



The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

22 & 23 November: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year C
Youth Sunday

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3 A reading from the second book of Samuel

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

INTERCESSIONS

Brothers and sisters, encouraged by the word of God we pray for our needs and those of all humanity.

We pray for our church leaders: may they continue to guide and care for us, leading us into the unity of God's kingdom. That leaders will exercise their power with care and concern for those they serve.

That our parish community may demonstrate Christ as truly reigning in our hearts and homes.

On Youth Sunday we pray for the children and youth of the world. That they may grow to be just leaders, inspired by your Son Jesus to bring about your kingdom on earth.

We pray for the children who will be initiated into our Church at the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

We pray for those who are ill.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Margaret Santucci. And for those we remember at this time, especially: Brian Bergin, Terry Daffey, Angela & Luigi Cardamone, Kim Gregor, Maria & Francesco Nola, Giovanni & Angela Cardamone, Concetta & Francesco Caruso, Anne O'Riley, Alison Hinton, Francesco & Domenico-Antonio Pulitano, Raymond Soans, Katherine Moloney, Carmel Heenan and Ann & Bonnie Sullivan.

God, our creator, you raised up Jesus as King of all creation. Hear our prayers and help us to be ready for the day when Jesus comes again in glory. We make this prayer 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 while Fr Tony 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 STRATEGIC PLAN INFORMATION SESSION A one-hour information session on the parish strategic plan will be held this Wednesday 26 November at 7:30pm in PACE Function Room. The plan is available to read on the parish website here: <https://www.essendoncatholic.org.au/6748-2/>



The Parish of Our Lady & St Therese
Volunteers' Christmas Party
WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER
8:00PM - 9:30PM
PACE FUNCTION ROOM

COLUMBAN CALENDARS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS ON SALE NEXT WEEKEND The Essendon St Vincent De Paul (Vinnies) Conference have Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards in stock and will be selling them from next weekend in church foyers after weekend Masses. Calendars are \$10 and cards are \$5 for a pack of 5. Please note that stocks of cards will be limited this year due to a supply issue.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL The annual appeal will be held on the weekend of 6 & 7 December.

PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP CHRISTMAS LUNCH: LAST REMAINING SPOTS The annual PFG Christmas Luncheon will be held on Thursday 4 December at 12 noon in PACE and looks to be a sell out just like last year. The cost is \$30 per person. At time of printing the bulletin there are only a few places left. **TO BOOK:** Call the parish office on 9401 6330. You can pay by credit card over the phone or pay cash at the office.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES Are now published on the parish website: <https://www.essendoncatholic.org.au/mass-prayer-times/christmas/> and there are postcards printed and available on church entry tables with the times listed.

CHRISTMAS WORKING BEE To get our churches in good order for Christmas Masses we will hold working bees at both churches on Saturday 13 December from 9:00am until 11:00am. Cleaners and gardeners all welcome!

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE The parish office will close on Tuesday 23 December, reopening on Monday 19 January 2026. The last bulletin for this year will be published on Friday 19 December and the first bulletin for the new year will be published on the weekend of 31 January & 1 February.

ACYF LAUNCH AND WYD CROSS RECEPTION & PILGRIMAGE WALK Join us at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 30 November as we welcome over 6,000 young pilgrims to Melbourne. Let us come together to share in their joy and offer a warm Melbourne welcome. <https://acyf.org.au/>

Program: 1:30 pm - Melbourne Catholic Festa; 2:30 pm - Reception of the WYD Cross & Icon; 3:00 pm - Pilgrimage Walk (5km to MCEC - ticketed pilgrims only; 3km return option available)

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 K@M sessions. You will be fully supported and guided to help the leader and no experience is necessary. Please contact the parish office if you are keen to help.

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 THERESA
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

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

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

MINISTRY ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 22 & 23 NOVEMBER (WEEK 4)		
MASS	READERS	EUCHARIST
OLN 5:00pm	Paul Whiting	Fred Grima
OLN 10:00am	Adrian Commadeur	Michael Portelli
St T's 6.00pm	Tric Joseph & Tony Procto r	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
MINISTRY ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 29 & 30 NOVEMBER (WEEK 5)		
MASS	READERS	EUCHARIST
OLN 5:00pm	Paul Whiting	Kathy Ferguson
OLN 10:00am	Coral D'Cruz	Doug D'Cruz
St T's 6.00pm	Anne Lechte & Eve Korytkowski	Teresa Pong
St T's 9.00am	Margaret Kerr	Marg Tormey & Tony Belcastro
St T's 10.30am	Rosa Pierorazio	Marita Hassed-Dunne
Adults: https://sundayreadingsathomeyearc.weebly.com/h1sks0t1.html Children: https://www.childrensliturgyofthewordc.com/ych3rwjcm2.html		

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 *TOGETHER*

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/>



KAM WILL BE BACK
SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER
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

LAST SESSION FOR 2025

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 23 November	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe Youth Sunday Parish Baptisms at St Therese's	12:00pm
Monday 24 November	Parish office closed Statue of Our Lady moves to the Notaro family	
Wednesday 26 November	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am
Thursday 27 November	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room	9:30am 10:30am
Saturday 29 November	Kids at Mass at St Therese's	6:00pm
Sunday 30 November	Year A Begins First Sunday of Advent 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 Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store Parish Leadership Team Meeting in PACE	9:00am 10:45am 7:30pm
Thursday 4 December	Tiny Ts Playgroup in St Therese's Annex Parish Friendship Group Christmas Lunch in PACE	9:30am 12:00pm
Weekend 5 & 6 December	Vinnies Christmas Appeal	
Saturday 6 December	Men's Choir singing at OLN church Kids at Mass at St Therese's	5:00pm 6:00pm
Sunday 7 December	Second Sunday of Advent	
Monday 8 December	The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary Statue of Our Lady moves to the Dang family Alpha Connect evening in PACE function room	7:00pm
Thursday 11 December	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room	9:30am 10:30am
Friday 12 December	OLN school Mass for end of year	9:00am
Saturday 13 December	Christmas Working Bee – Both Mass Centres	9:00am to 11:00am
Sunday 14 December	Third Sunday of Advent Parish Baptism Welcoming Mass at St Therese's	10:30am
Monday 15 December	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Sylvestro family	
Tuesday 16 December	Mass at Ryman Raelene Boyle Village Parish office closing early	11:00am 1:00pm

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 **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>



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.

