



St Therese's & Our Lady of the Nativity Essendon & Essendon West Parishes



**24 & 25 August 2024: Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time
Social Justice Sunday**



First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18 A reading from the book of Joshua

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:60-69 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

INTERCESSIONS

Let us bring our prayers to the God of justice and peace and accompany in prayer those who most need God's peace.

We pray for the Church: That we might strive to promote a love for peace and reject a commitment to the stockpiling of weapons of war and violence.

For all people, who in so many corners of the world are suffering because of war and conflict: That the fear and suffering caused by guns and bombs will be replaced by the joy brought by peace and friendship.

For our leaders in Australia and leaders across the world: That they might work tirelessly to end the suffering of those caught up in war and conflict.

For those who have died through violence at home and abroad: That they will be held in your loving embrace and their families and communities consoled in their time of grief.

We pray for those who are ill, especially: James Heath, Adelina Cuda, Victor Joseph, and Frances Ashby.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Palma Monardo and Robert John Iles. And for those we remember at this time, especially: Domenico Germano, Vin Ashby, Sr Margaret O'Dwyer, Anne Whiting, Vincenzo Davoli, Ida Bubic and Elisabetta Spagnolo.

God, in your goodness, you call us to love one another, to treat each other as sisters and brothers. Let our loving and generous response to your call reveal our hope that peace and justice will come to reign in our world. We ask this through Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Amen

WHICH PRIEST WHERE? This weekend Fr Bernie will preside at OLN Masses while Fr Tony presides at St Therese's. Next weekend Fr Tony Feeny will say all Masses at OLN while Fr Bernie Lane SSC says all Masses at St Therese's.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - TRUTH AND PEACE: A GOSPEL WORD IN A VIOLENT WORLD In 1963, the world was on the brink of nuclear war. It was at that time that Pope St. John XXIII issued his groundbreaking encyclical letter, *Pacem in Terris* (Peace on Earth). It was a heart-felt plea to the Church and all people of goodwill for an end to war and for the banning of nuclear weapons. He promoted a peace which is grounded in the inalienable and inviolable dignity of every person. His successors up to the present have echoed the same impassioned plea.

In the 2024 – 2025 Social Justice Statement, "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World", Australia's Bishops scrutinise the signs of our own troubled times, observe the violence around us, and ask why it is so. They also ask what is needed if there is to be peace. In a world full of pessimism, they put their faith and hope in the possibility of peace.

Using scripture and the guidance of Pope St. John XXIII's *Pacem in Terris* and Pope Francis' *Fratelli Tutti*, we learn that peace is possible if we put our trust in Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and the Prince of Peace. It is from him that we learn about the architecture of peace. From him, we learn a commitment to the culture of encounter, the value of dialogue at all levels and the importance of seeing everyone as our sister, our brother. The statement also provides some suggested actions to help us to build on our commitment to be peacemakers locally and internationally. You can read the Social Justice Statement 2024-2025 here: <https://bit.ly/sjs-ovej>

UPCOMING PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES The parish office will be closed on Thursday 29 August while staff attend offsite training. The office will also close on Mondays 2 & 9 September for staff leave and on Friday 29 September for the Grand Final public holiday.

ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN Pledge cards/envelopes and information brochures are still available for parishioners who would like to learn about and/or contribute to the Archbishop's Campaign. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishops-campaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials. Please return appeal envelopes to the parish via the collection plate or dropped off at the office ASAP. The Archdiocese are collecting completed envelopes from the parish in the next week or two. It is possible to mail the envelopes directly to the Archdiocese if you do miss that deadline.

WEEKDAY MASSES IN AUGUST Until Tuesday 3 September, a Liturgy of the Word with Communion will replace our usual 10:00am Tuesday morning Mass at St Therese's. We thank our parishioners who are leading these Eucharistic celebrations. Masses on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings will be held at 10:00am at St Therese's with Fr Bernie Lane SSC presiding on Wednesday and Friday and Fr Tom Cleary SSC presiding at our Thursday Masses.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK DURING FR JOHN'S LEAVE While Fr John is away, there is no priest in residence at our parish. Priests will only be on site at our churches to say Masses. Parish staff will try to assist with requests for anointing of the sick and dying in our area and we are very grateful for the support of priests from our neighbouring parishes; but it may not always be possible to find a priest. For patients in hospitals, families should contact the hospital chaplain. There is no After-Hours message service while Fr John is away.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS Please be aware that our low gluten hosts are not 100% gluten free. The ingredients are wheat starch and water with a gluten content of 6.2 parts per million.

SAFEGUARDING AUDIT AND UPDATE OF PARISH RECORDS The Safeguarding Team we will soon be contacting parishioners on our volunteer lists where we have a gap in our mandated Safeguarding record keeping. This will be in the form of email, or where we don't have an email address on file, a letter via post. We thank you for your assistance and assure you all that we are available to assist any volunteer who needs help in adhering to the Safeguarding training requirements.

VOLUNTEERS are the lifeblood of our parish communities. Volunteers help keep our parishes alive and we have a responsibility to also keep our parishes safe. Therefore, our volunteers must meet some requirements in order to keep participating and these are:

ALL VOLUNTEERS, STAFF AND CLERGY in the Archdiocese of Melbourne must hold a current Working With Children Check and must list each parish in which they volunteer/work. Please add St Therese's and/or OLN to your own WWCC check here: <https://service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children>.

All volunteers, staff and clergy must also complete the CAM Safeguarding Essentials Training Certification. For safeguarding training visit: [Click link here](#)

CODE OF CONDUCT The [Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct](#) must be read and signed upon commencement with the parish. Volunteers are required to re-sign the Code of Conduct every three years. You can sign the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct through the online [Safeguarding Essentials Training platform](#) (without completing the training).

