

The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

3 & 4 October: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Season of Creation

Welcome to the Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon.

During the Season of Creation we pray together:

Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning, we gather as part of your community of all creation.
We give thanks for the gift of water, the veins of our common home, that sustains the wattle and the whale, the pasture and the city.
We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands and our fellow creatures.
We give thanks that in your well-watered garden, every drop is a sacred testament to your love. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,

and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7
(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation: See John 15:15
Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

SUNDAY READINGS WITH REFLECTIONS: https://sundayreadingsandreflectionsa.weebly.com/Urtl0m1hb.html
DAILY MASS READINGS: https://melbournecatholic.org/connect/daily-mass-readings

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INTERCESSIONS

Sisters and brothers, let us turn to the Lord with confidence, for God is ready to hear our prayer for those in need.

That our Holy Father, Pope Leo, will lead the church with wisdom and courage.

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

That the poor and vulnerable will be protected from greed and exploitation.

That this community will bear fruit and faithfully carry out God's plans.

That leaders and governments bring peace to all citizens, through fair laws and just decisions.

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

We pray for those who have died recently especially Wilma Cariss, Peter Alizzi, Francesco Mazzei and Silvester Tomsic and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially: Bryn DuCasse, Emilio Baldi, Herman Misquitta, Albano Molea, Pat O'Dwyer and Dianne Sherry.

Loving God, your Son was the stone rejected by the builders. Hear our prayers and help us to acclaim Christ with thanksgiving and praise. 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. Names submitted later will be included the following week.

PARISH CENSUS BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND Next weekend we begin our Parish Census, an important moment for us to understand who makes up our parish community and how we can best support one another. Census cards will be available at every Mass over the next three weeks.
We invite each household to complete a card during Mass or take it home and return it the following week. Your participation helps us plan effectively for ministries, events, and the future life of our parish.
All information provided will remain confidential. Thank you for helping us strengthen our parish community.

MULCHING DAY POSTPONED Due to forecast heavy rain, the mulching day at St Therese's has been postponed to next Saturday 10 October at 9:30am.

FR TONY'S 80TH BIRTHDAY This Sunday we mark Fr Tony Feeney's 80th birthday at 10:30am Mass at St Therese's followed by a celebratory morning tea in PACE. All are welcome.

SHARING MEMORIES GROUP meets for its monthly get-together on Tuesday 6 October at 10:30am in the St Therese's Annex.

TINY TS PLAYGROUP returns on Friday 9 October at 10:30am for the first session of Term 4.

KIDS AT MASS returns after the school holidays next Saturday 10 October.

MEN'S COFFEE GROUP next meets on Wednesday 7 October at Lincoln Food Store at 10:45am.

PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP The annual Spring Racing morning tea is coming up on Thursday 15 October.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS GROUP Meets each Thursday after morning Mass in PACE meeting room.

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 Church (OLN),
- **7:00pm** at St Therese's Church

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 we are combining our Books of Remembrance into a single parish book, using 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

Before adding a name, please check whether it is already in our Perpetual Book of Remembrance. There is a link on the same page.

Paper submission sheets are also available on clipboards at the entry tables in both churches. All new submissions must be made by Sunday 25 October.

OLN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We are still looking for volunteers at OLN to support our weekend Masses, funerals and special Masses. If you could help as a Lector (reader), Eucharistic Minister, AV assistant or Sacristan, please contact the parish office.

MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026 Synodality and hope. A synodal Church believes that renewal is possible, even in difficult times. Hope is not naïve optimism—it is trust in God's faithfulness. You can learn more about the Synod 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 John Hannon	Fr Tony Feeney
OLN 10:00am	Fr Bernie Lane	Fr Tony Feeney
St T's 6:00pm	Fr John Hannon	Fr John Hannon
St T's 9:00am	Fr John Hannon	Fr John Hannon
St T's 10:30am	Fr Tony Feeney & Fr John Hannon	Fr John Hannon

LECTORS/READERS MASS SCHEDULE		
MASS	**THIS WEEKEND**	**NEXT WEEKEND**
OLN 5:00pm	Jon Fleming	Georgina Kucera & John Harris
OLN 10:00am	Paula O'Byrne	Natale Cutri
St T's 6:00pm	Eve Korytkowski	John O'Connor
St T's 9.00am	Mary Dowling & Margaret Kerr	Lynette Russo
St T's 10:30am	Silvia Campo & George Jungwirt	Lucy Angelico
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS MASS SCHEDULE		
MASS	**THIS WEEKEND**	**NEXT WEEKEND**
OLN 5:00pm	Tatiana Polizzi	Kathy Ferguson
OLN 10:00am	Trish Giacomin	Douglas D'Cruz
St T's 6:00pm	Gina Bell & Maggie Catterall	Tony Proctor & Trish Giacomin
St T's 9.00am	Carmen Merrigan & Rosina Tempini	Tony Belcastro
St T's 10:30am	Miriam Gandolfo	Rosa Pierorazio & Marg Moore

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

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
at 10:30am

Next date: Tuesday 6 October in the Annex (at the rear of St Therese's Church)

YOU ARE 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
Sunday 4 October	***Feast of St Francis of Assisi***		
Sunday 4 October	80th Birthday celebration for Fr Tony Feeney	11:30am	PACE Function Room
Monday 5 October	First day of school term 4		
Monday 5 October	Statue of Our Lady: Misquitta family		
Monday 5 October	Rosary & Requiem Mass for Francesco Mazzei	11:30am	St Therese's church
Tuesday 6 October	Tuesday Gardening Group	9:00am	St Therese's
Tuesday 6 October	Sharing Memories Group morning tea	10:30am	St Therese's Annex
Tuesday 6 October	Requiem Mass for Silvester Tomsic	11:00am	St Therese's church
Wednesday 7 October	Italian Prayer Group Meet	9:00am	St Therese's Annex
Wednesday 7 October	Men's Coffee Group	10:45am	Lincoln Food Store
Wednesday 7 October	Rosary & Requiem Mass for Peter (Pietro) Alizzi	11:30am	St Therese's church
Wednesday 7 October	Parish Leadership Team Meeting	7:00pm	Parish office
Thursday 8 October	Gospel Reflections	10:30am	PACE Meeting Room
Thursday 8 October	Requiem Mass for Wilma Cariss	11:30am	St Therese's church
Thursday 8 October	SVDP Regional Council meeting	7:00pm	PACE Function Room
Friday 9 October	Whole School Mass for Feast of St Therese	10:00am	St Therese's church
Friday 9 October	Tiny Ts Playgroup	10:30am	PACE Function Room
Weekend 10 & 11 October	***Parish Census***	All Masses	Both churches
Saturday 10 October	Parish Gardening Group Mulching Day	9:30am	St Therese's grounds
Saturday 10 October	Kids at Mass	6:00pm	PACE Function Room
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 Function Room
Friday 16 October	Tiny Ts Playgroup	10:30am	PACE Function Room
Friday 16 October	Requiem Mass for Doreen Sargentson	11:30am	OLN church

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

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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.

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MEN'S COFFEE GROUP

1st & 3rd Wednesday each month from 10:45am

Lincoln Food Store
105 Lincoln Rd
Essendon

SAVE THE DATES

7 & 21 October
4 & 18 November
2 & 16 December



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

WE'RE LOOKING FOR

VOLUNTEERS FOR KEY ROLES

Help us deliver the Parish Strategic Plan by joining one of our new teams

- Social Activities Team
- Communications Team
- Multicultural Team

For more information or to register your interest scan the QR code

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW
ESSENDON@CAM.ORG.AU
OR SCAN THE QR CODE



Share Your Time & Talents

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