



The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

8 & 9 November: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Year C

First Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12 A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I see water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved.

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

Responsorial Psalm: The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 2:13-22 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

He spoke about the temple of his own body.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

INTERCESSIONS

Father, you called your people to be your Church. As we gather together in your name we pray for our needs and the needs of the world.

That the Church be characterised by humility and authenticity in responding to the Gospel.

That nations and leaders will live in peace and govern with justice.

That those in our local community who work to feed the poor and hungry will be supported generously.

For the safety of all young people entrusted to the care of parents, carers, teachers and pastoral workers, and for healing and consolation of all affected by abuse of children and adults.

We pray for those who are ill.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Ana Brown, Shelley Beecham, Ross Marsolino, Laura Truccolo and Sr Josephine Cannell.

During this month of remembrance, we pray for those honored in the Memorial & Precious Angels Garden and Book of Remembrance. And we pray for those especially remembered at this time including: Maria Salerno, Maria Mina, Bill Davis, Marion Plunkett, Bernard O'Brien, Members of the Ganci, Garro, Figliuzzi and Natale families.

God of all time, hear these prayers and help us to bear witness to your gospel with courage and conviction. We make our prayer in Jesus' name.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD: USE YOUR TALENTS Parish Leadership Team members will speak briefly at Masses this weekend about our plan to reinvigorate our volunteer numbers in support of the aims of our parish strategic plan.

BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE Our Books of Remembrance are now on display in our churches. These books hold the names of our beloved faithful departed whom we pray for during November's month of remembrance. The books are customised for each church. Please note that we try our best to transcribe any new handwritten names into the book but inevitably there are some errors. If you find an error or misspelling, please let the office know and we will update it for next year.

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 8 & 9 NOVEMBER (WEEK 2)

MASS	READERS	EUCHARIST
OLN 5:00pm	Georgina Kucera & John Harris	Kathy Ferguson
OLN 10:00am	Mark Donahoo	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

MINISTRY ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 15 & 16 NOVEMBER (WEEK 3)

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

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



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

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 11 November
after Cup Day holiday**

YOU ARE 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	Monday 10 November	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Carroll family Alpha Connect evening in PACE function room	7:00pm
	Tuesday 11 November	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's Sharing Memories Group morning tea in the Annex Rosary and Requiem Mass for Ross Marsolino at St Therese's	10:00am 10:30am 1:30pm
	Wednesday 12 November	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Requiem Mass for Shelley Beecham at St Therese's	9:00am 1:30pm
	Thursday 13 November	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room Requiem Mass for Sr Josephine Cannell at St Therese's SVDP Regional Council meeting in PACE	9:30am 10:30am 11:00am 7:00pm
	Friday 14 November	Requiem Mass for Laura Truccolo at St Therese's	11:00am
	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
	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 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
	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 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

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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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 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

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.

