

The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

6 & 7 June: The Most Holy Body & Blood Year A

Welcome to the Parish of Our Lady and St Therese on the Feast of Corpus Christi - the Body and Blood of Christ.

In talking about our unity in Christ, Saint Paul says that we are like grains of wheat that have been brought together to form one loaf. It's a beautiful image. The Eucharist celebrates and strengthens our unity in Christ.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12

(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Gospel Acclamation: John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said.

Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,

if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father,

so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven;

not like the bread our ancestors ate:

they are dead,

but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

INTERCESSIONS

Brothers and sisters, let us now bring our prayers before our loving God.

We pray for the Church: may we be truly Christ's body, blessed to become a source of love and healing for all those in need.

That governments will work together with sincerity to try to find the way to a just peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan, and all war-torn areas.

For those who share their daily bread with those who are wanting.

We pray for all our young parishioners receiving sacraments for the first time this year, especially those receiving the Eucharist. May God's loving presence sustain them throughout the year.

That sports may be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth. [*Pope Leo's prayer intention for June 2026*]

We pray for those who are ill. We pray for those who have died recently especially Pablo Emilio Sierra Cubillos. And for those we remember at this time, especially: Gwendolyn Carroll, Toby Bateman and Teresa O'Keeffe.

Hear our prayers and help us to receive Christ's body and blood as sustenance for serving others in your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

WHICH PRIEST WHERE This weekend Fr John will say all Masses at St Therese's while Fr Tony says all Masses at OLN. Next weekend Fr John will say both First Eucharist Masses at OLN as well as 9:00am Sunday Mass at St Therese's. At other Masses NEXT WEEKEND we will have Bishop Terry Curtin presiding at 6:00pm Saturday Mass and Fr Tony at 10:30am Sunday Mass at St Therese's.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL You can still give to the Vinnies Winter Appeal. 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 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.

PARISH SUPPORT OFFERING ENVELOPES The 2026/2027 thanksgiving envelopes are now 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 received through the 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.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA APPEAL RESULTS Thanks to everyone who came to morning tea on Thursday 21 May and gave so generously on the day or donated online. The Parish Friendship Group raised \$1136.80 to support Cancer Council. Well done everyone!

TINY TS PLAYGROUP Meets weekly on Fridays in PACE function room at 10:30am during school terms. Playgroup is free to attend and we welcome grandparents and other carers.

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.

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.

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 Holds monthly morning teas on the third Thursday of each month. The next gathering will be the annual Winter Warmer on Thursday 18 June where soup will replace the usual cuppa.

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. 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 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.

MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026 Why discernment is essential. Discernment is more than discussion. It is a prayerful process of seeking God's will. In a Synod, time is given to silence, prayer, and reflection so that decisions emerge from faith, not haste. 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 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

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

MASS	READERS	EUCHARIST
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

Online resource for Sunday Readings: <https://sundayreadingsandreflections.a.weebly.com/Urtl0m1hb.html>
Daily Mass readings are available at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/connect/daily-mass-readings>

PARISH CALENDAR

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
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
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	Parish Baptisms at St Therese's	12:00pm

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

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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

To subscribe to our newsletter go to the link below or use the QR code:

<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.

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

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

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

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

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!

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



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**