*Parish of
Our Lady and St Therese*

MEN'S COFFEE GROUP

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY!

Only two more dates for 2025

3rd & 17th December

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



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

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES
POSTCARDS NOW
ON CHURCH ENTRY TABLES**



PEACE ✦ HOPE ✦ JOY ✦ LOVE

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.





The Parish of
Our Lady & St Therese

Volunteer's Christmas *gathering*

WEDNESDAY | 17 DEC | 8PM - 9:30PM

PACE FUNCTION ROOM

To all our parish volunteers
We are grateful to each of you for your contribution to our parishes
We hope you join us in giving thanks for and celebrating our communities together



ST COLUMBAN'S MISSION SOCIETY 2026

AVAILABLE FOR SALE
AFTER WEEKEND MASSES AT
ST THERESE'S & OLN
During Advent
\$10 PER CALENDAR
Christmas Cards also
on sale for \$5 per
pack

COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR



CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL,
IN CONJUNCTION WITH CHARIS,
INVITE YOU TO OUR SUMMER CONFERENCE

**15 - 17
JANUARY
2026**

Stay ALERT!

KEEP YOUR LAMPS LIT
MATTHEW 25: 1-13

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL
CHARIS

www.ccr.org.au

CONFERENCE

Thursday 15 January – Saturday 17 January 2026
10.00am – 5.00pm daily. Doors open 9:30am.

Opening Mass at 10.30am,
celebrated by Most Rev Thinh Nguyen DD.



VENUE

**Our Lady Help of Christians Hall, 49 Nicholson Street,
East Brunswick.**

Take tram 96 from Bourke Street, near Southern Cross train station.
Street parking is available. Note: Disabled people will have to be
brought to the Hall entrance.

SPEAKERS



Joe Chircop
Servants of Jesus,
Sydney



Julie Chircop
Servants of Jesus,
Sydney



Anne Marie Gatenby
CCR Sydney



David Isaacson
Mjaa Melbourne

REGISTRATION

\$120 Early Bird Discount
by 19 December 2025.

\$50 per day or \$150 full conference.
\$40 Student/Pensioner per day.

Refreshments provided, bring own lunch.

To register scan the QR code or go to
<https://www.trybooking.com/DHERB>





We proclaim a crucified Christ

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20 November 2025

To the Clergy and Faithful of the Archdiocese of Melbourne,

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

After months of prayer, preparation, and great hope across our Parishes, schools, and communities, we now stand only ten days away from welcoming to Melbourne **the Australian Catholic Youth Festival**. Very soon, 6,000 young people from right across Australia and the Pacific will be travelling to our city to celebrate their faith, deepen their discipleship, and encounter the living Christ in the heart of His Church.

Thanks be to God, the Festival has **reached full capacity**, an extraordinary sign of faith among our young people! Though all tickets are now sold out for the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (a gentle reminder that only ticketed participants will be admitted to the Centre, including for the Final Mass), our Archdiocese has a vital role to play. I warmly encourage everyone — Clergy, religious, parishioners, families, school communities, and movements — to celebrate Eucharist and prayer in their local communities and then join the gathering participants for the **Opening Melbourne Catholic Festa at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, 30 November commencing at 1:00pm**, and to accompany our young pilgrims with prayer, support, and joyful presence along the pilgrimage route to the Festival site.

This will be a moment of grace for the whole Church in Melbourne: a time to welcome, a time to pray, and a time to bear witness to the hope that lies within us.

Opening Day – St Patrick's Cathedral – 30 November

I invite you to stand alongside our young people as they begin these days of joy and encounter. The program will be:

- **1:30 pm – Melbourne Catholic Festa:** A celebration of the beauty and diversity of our faith communities gathering on the Cathedral forecourt.
- **2:30 pm – Reception of the WYD Cross and Icon:** Powerful symbols that have strengthened young Catholics across the globe, calling us to renew faith and mission.
- **3:00 pm – Pilgrimage Walk:** A 5km journey from the Cathedral to the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, led by the Cross and Icon. (Please note: only ticketed pilgrims will enter the MCEC). A shorter return-path option is also available for those who wish to support part of the journey.

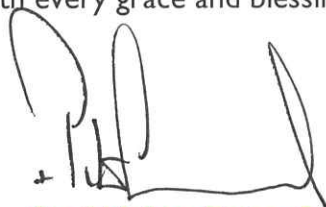
How You Can Support:

- **Join us in person** at the **Melbourne Catholic Festa**
- **Line the walking pilgrimage route** as a sign of encouragement and witness. Bring parish, school and community banners to show our unity and joy! (information on the Archdiocesan website)
- **Offer a warm Melbourne welcome** to all who travel to our city in faith, and
- **Pray intentionally** for our pilgrims, our youth ministers, our families, and our clergy during these coming days.

Further details will be sent to Parishes regarding information around the events – particularly the Pilgrimage walk.

As we draw near to this Festival and to the close of the Jubilee Year, may Christ renew our young people, strengthen our communities, and deepen our shared mission in Him.

With every grace and blessing in Christ Jesus,



Archbishop Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne