

# The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

13 & 14 June: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Welcome to the Parish of Our Lady and St Therese. We are called to serve the world, working with the Christ who works through us. We must be the healing touch of Christ in our world. We must comfort those who mourn, bring back to life those who are in despair, embrace those who have been ostracised by society, drive out anger and fear and hatred. Like Christ, we are intercessors of justice and peace. This is our call.

**First Reading:** Exodus 19:2-6

*You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.*

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;  
repent and believe the Good News!  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

*He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.*

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

**SUNDAY READINGS WITH REFLECTIONS:** <https://sundayreadingsandreflections.a.weebly.com/Urtl0m1hb.html>

**DAILY MASS READINGS:** <https://melbournecatholic.org/connect/daily-mass-readings>

## INTERCESSIONS

*My sisters and brothers, trusting in God's faithfulness and mercy we pray for the needs of all people.*

That all the baptised will heed the call of Jesus and go out to the world, proclaiming God's kingdom in their words and deeds.

That world leaders will work together to bring about peace and justice for all.

That communities struggling with the aftermath of natural disasters will not be forgotten.

That local communities will show compassion to the helpless and the vulnerable.

We pray for the children from Our Lady of the Nativity school who receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist this weekend.

We pray for those who are ill. We pray for those who have died recently. And for those we remember at this time, especially: John Noce, Patrick Shannon, Maureen Capuano, Lorenzo Fasulo, Grazia Paino, Theresa Ciantar & Michael Reddan.

*God our shepherd, accept the prayers we offer today. Strengthen us to be with those in need and help us to proclaim your love to them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

**WHICH PRIEST WHERE** This weekend Fr John will say both Masses at OLN as well as 9:00am Sunday Mass at St Therese's. At St Therese's this weekend we welcome Bishop Terry Curtin who will preside at 6:00pm Saturday Mass and 10:30am Sunday Mass. Next weekend Fr John will say Masses at St Therese's while Fr Tony says Masses at OLN.



## SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST AT OLN: WELCOME TO SCHOOL FAMILIES AND VISITORS

This is a busy weekend at OLN church with the Sacrament of First Eucharist being celebrated at both our weekend Masses. We welcome visitors and ask that you please be respectful of the solemnity of the Sacrament Masses. Please remain in your seats throughout the service and only take photographs before and after the Mass.

We celebrate First Eucharist as a faith community and parishioners are welcome at the Masses. Music and readers will be from our OLN school community and Fr John will preside at the First Eucharist Masses.

**PETER'S PENCE APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND** Catholics around Australia are encouraged to support the Peter's Pence appeal next weekend on the Feast of St Peter and St Paul. The appeal, which dates back to Medieval times, is held in parishes worldwide in support of the Holy Father's mission which extends throughout the world. The proceeds from this collection fund the Pope's emergency assistance relief programs throughout the world which help suffering victims of war, oppression and natural disasters. The annual collection allows the faithful to offer financial assistance to the needs of the Catholic Church around the world and the charitable works the Church carries out. The Vatican says Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity. Through it, every member of the faithful can participate in the Pope's activity.

**KIDS AT MASS** We welcome our Kids at Mass team this Saturday 13 June at 6:00pm Mass at St Therese's. The group will gather at the beginning of Mass and head into PACE for their session.

**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 gathering is Wednesday 17 June.

**PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP** Hold monthly morning teas on the third Thursday of each month. This month is the annual Winter Warmer on Thursday 18 June where delicious homemade soup will replace the usual cuppa. All are welcome.

**GOSPEL REFLECTIONS GROUP** Meet weekly on Thursdays in PACE Meeting Room after morning Mass (except on Parish Friendship Group morning tea dates). Printed materials are provided. Everyone is welcome.

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

**MEN'S CHOIR** Our Men's Choir will next be singing on Saturday 20 June at 5:00pm Mass at OLN.

**TUESDAY GARDENING GROUP** Everyone willing and able to help out with gardening at St Therese's is invited to join in the new Tuesday Gardening Group. The group meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00am in the Memorial Garden and most Tuesdays in between.

**SHARING MEMORIES GROUP** Our Sharing Memories group meet on the first Tuesday of each month will next meet on Tuesday 7 July. The group supports parishioners through life changes including grief, death and separation.

**PARISH SUPPORT OFFERING ENVELOPES** The 2026/2027 thanksgiving envelopes are available to collect from church entrance tables. Envelopes are labelled and organised alphabetically by SURNAME. Please check the details on the label and let the parish know if your address has changed.

**ENVELOPE NUMBER CHANGES** Parishioners who donate via envelopes might find they have a new number on their envelope. It is important from 1 July please use your new envelopes and discard envelopes from 2025/2026.

