The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon

31 October & 1 November: All Saints and All Souls
Month of Remembrance

Welcome to the Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon. Today we celebrate the memory of all the baptised who have gone before us and whose lives were virtuous. We celebrate the lives of all those who have been marked with the sign of faith, those who have been canonised by the church, those whom we have known personally as well as those whose names we do not know.

First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6
(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:
'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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

Brothers and sisters, gathered as God's Church in this generation let us bring our prayer to God for our needs and the needs of the world.

For a humble and merciful Church.

For those who work for peace and justice among nations.

That those who are poor will be treated with kindness.

That all who have died may share God's victory over death and the joys and blessings of the life to come.

We pray for those who are ill, especially: Cathy Angelopoulos and Stephanie Mazzarella, that they will be raised in health and spirit.

We pray for those who have died recently, especially: Kevin Curtain, Olga Kenny, Margaret Allan and Giuseppina Cuda.

We pray for all those we hold dear in our Memorial Garden, Precious Angels Garden and Book of Remembrance and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially: Laura Truccolo, Ana Brown, Ross Marsolino, Michelle Beecham, Sr Josephine Cannell, Noel Dunne, Joan Kennedy, Alan Farnbach and Lucy Kavanagh.

God of all time, hear these prayers and help us to bear witness to your gospel with courage and conviction. We make our prayer in Jesus' name. 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.

VALE KEVIN CURTAIN ~ VALE OLGA KENNY It is with heavy hearts that we report the loss of two pillars of our parish community.

Kevin Curtain, long-time parishioner and a driving force for liturgy and music at Our Lady of the Nativity, passed away suddenly last Friday. Kevin and his wife Mary have been faithful parishioners for more than 60 years. Requiem Mass for Kevin will be held at OLN on Monday 2 November at 11:30am, with a viewing from 10:30am.

We also say farewell this week to faithful parishioner and friend Olga Kenny, who has died aged 94. Olga was a well-known character and contributor to the local community, and we will miss her. Requiem Mass for Olga will be held at St Therese's Church on Thursday 5 November at 11:00am, followed by burial at Keilor Cemetery at 1:00pm.

PARISH CENSUS We had a fantastic response to our census and thank everyone who submitted a census card. Data from the census will help us better understand our parish community and support our ongoing life and mission. Your privacy is essential, and all information collected will be treated confidentially.

SHARING MEMORIES GROUP FINAL SESSION FOR 2026 The final session for the year will be held on Tuesday 10 November at 10:30am in the parish office boardroom. The group will resume in February 2027.

PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP CHRISTMAS LUNCH BOOKINGS OPEN NOW Christmas lunch this year will be on Thursday 3 December. See the ad on the next page for details. Book soon to avoid disappointment.

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

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE Our Books of Remembrance, which hold the names of our beloved departed, will be on display in our churches throughout November, the month in which we especially pray for them. We do our best to transcribe new handwritten names accurately, but some errors are inevitable. If you find an error or misspelling, please let the office know and we will correct it for next year.

NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES These are now available for private Mass intentions to be offered by Fr John during November. Please note that names written on November Mass envelopes are neither added to the Book of Remembrance nor read in the intercessions at Mass.

ADVENT DAILY REFLECTIONS "In these weeks of waiting, longing and hope, the Church asks us not simply to prepare our homes and our celebrations, but to allow the Lord to prepare within us a place where he may be welcomed more deeply. The resource The Way of the Heart offers a timely companion for that journey." – Archbishop Shane Mackinlay of Brisbane. The parish has a limited number of copies of The Way of the Heart for sale at the church sacristies and the parish office for $5 each. See the ad on the next page.

GOD'S WORD 2027 Copies of St Paul Publications' God's Word 2027 are available for the special price of $21.95. Call Jane on 0412 239 381.

MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026 Synodality prevents isolation. When leaders and communities walk together, no one carries the burden alone. Synodality builds shared responsibility. 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.

