



The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

30 & 31 May: The Most Holy Trinity Year A

Welcome to the parish of Our Lady and St Therese. Today we celebrate the greatest mystery of our faith, namely, the mystery of the Trinity. God is Father, Son and Spirit. It is not so much something to talk about, as something to celebrate, pray, and live.

As we close this month of Mary, who is the Help of Christians, Australia's patron saint, we particularly remember our First nations peoples.

On Reconciliation Sunday, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Wurundjeri-willam people of the Kulin nation, their Spirits, ancestors, Elders and community members, past and present. It is with gratitude that we share this land today.

In the past, Lincoln Park and Buckley Park were traditional meeting and camping areas, covered in yam daisies, red gums and boxtrees. Lily Street was the site of an ancient quarry where tools were carved for trade and the Maribyrnong River was a vital source of food and means of transport.

We give respect to the ancient wisdom which recognised the sacredness of all Creation and acknowledge the loss of land, culture and treasures which was an outcome of European settlement.

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

INTERCESSIONS

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

That Pope Leo will continue to lead the Church in worship of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

That governments and assemblies of elected representatives act with compassion for the common good.

That those who sin against humanity repent of their choices and embrace reconciliation, justice and restitution.

We pray for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children; that they be cared for and protected.

We pray for those impacted by the Stolen generation; that your peace will descend on them and they will know your love and comfort.

We pray for the students across our parish who are undertaking the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

We pray for those who are ill. We pray for those who have died recently especially Ettore Scarapicchia. And for those we remember at this time, especially: Robert & Carmelo Salpietro, Sr Barbara Burke SJC, Wendy Fernandez, Daniel & Jean McAuslin, Damien Bartolovic, Steve McKenna, Patrick Bateman, Erminio Milena, Vali De Marchi and Josephine Montalti.

Loving God, thank you for the vision of Justice, Reconciliation and Love that you have for all of us. May our prayers today help realize this vision through Christ Our Lord. Amen

WHICH PRIEST WHERE This weekend Fr John will say all Masses at St Therese's and the 5:00pm Vigil Mass at OLN. We welcome Bishop Terry Curtin who will preside at 10:00am Sunday Mass at OLN.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL This weekend is our annual Vinnies Winter Appeal and we welcome members of our SVDP conference who will speak at all Masses. The appeal finances the work of our Essendon SVDP Conference who support Companions across our parish. Funds raised will support people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, and people struggling with poverty and cost of living pressures. Appeal envelopes are available for cash and credit card donations or you can call 13 18 12. Donate online: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal> or by using the QR code.



PLEASE NOTE: For online donations, please add "176 – Essendon" in the Comments/Conference Name field to ensure that your donation comes to the Vinnies conference in our parish. All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

WELCOME STS STUDENTS AND FAMILIES We welcome students and families from St Therese's and our RE Program who present as candidates for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Therese's Masses this weekend. Year 3 students will be reading at Mass on Saturday evening at St Therese's and the school choir will be singing.

MEN'S CHOIR Our Men's Choir will be singing this Sunday at 9:00am Mass at St Therese's.

TUESDAY GARDENING GROUP Everyone willing and able to help out with gardening at St Therese's are invited to join in the new Tuesday Gardening Group. St Therese's church has extensive, established gardens and they require a lot of upkeep. Anyone is welcome to come along, no matter your skill level at gardening. The group will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00am in the Memorial Garden beginning this Tuesday 2 June.

SHARING MEMORIES GROUP Our Sharing Memories group meet on the first Tuesday of each month will next meet on Tuesday 2 June.

MEN'S COFFEE GROUP The Men's coffee group meet at Lincoln Food Store on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 10:45am. The next meeting is Wednesday 3 June.

TINY TS PLAYGROUP Meets weekly on Fridays in PACE function room at 10:30am during school terms.

KIDS AT MASS We'll welcome our Kids at Mass team back to Mass on Saturday 13 June at 6:00pm Mass at St Therese's.

PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP Holds monthly morning teas on the third Thursday of each month. The next gathering will be the annual Winter Warmer on Thursday 18 June.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS GROUP Meet weekly on Thursdays in PACE Meeting Room after morning Mass (except on Parish Friendship Group morning tea dates)

MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026 Synodality and unity. Walking together does not mean everyone thinks the same way. The Church has always held unity alongside diversity. Synodality helps us learn how to disagree respectfully, discern patiently, and remain united in Christ even amid differences. You can learn more about the Melbourne Synod at <https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026>

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

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK takes place every year between May 27 and June 3. These dates commemorate two important events in the journey of reconciliation: the 1967 referendum when Australians voted overwhelmingly to amend the Constitution to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the census and the High Court's Mabo decision which recognised native title land rights

This year's theme, 'All In', is a call for all Australians to commit to reconciliation every single day. Reconciliation requires all of us to do our part, every day. The Reconciliation Australia website has lots of information on how you can get involved in online and in-person events in support of reconciliation.



MINISTRY ROSTER FOR THIS 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 & Olivia Thompson	Marg Tormey & Tony Belcastro
St T's 10.30am	Rosa Pierorazio	Marita Hased-Dunne

MINISTRY ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 6 & 7 JUNE (WEEK 1)

MASS	READERS	EUCHARIST
OLN 5:00pm	Jon Fleming	Tatiana Polizzi
OLN 10:00am	Paula O'Byrne	Andrew Scaramozzino
St T's 6.00pm	Eve Korytkowski	Gina Bell & Maggie Catterall
St T's 9.00am	Mary Dowling & Margaret Kerr	Carmen Merrigan & Rosina Tempini
St T's 10.30am	Silvia Campo & George Jungwirt	Miriam Gandolfo & Maria Giampiccolo

Online resource for Sunday Readings: <https://sundayreadingsandreflections.a.weebly.com/Ur10m1hb.html>

PARISH CALENDAR

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 Rosary and Requiem Mass for Ettore Scarapicchia at St T's	9:45am
Tuesday 2 June	Tuesday Gardening Group at St Therese's Sharing Memories Group morning tea in the Annex Mass at Ryman Raelene Boyle Village Aged Care	9:00am 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 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
Friday 12 June	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE function room	10:30am
Saturday 13 June	Kids at Mass at St Therese's	6:00pm
Weekend 13 & 14 June	Sacrament of First Eucharist at Our Lady of the Nativity	All Masses
Sunday 14 June	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 15 June	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Mazzarella family SVDP Essendon Conference meeting in PACE	7:00pm
Wednesday 17 June	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store	9:00am 10:45am
Thursday 18 June	Parish Friendship Group Winter Warmer morning tea in PACE	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

PARISH CONTACTS

PARISH PRIEST Fr John Hannon

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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

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<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.

PLEASE GIVE TO THE
ESSENDON PARISH

Vinnies Winter appeal

FOR PEOPLE LIKE DAVID,

**HOMELESSNESS IS JUST ONE
SUDDEN CRISIS AWAY**

With fuel, the cost of living and rental prices higher than ever, an unexpected bill, the loss of a job or a relationship break down can be enough to push someone into homelessness.

Donation envelopes are available. Put them on the plate at a weekend Mass or drop them off to the parish office



To donate call 13 18 12 or go online at:
<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal>
In the Comments/Conference Name field add
'176 - Essendon' so your donation is directed to our Vinnies Conference

ESSENDON PARISH

SAFEGUARDING

ALL 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 ME
FOR
DETAILS

YES

ALL volunteers must be registered as parishioners

If you are a volunteer but not a registered parishioner please fill in a Parishioner Registration Form (available from church entry tables) and return it to the parish office

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

TUESDAY GARDENING GROUP

Tuesday 2 June

9:00am

St Therese's

Join our new monthly gardening group on the first Tuesday of each month at St Therese's

Meet in the Memorial Garden at 9:00am

BYO gardening tools if you can although we do have some tools

All welcome - it's a big garden and there's a job for every skill level!

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

Parish of Our Lady and St Therese MEN'S COFFEE GROUP

SAVE THE DATES

3 & 17 June
1 & 15 July
5 & 19 August
3 & 17 September
1 & 15 October
5 & 19 November
3 & 17 December

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



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

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**