MINISTRY ROSTER FOR WEEKEND 31 AUGUST & 1 SEPTEMBER (WEEK 1)		
MASS	READERS	EUCHARIST
OLN 5:00pm	Jon Fleming	Tatiana Polizzi
OLN 10:00am	Paula O'Byrne	Andrew Scaramozzino
St Therese's 6.00pm	Eve Korytkowski	Gina Bell & Maggie Catterall
St Therese's 9.00am	Mary Dowling & Margaret Kerr	Carmen Merrigan & Rosina Tempini
St Therese's 10.30am	Silvia Campo & George Jungwirt	Miriam Gandolfo & Maria Giampiccolo
Adults: https://sundayreadingsathomeyearb.weebly.com/th4g0h3lw.html Children: https://www.yearbprayingwithchildren.org/s4m3j310		

VOLUNTEERING

Tiny Ts Playgroup

Hosted by parents from
OLN & St Therese's Parishes

For children from infancy
through to primary school age

Indoor and outdoor covered
play areas - runs in all
weather conditions



A great place to make new friends!

WHEN: Wednesday mornings during school terms

TIME: 9.30am - 10.30am

WHERE: St Therese's PACE Function Room

COST: Free of charge

See over for more details

OLN & St Therese's MEN'S COFFEE GROUP

Upcoming Dates

4th & 18th September

2nd & 16th October

6th & 20th November

4th & 18th December

1st & 3rd
Wednesdays
each month
from 10:45am
Lincoln Food Store
105 Lincoln Rd
Essendon



KAM WILL BE BACK

SATURDAY 31 AUGUST

AT ST THERESE'S 6:00PM MASS



St Therese's Parish

Kids at Mass

DATES FOR 2024

Saturday 31 August &
Saturday 30 November

Social Justice Statement 2024-2025

TRUTH & PEACE

A GOSPEL WORD IN A VIOLENT WORLD

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Words are never enough to make peace. Action is required. But words such as found in this Statement can help us understand the current situation and how we might work together to create a world which better matches both human desire and the divine plan. The Australian bishops offer this Gospel word to all who are committed to speaking the truth and working for peace in a violent world.”

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Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB
ACBC PRESIDENT

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PARISH CALENDAR

Weekend 24 & 25 August	Fr Tony Feeney saying all Masses at St Therese's Fr Bernie Lane saying all Masses at OLN	
Sunday 25 August	ACBC Social Justice Sunday Sacrament of First Eucharist RE session 2 in PACE	9:30am
Monday 26 August	Statue of Our Lady moves to the DeLorenzo household	
Tuesday 27 August	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's	10:00am
Wednesday 28 August	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Faith Night for Sacrament of First Eucharist at St Therese's	9:00am 6:45pm
Thursday 29 August	Parish office closed for offsite staff training Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	9:30am 10:30am
31 August & 1 September	Students present as candidates for Eucharist at St Therese's Fr Bernie Lane saying all Masses at St Therese's Fr Tony Feeney saying all Masses at OLN	All Masses
Saturday 31 August	Kids at Mass at St Therese's	6:00pm
Sunday 1 September	Season of Creation Begins World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation Father's Day Men's Choir singing at Mass at St Therese's Sacrament of First Eucharist RE session 3 in PACE	9:00am 9:30am
Monday 2 September	Parish office closed Statue of Our Lady moves to the Ciavarella household	
Tuesday 3 September	Liturgy of the Word replaces morning Mass at St Therese's	10:00am
Wednesday 4 September	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex Men's Coffee Group at Lincoln Food Store (105 Lincoln Rd)	9:00am 10:45am
Thursday 5 September	Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	9:30am 10:30am
Weekend 7 & 8 September	Students present as candidates for Confirmation at OLN Sacrament of First Eucharist Masses at St Therese's	All Masses All Masses
Sunday 8 September	Safeguarding Sunday	
Monday 9 September	Parish office closed Statue of Our Lady moves to the Christie household	
Tuesday 10 September	Mass at Raelene Boyle Village	11:00am
Wednesday 11 September	Italian Prayer Group Meet in St Therese's Annex	9:00am
Thursday 12 September	R U OK? Day Tiny Ts Playgroup in PACE Function Room Gospel reflections group in PACE meeting room	9:30am 10:30am
Friday 13 September	Whole School Mass at St Therese's (Season of Creation)	10:00am
Monday 16 September	Statue of Our Lady moves to the D'Cruz household	

PARISH CONTACTS

PARISH PRIEST Fr John Hannon

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<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w00000LOj4wAAD&req=subscribe>

ST THERESE'S CHURCH

48a Lincoln Rd, Essendon

Office email: essendon@cam.org.au **Website:** www.stthereses.org.au

Weekday Masses: Tuesday to Friday 10:00am

Weekend Masses: Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 9:00am, Sunday 10:30am

Reconciliation: Saturday 5:45pm

School: email info@stessendon.catholic.edu.au phone 9374 6100

OUR LADY OF THE NATIVITY CHURCH

31 Fawkner St, Aberfeldie

Office email: essendonwest@cam.org.au **Website:** <http://pol.org.au/essendonwest/Home.aspx>

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

School: email principal@olnaberfeldie.catholic.edu.au phone 9337 4204

St Vincent de Paul helpline: 1800 305 330 WEEKDAYS 10:00am-3:00pm



Our Parishes are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country of the land on which our churches stand and recognize their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and to Elders past, present and emerging.