocese is able to continue vital work; supporting our Seminary, caring for our retired Priests, assisting those facing hardship, and ministering to those in local prisons and overseas missions. It is this charitable outreach, rooted in faith, compassion and love, that truly touches the hearts of those we serve.

Please extend my sincere thanks to your parishioners for their generosity and dedication. In this Jubilee of Hope, their support will bring hope to many.

Please be assured of my continued prayers in all that you do for God's people in Melbourne.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,  
Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

**Most Rev Peter A Comensoli**  
Archbishop of Melbourne





# What if your gap year actually shaped your future?

## GAP YEAR WITH PURPOSE

International Volunteering

### February 2026

60+ years placing volunteers | Community-led development | Safe & structured

**Palms International Volunteering** has structured gap year placements in Cambodia, and Timor-Leste, starting February 2026.

This isn't just travel—it's real basic youth work experience with communities that have specifically requested support.

#### CURRENT ROLES:

- Youth accompaniment/English tutor (Don Bosco programs)
- Education support (Timor-Leste)

**DURATION:** 12 months

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- ✓ Comprehensive 4-day Orientation Course (12–15 Feb 2026)
- ✓ Accommodation & living allowance
- ✓ Travel insurance
- ✓ Ongoing in-country support
- ✓ Skills that universities and employers genuinely value

#### ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION



Thursday 4 December 2025



6pm or 9pm AEDT



Students & Parents welcome

Join us online to learn about placements, ask questions, and meet the team.

SCAN ME

#### CONTACT:



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