**JOIN THE PARISH SUPPORT OFFERING PROGRAMME** If you'd like to join in the Parish Support Programme with regular automatic payments, Parish Direct Debit Forms are available on church entrance tables or go online to <https://www.essendoncatholic.org.au/our-parish/parish-registration-and-support/>

**TAP & GO PAYMENTS** If you'd like to support the parish with a once-off donation (up to \$99) you can use the Tap & Go terminals at our church entrances. Donations made on T&G terminals are anonymous and funds are distributed equally between the church (parish) and the clergy (presbytery) bank accounts.

**REGISTER AS A PARISHIONER** If you feel that the Parish of Our Lady and St Therese is your spiritual home, we encourage you to officially register as a parishioner and we hope that you will participate in the worship, mission, and ministry of our parish community. Parish Registration forms are available on church entrance tables.

**MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026** Synodality begins locally. Synodality is lived first in parishes, schools, families, and communities. When people feel heard and valued locally, the Church becomes more credible and more missionary. 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.

#### MINISTRY ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 13 & 14 JUNE (WEEK 2)

MASS	READERS	EUCHARIST
OLN 5:00pm	ON School Community	Kathy Ferguson
OLN 10:00am	OLN School Community	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	Silvia Campo	Rosa Pierorazio & Marg Moore

#### MINISTRY ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 20 & 21 JUNE (WEEK 3)

MASS	READERS	EUCHARIST
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	Maureen Jansen	Maria Cricri
St T's 10.30am	Rosemary Patterson & Mary O'Brien	Cherrie Arnold & Therese Hanna

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday 13 June	Kids at Mass at St Therese's One year Memorial Mass for John Noce at St Therese's	6:00pm 6:00pm
Weekend 13 & 14 June	Sacrament of First Eucharist at Our Lady of the Nativity	All Masses
Monday 15 June	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Mazzarella family Funeral for Giuseppe Stefano at St Therese's church SVDP Essendon Conference meeting in PACE	11:30am 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
Friday 19 June	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE function room	10:30am
Saturday 20 June	Men's Choir singing at Our Lady of the Nativity	5:00pm
Sunday 21 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 One year Memorial Mass for Vera Oliveri at St Therese's	10:30am 10:30am
Monday 22 June	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Mazzarella family One month Mass for Ettore Scarapicchia at St Therese's	7:00pm
Tuesday 23 June	Centring Prayer group gathering in PACE function room	7:00pm
Wednesday 24 June	The Nativity of John the Baptist Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am
Thursday 25 June	Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room	10:30am
Friday 26 June	Final day of school term 2 Whole school Mass at St Therese's (Saints Peter & Paul)	10:00am
Weekend 27 & 28 June	Peter's Pence Appeal: Intentions of the Holy Father	
Sunday 28 June	One year Memorial Mass for Maria Scarlata at St Therese's Parish Baptisms at St Therese's	10:30am 12:00pm
Monday 29 June	Feast of Saints Peter and Paul Statue of Our Lady moves to the McDermott family	
Wednesday 1 July	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store	9:00am 10:45am
Thursday 2 July	Gospel Reflections in PACE Meeting Room	10:30am
Weekend 4 & 5 July	Opening the Doors Foundation Appeal	
Sunday 5 July	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday	
Monday 6 July	Statue of Our Lady moves to the Stazko family	

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=0012w0000LOj4wAAD&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.*

KIDS AT MASS THIS  
**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

## 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

## Parish Friendship Group Winter Warmer

PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS ARE  
INVITED TO ATTEND

**THURSDAY 18 JUNE**  
**10:30AM**  
**PACE FUNCTION ROOM**

Instead of the usual cuppa we'll be serving up delicious homemade soup to warm the body and soul

*All welcome*

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

### SAVE THE DATES

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



# 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](mailto:stthereses.tinyts@gmail.com)

# TUESDAY GARDENING GROUP

Tuesday 7 July

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!

HOPE IN THE LORD!  
HOLD FIRM, TAKE HEART  
AND HOPE IN THE LORD!  
Ps 27:14



# PETER'S PENCE



Leo P.P. XIV

# 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**



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NORTH ESSENDON UNITING CHURCH  
invites you to:

## THE NARROW BRIDGE

Film screening and discussion

A story of loss, courage and human connection

DATE: TUESDAY 30 JUNE 2026      TIME: 7PM-9PM

The **Narrow Bridge** follows four individuals whose lives have been shattered by conflict in the Middle East — yet who respond not with revenge, but with courage and compassion.

Rami, Bassam, Bushra and Meytal have each lost a child or parent. In the face of unimaginable grief, they choose to transform their pain into a bridge towards understanding and peace.



Rami

Bassam

Bushra

Meytal

- How do we live after devastating loss?
- How do we resist being defined by hatred?
- How do we hold on to our humanity in the face of violence?

Join us for a facilitated conversation exploring themes of reconciliation, shared humanity and connection across faiths.



LOCATION: 132 KEILOR ROAD, ESSENDON NORTH VIC 3041

REGISTRATION: [HTTPS://EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM/THE-NARROW-BRIDGE](https://events.humanitix.com/the-narrow-bridge)