



Welcome to the Parish of Our Lady and St Therese and our celebration of Pentecost. This is the day when, true to his promise, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to the apostles. This day renews the gift of the Spirit in each of us and in the Church as a whole.

During May we'll begin each weekend Mass in communal prayer:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women,

and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and

Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30 (R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of 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.'

INTERCESSIONS

My sisters and brothers, let us pray to God, who is the source of life and light, for our needs and for those of the world.

That the Holy Church all over the world will be united as one in the spirit of peace.

That leaders of nations will experience the Spirit of truth and fight for justice for all people.

That those who do not know God will come to know Christ through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

That through the forgiveness of sins, our parish community will renew the earth and reach out to all in need.

We pray for the year four children from Our Lady of the Nativity who present themselves at Mass this weekend in preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist and for the children Baptised at St Therese's.

We pray for those who are ill. We pray for those who have died recently especially Wayne Wright. And for those we remember at this time, especially: Shannon Mary O'Brien, Anne Blundo, Joseph Meyers, John Ryan and Frank Azzopardi.

God our Father, we are made one in the Holy Spirit. Hear our prayers and by the fire that is kindled in our hearts, help us to live as Christians united in holiness, forgiveness and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

PROJECT COMPASSION RECEIPTS FOR CASH DONATIONS Parishioners who donated CASH to Project Compassion AND requested a receipt can now collect the receipt from the parish office. Caritas will send receipts for credit card, cheque or online donations. The parish only issues receipts for cash donations where requested.

MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026 What synodality is NOT. Synodality is not about changing doctrine according to popular opinion. The faith handed down through the centuries is not negotiable. What synodality seeks to renew is how we live, communicate, and embody that faith in changing times. You can learn more about the Melbourne Synod at <https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026>

SAFEGUARDING : TIME TO UPDATE

Many volunteers undertook the Safeguarding requirements at sessions held in early to mid-2023 which means it's now time to update! There are three safeguarding requirements for ALL VOLUNTEERS.

REQUIREMENT 1: WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

All volunteers over the age of 18 are required to maintain a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) irrespective of the ministry in which they serve. A WWCC is free for volunteer work.

To apply visit <https://www.vic.gov.au/working-with-children-check>

If you already have a WWCC please register The Parish of Our Lady & St Therese as an organisation where you volunteer here: <https://www.service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children-check-update-details/home>

The parish will receive a letter showing you've linked your WWCC to the parish and will be informed if your WWCC status ever changes.

FOR WWCC PLEASE USE THESE DETAILS

Organisation Name: The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese

Address: 48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon VIC 3040

Phone: 03 9401 6330

Email: essendon@cam.org.au

Child-related work field: 64 Religious organisations

TEACHERS: A teacher who holds a current registration with the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) is exempt from the requirement to undertake a WWCC but must nominate organisations in which they undertake volunteer work. Link is here: <https://service.vic.gov.au/services/teachers-notifications>

REQUIREMENT 2: SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE CODE OF CONDUCT

Volunteers are required to read and acknowledge the Code of Conduct every three years.

You can sign the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct through the online Safeguarding Essentials Training platform (link below) before completing the Safeguarding Essentials training.

REQUIREMENT 3: SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS TRAINING

Volunteers are required complete the Safeguarding Essentials training module every three years. Link is below: <https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/>

The Safeguarding Essentials Training takes around 45 minutes and you can stop and go back to it if you need to break it up.

Parishioners who need assistance with Safeguarding can contact the parish office – we are here to help and will book in-person sessions for volunteers who can't access the online training at home.

Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults including the elderly.

NATIONAL MASS COUNT We thank our collectors who have been conducting the Parish Mass 'count' throughout May. This is the final weekend for counting our Mass attendance.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS Are made from wheat starch and water with a gluten content of 6.2 parts per million.

