



The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

10 & 11 October: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Welcome to the Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon. We gather at our Masses to participate in the banquet of the Eucharist. We are here because God, in his love, has invited us and we have accepted his invitation. Let us bring a spirit of thankfulness and joy to our celebration.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22. R. v.6

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Gospel Acclamation: See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope

to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

SUNDAY READINGS WITH REFLECTIONS: <https://sundayreadingsandreflections.a.weebly.com/UrtI0m1hb.html>

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

INTERCESSIONS

Brothers and sisters, gathered as God's holy people, let us intercede for the needs of the world.

That nations suffering from drought and famine will be aided by countries with abundant resources.

That workers and managers will work together with mutual respect and tolerance.

That the poor and the needy of our community will find us generous and kind.

That our parish community will remain worthy to greet the Lamb of God at this table.

That we who gather around the Lord's table will accept the invitation to the feast by changing our lives and removing obstacles.

We pray for those who are ill, that they will be raised in health and spirit especially: Rita Clabby.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Jennifer Langford and Trish Conway and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially: Noel & Carmel O'Brien, Teresa Cullia, Denis Price, Russell Hande, Angela-Antonietta Salpietro, Obdulia Fondevilla, John Korytkowski, Hugh Hartnett, Pauline Tighe, Will Curtain, Tony Cefai and David Kristitz.

Loving God, you call us to share at your table. Hear our prayers and help us to spread our faith to others, so that we may bring them to your banquet. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please note: To have the name of someone who has recently died, or whose anniversary falls this week, included in the weekend Mass and bulletin, please submit the name(s) to the Parish Office by 3.00pm Wednesday.

PARISH CENSUS THIS WEEKEND Our parish is currently undertaking a Parish Census to help us better understand our parish community and support its ongoing life and mission. By completing the census form available at Mass, we can register the number of our parish members and better understand the needs of our community. Data from this census will also assist the parish to plan effectively for ministries, important events, and future parish initiatives. Your privacy is essential, and all information will be treated with confidentiality.

There is an accessible online version of the census on our website: <https://www.essendoncatholic.org.au/our-parish/parish-census/> for those who have trouble filling in the printed form. Thank you for your participation.

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE Our parish begins the Month of Remembrance with special Masses of Remembrance for All Saints' and All Souls' Days. This year they will be held on Friday 30 October:

- **5:00pm** at Our Lady of the Nativity (OLN),
- **7:00pm** at St Therese's

The Memorial Garden at St Therese's will be blessed on **Sunday 1 November at 11:30am**. All are welcome.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE This year our Books of Remembrance are being combined into a single parish book, starting from last year's lists. A copy will be placed in each church on Friday 30 October.

To add new names, use the links on our website: www.essendoncatholic.org.au/remembrance-month Please first check whether the name is already in our Perpetual Book of Remembrance, which is linked on the same page. Paper forms are also available on the clipboards at the entry tables in both churches. **New names close Sunday 25 October.**

NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES Now available for private Mass intentions to be offered by Fr John during November. Names written on November Mass envelopes are not added to the Book of Remembrance or read in the intercessions at Mass.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY ESSENDON CONFERENCE: QUARTERLY UPDATE It's been a busy three months for our Conference. Members made 40 home visits, supporting 56 adults and 29 children in our Parish. That support came to \$5,178 in essential furniture, food vouchers and Vinnies store vouchers.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS On 19 September, the Essendon Conference marked 100 years of serving people in our Parish at the annual Regional Festival Mass.

More than 70 people from ten conferences across the Essendon Region came together to commission new Conference presidents, recognise members' years of service and celebrate our centenary.

BUNNINGS BBQ SUCCESS On Sunday 27 September, our Bunnings BBQ fundraiser raised more than \$3,200 for the Assist a Student program. Thank you to the local business sponsors who made it such a success: Sita Holdings Pty Ltd, Premier Fresh Australia, Firefly Express, Coles Moonee Ponds and Baker's Crust.

GET INVOLVED To learn more about our work or join the Conference, please contact Wendy at esdon.conf.pres@svdp-vic.org.au.

VINNIES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY The St Vincent de Paul Society is looking for a Regional Treasurer for the Essendon Region. The role involves preparing monthly financial reports and helping with budgeting, and it takes about 4-6 hours a month. Training, support and a laptop are provided. Applicants need SVDP membership, a Working with Children Check and a police check. For more information, contact Richard Turnbull on 0438 377 510.

GOD'S WORD 2027 Copies of St Paul Publications' God's Word 2027 are available for the special price of \$20. Call Jane on 0412 239 381.

MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026 Synodality and young people. Young people long to be heard and taken seriously. Synodality invites the Church to listen attentively to their questions and hopes. You can learn more about the Synod on the Archdiocese website here: <https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026>

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

MASS	THIS WEEKEND	NEXT WEEKEND
OLN 5:00pm	Fr Tony Feeney	Fr John Hannon
OLN 10:00am	Fr Tony Feeney	Fr John Hannon
St T's 6:00pm	Fr John Hannon	Fr Tony Feeney
St T's 9:00am	Fr John Hannon	Fr John Hannon
St T's 10:30am	Fr John Hannon	Fr Tony Feeney

LECTORS/READERS MASS SCHEDULE		
MASS	THIS WEEKEND	NEXT WEEKEND
OLN 5:00pm	Georgina Kucera & John Harris	Michael Portelli
OLN 10:00am	Natale Cutri	John McKibbin
St T's 6:00pm	John O'Connor	Alison Bretag
St T's 9:00am	Lynette Russo	John Harvey
St T's 10:30am	Lucy Angelico	Rosemary Patterson & Mary O'Brien
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MASS SCHEDULE		
MASS	THIS WEEKEND	NEXT WEEKEND
OLN 5:00pm	Kathy Ferguson	Fred Grima
OLN 10:00am	Douglas D'Cruz	Mark Donahoo
St T's 6:00pm	Tony Proctor & Trish Giacomini	Tric Joseph & Trish Giacomini
St T's 9:00am	Tony Belcastro	Maria Cricri
St T's 10:30am	Rosa Pierorazio & Marg Moore	Cherrie Arnold & Therese Hanna

PARISH GARDENING GROUP MULCHING DAY

NEW DATE !!!
Saturday 10 October

9:30am

St Therese's

It's the season for
MULCHING!

Join the gardening group at St
Therese's for a morning of
mulching and tidying up of the
gardens

BYO gardening tools if you can
We do have some tools



Parish Friendship Group

*Spring Racing
Morning Tea*

PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS
OF OUR PARISHES ARE
INVITED TO ATTEND

Morning Tea in
PACE FUNCTION ROOM
Thursday 15 October
from 10:30am

All welcome



KIDS AT MASS IS BACK
SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER
AT ST THERESE'S 6:00PM 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

REMAINING DATES FOR 2026
Saturdays 6:00pm
10 October, 7 & 28 November

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

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Weekend 10 & 11 October	Parish Census	All Masses	
Saturday 10 October	St Therese's Garden mulching day	9:30am	St Therese's
Saturday 10 October	Kids at Mass	6:00pm	St Therese's
Monday 12 October	Statue of Our Lady: Xerri family		
Monday 12 October	Alpha Connect evening	7:00pm	PACE Function Room
Tuesday 13 October	Centring Prayer group gathering	7:00pm	PACE Function Room
Wednesday 14 October	Italian Prayer Group Meet	9:00am	St Therese's Annex
Thursday 15 October	Parish office closed		
Thursday 15 October	Parish Friendship Spring Carnival morning tea	10:30am	PACE
Friday 16 October	Tiny Ts Playgroup	10:30am	PACE Function Room
Friday 16 October	Requiem Mass for Doreen Sargentson	11:30am	OLN
Weekend 17 & 18 October	Parish Census	All Masses	
Sunday 18 October	Parish Morning Tea after morning Masses		St Therese's
Sunday 18 October	Parish Morning Tea after 10:00am Mass		OLN
Sunday 18 October	Parish Baptism Welcoming Mass	10:30am	St Therese's
Monday 19 October	Statue of Our Lady: Moreno family		
Monday 19 October	SVDP Essendon Conference meeting	7:00pm	PACE
Wednesday 21 October	Italian Prayer Group Meet	9:00am	St Therese's Annex
Wednesday 21 October	Men's Coffee Group	10:45am	Lincoln Food Store
Thursday 22 October	Gospel Reflections	10:30am	PACE Meeting Room
Friday 23 October	Tiny Ts Playgroup	10:30am	PACE Function Room
Friday 23 October	Requiem Mass for Jenny Langford	11:30am	St Therese's church
Weekend 24 & 25 October	Parish Census	All Masses	
Saturday 24 October	Men's Choir singing at Our Lady of the Nativity	5:00pm	
Saturday 24 October	Grade 2 students and families Mass	5:00pm	OLN
Sunday 25 October	Parish Baptisms	12:00pm	St Therese's
Monday 26 October	Statue of Our Lady: D'Cruz family		
Tuesday 27 October	Centring Prayer group gathering	7:00pm	PACE Function Room

MASSES	ST THERESE'S CHURCH	OUR LADY OF THE NATIVITY 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	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	
	<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>	