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

LECTORS/READERS ROSTER		
MASS	**THIS WEEKEND**	**NEXT WEEKEND**
OLN 5:00pm	Jon Fleming	Georgina Kucera & John Harris
OLN 10:00am	Natale Cutri	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 ROSTER		
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

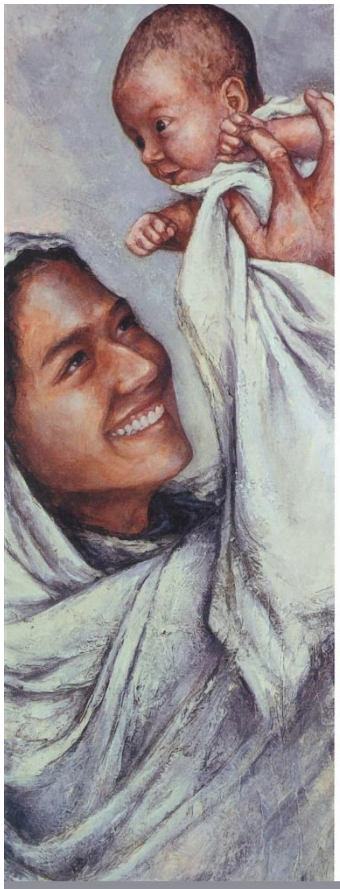
SHARING memories

A Friendship group supporting parishioners through life's challenges including:

- Grief and loss
- Relationship breakdowns
- Life changes

Final Session for 2026
Tuesday 10 November
at 10:30am
in the
Parish Office Boardroom

WE WILL RETURN IN FEB 2027



$5
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THE WAY OF THE HEART

DAILY REFLECTIONS
FOR ADVENT
Year B 2026

Available from the parish office (payment by card preferred) or from church sacristies at Mass if you have correct money. No cash is kept at the parish

PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Christmas Lunch

THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER
PACE FUNCTION ROOM
Doors open 12:00pm

$30 PER PERSON

Two-course set menu Christmas lunch, a glass of wine (or soft drink) & entry into the lucky door prize draw

We've kept the price the same as last year with a subsidy paid by the Parish Friendship Group

NUMBERS ARE LIMITED AND PAYMENT IS REQUIRED AT TIME OF BOOKING

BOOK AND PAY AT THE PARISH OFFICE (CARD PAYMENT PREFERRED) BY FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER OR UNTIL SOLD OUT

BOOK NOW!!

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 1 November	***All Saints Day***		
Sunday 1 November	Blessing of the Memorial Garden	11:30am	St Therese's
Monday 2 November	***All Souls Day***		
Monday 2 November	Parish office closed for Cup Day long weekend		
Monday 2 November	Statue of Our Lady: D'Cruz family		
Monday 2 November	Requiem Mass for Kevin Curtain	11:30am	OLN church
Tuesday 3 November	***Melbourne Cup Day public holiday***		
Wednesday 4 November	Italian Prayer Group meet	9:00am	St Therese's Annex
Wednesday 4 November	Men's Coffee Group meet	10:45am	Lincoln Food Store
Wednesday 4 November	Requiem Mass for Margaret Allan	11:30am	St Therese's church
Thursday 5 November	Gospel Reflections	10:30am	PACE Meeting Room
Thursday 5 November	Requiem Mass for Olga Kenny	11:00am	St Therese's church
Friday 6 November	Tiny Ts Playgroup	10:30am	PACE Function Room
Saturday 7 November	Kids at Mass	6:00pm	St Therese's
Monday 9 November	Statue of Our Lady: Carroll family		
Monday 9 November	Alpha Connect evening	7:00pm	PACE Function Room
Tuesday 10 November	Sharing Memories Group morning tea	10:30am	Parish boardroom
Tuesday 10 November	Mass at Ryman Aged Care	11:00am	Raelene Boyle Village
Tuesday 10 November	Centring Prayer group gathering	7:00pm	PACE Function Room
Wednesday 11 November	Italian Prayer Group meet	9:00am	St Therese's Annex
Wednesday 11 November	Requiem Mass for Jenny Langford	11:00am	St Therese's church
Thursday 12 November	Gospel Reflections group meet	10:30am	PACE Meeting Room
Thursday 12 November	Mass at Trevi Court Aged Care	11:00am	Trevi Court Aged Care
Thursday 12 November	SVDP Regional Council meeting	7:00pm	PACE Function Room
Friday 13 November	Tiny Ts Playgroup	10:30am	PACE Function Room
Sunday 15 November	Parish Morning Tea after morning Masses		St Therese's Annex
Sunday 15 November	Parish Morning Tea after 10:00am Mass		OLN

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 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.