MINISTRY ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 23 & 24 MAY (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 Hased-Dunne & Miriam Gandolfo

MINISTRY ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 30 & 31 MAY (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 Hased-Dunne

Online resource for Sunday Readings: <https://sundayreadingsandreflections.a.weebly.com/Urtl0m1hb.html>

PARISH CALENDAR

Weekend 23 & 24 May	Annual Parish Mass Count – Week 4 Presentation Masses for Sacrament of First Eucharist at OLN	All Masses
Sunday 24 May	Pentecost Sunday Laudato Si' Week ends Parish Baptisms at St Therese's	12:00pm
Monday 25 May	Our Lady, Help of Christians, Patron of Australia Statue of Our Lady moves to the Dang family	
Wednesday 27 May	National Reconciliation Week begins Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am
Thursday 28 May	Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room	10:30am
Friday 29 May	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE function room Funeral prayers for Wayne Wright at OLN church Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of the Nativity Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of the Nativity	10:30am 11:30am 4:30pm 6:30pm
Weekend 30 & 31 May	Vinnies Winter Appeal Launch Candidate Masses for First Reconciliation at St Therese's	All Masses
Saturday 30 May	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Sunday 31 May	The Most Holy Trinity Men's Choir singing at St Therese's	9:00am
Monday 1 June	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Pereira family	
Tuesday 2 June	Sharing Memories Group morning tea in the Annex Mass at Ryman Raelene Boyle Village Aged Care	10:30am 11:00am
Wednesday 3 June	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store Faith night for First Reconciliation at St Therese's	9:00am 10:45am 6:45pm
Thursday 4 June	Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room Mass at Arcadia Aged Care	10:30am 11:00am
Friday 5 June	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE function room	10:30am
Weekend 6 & 7 June	Vinnies Winter Appeal	
Sunday 7 June	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	
Monday 8 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday: parish office closed Statue of Our Lady moves to the Rob family Alpha Connect evening in PACE function room	7:00pm
Tuesday 9 June	Centring Prayer group gathering in PACE function room	7:00pm
Wednesday 10 June	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Sacrament of First Reconciliation at St Therese's	9:00am 6:45pm
Thursday 11 June	Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room Mass at Trevi Court Aged Care SVDP Regional Council meeting in PACE	10:30am 11:00am 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 **Website:** www.essendoncatholic.org.au

Office hours: 9:00am until 3:00pm Tuesday to Friday

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
Friendship Group

Australia's
**Biggest
Morning
Tea**

**\$1085
donated**

Thanks to everyone who came to morning tea on Thursday 21 May and gave so generously

We've so far raised \$1085 and it's not too late to give to support Cancer Council

Donate online using the QR code or <https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/fundraisers/FriendshipGroup>



Tiny Ts Playgroup

All-weather with indoor and outdoor space
For infant to school-aged children
Grandparents welcome!



Friday Mornings in PACE

WHEN: Friday mornings in school terms
10:30am - 11:30am

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 2 June

YOU ARE WELCOME


Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession 2026

Jesus himself came near
and was walking with them
LUKE 24:15



**SUNDAY 7 JUNE, 2PM
STARTS AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
CONCLUDES AT FED SQUARE**

Together with Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli, let us bring Christ in the Eucharist—our light—into the heart of the city of Melbourne.
Communities are invited to bring their banners!




Stay updated:
melbournecatholic.org/corpuschristi
proclaim@cam.org.au / 9926 5761

THE NEXT KIDS AT MASS
SATURDAY 13 JUNE
AT ST THERESE'S 6:00PM MASS



KIDS AT 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

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Franciscus

CELEBRATING 800 YEARS OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

THE CAPUCHIN FRANCISCAN FRIARS WILL BE HOSTING A
2-DAY CONFERENCE
TO CELEBRATE THIS JUBILEE YEAR OF ST FRANCIS
TO REFLECT UPON AND SHARE ABOUT THE AMAZING LIFE
AND ENDURING LEGACY OF THIS GREAT SAINT.

30-31
MAY
2026



ST ANTHONY'S
CAPUCHIN FRIARY
CHURCH
182 POWER STREET
HAWTHORN VIC
3122



Melbourne Catholic Professionals 2026

Upcoming events:

Thursday 11 June • RACV City
Thursday 20 August • RACV City
Thursday 22 October • ZINC



Your membership also includes an additional member-only event. Details to be announced shortly. See updates on our website:

melbournecatholic.org/mcp

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**

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

