



# The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

## 11 & 12 April: Easter Second Sunday of Easter Year A

Welcome to the Parish of Our Lady and St Therese. Like the apostle Thomas, from time to time we all doubt. Most of us are like Thomas who looked for some tangible evidence of the resurrection. We should not hide our questions. We must do what Thomas did – bring those doubts to the Lord. And our risen Lord will say to us what he said to Thomas: 'Cease doubting and believe.'

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1 (R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**Gospel Acclamation:** John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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### INTERCESSIONS

*God calls us to respond in faith to the risen Lord. Let us bring our needs and those of the world before the God of all.*

That our Holy Father, Pope Leo will lead the Church in the peace of our risen Lord.

That national leaders share their resources generously for the good of all.

For peace on earth, that nations will put aside division and hate and seek peace.

For those who do not believe, that their doubt will turn to faith.

Pray for those who are sick and all those who care for them: May God bless them with hope, patience, and trust so that they may live without anxiety.

We pray for those who have died recently. And for those we remember at this time, especially: Grazia Mazzarella, Bob Kelly and Brian Nunn.

*Loving God, your Son is the way through our darkness and despair. Hear our prayers and help us to trust in your promises as the time of Christ's suffering draws near. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

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**WHICH PRIEST WHERE** This weekend Fr John will say all Masses at OLN and the 9:00am Sunday Mass at St Therese's while Fr Tony says 6:00pm Saturday and 10:30am Sunday Mass at St Therese's. Next weekend Fr John will say all Masses at St Therese's while Fr Tony presides at Masses at OLN.

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**PARISH OFFICE REOPENS ON TUESDAY** Our usual office hours will resume on Tuesday 14 April and next weekend we will return to our usual bulletin. This bulletin was published before the Easter break.

<b>PARISH CALENDAR</b>	Sunday 12 April	Second Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday	
	Monday 13 April	Statue of Our Lady moves to the D'Cruz family Alpha Connect evening in PACE function room	7:00pm
	Tuesday 14 April	Parish office reopens Centring Prayer group gathering in PACE function room	9:00am 7:00pm
	Wednesday 15 April	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store	9:00am 10:45am
	Thursday 16 April	Parish Friendship Group Morning Tea in PACE	10:30am
	Saturday 18 April	Men's Choir singing at Our Lady of the Nativity	5:00pm
	Sunday 19 April	Third Sunday of Easter 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 April	First day of school term 2 Statue of Our Lady moves to the D'Cruz family SVDP Essendon Conference meeting in PACE	7:00pm
	Tuesday 21 April	Mass at Ryman Raelene Boyle Village Aged Care	11:00am
	Wednesday 22 April	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am

### MINISTRY ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 11 & 12 APRIL (WEEK 2)

MASS	READERS	EUCCHARIST
OLN 5:00pm	Georgina Kucera & John Harris	Kathy Ferguson
OLN 10:00am	Natale Cutri	Douglas D'Cruz
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 18 & 19 APRIL (WEEK 3)

MASS	READERS	EUCCHARIST
OLN 5:00pm	Michael Portelli	Fred Grima
OLN 10:00am	Mark Donahoo	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

**Online resource for Sunday Readings:** <https://sundayreadingsandreflections.a.weebly.com/UrtI0m1hb.html>

<b>MASSES</b>	<b>ST THERESE'S CHURCH</b> 48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon	<b>OUR LADY OF THE NATIVITY CHURCH</b> 31 Fawkner St, Aberfeldie
	<b>Weekday Services:</b> Tuesday to Friday 10:00am	<b>Weekend Masses:</b> Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:00am
	<b>Weekend Masses:</b> Saturday 6:00pm Sunday 9:00am & 10:30am	<b>Reconciliation:</b> Saturday 4:45pm
	<b>Reconciliation:</b> Saturday 5:45pm	

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	<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>

