



THE TIDINGS

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The Catholic
Parish of Melton
is committed
to the safety,
wellbeing and
dignity of all
children and
vulnerable
adults

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT – Year B | 18 February 2024

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday 9.00am–3.00pm

(The parish office is CLOSED on weekends and public holidays)

MASS CENTRES & MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

St Catherine of Siena Church, Melton West

108 Bulmans Road, Melton West, VIC 3337

- Saturday 6pm (Vigil Mass)
- Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm
- Wednesday 9am (joined by St Francis Catholic College)

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

- Thursday & Friday 9.15am

CONFESSIONS

St Catherine of Siena Church

Saturday: 5.45 pm | Sunday: 4.45pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT & ROSARY

St Dominic's Church

- Thursday following the 9.15am Mass

SCHOOLS IN OUR PARISH

ST DOMINIC'S PRIMARY SCHOOL (Prep-Year 6)

Principal: Mr Jeffrey Parker

Address: Church Street, Melton, VIC 3337

Phone: +61 3 9743 6225 | **Email:** enquiries@sdelton.catholic.edu.au

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PRIMARY SCHOOL (Prep-Year 6)

Principal: Mr Des Noack

Address: 108 Bulmans Road, Melton West, VIC 3337

Phone: +61 3 9743 2166 | **Email:** info@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au

SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Melton West (Year 7-12) | **Cobblebank** (Year 7)

formerly Catholic Regional College Melton

Principal: Ms Marlene Jorgensen

Address: 109-141 Bulmans Rd, Melton West, VIC 3337

Phone: +61 3 8099 6000 | **Email:** info@sfc.vic.edu.au

Living the Gospel

Change of Heart

JESUS' proclamation of the kingdom of God is a call to live out God's transformative dream of right relationship with one another and with our world.

To accept this call requires a change of heart and mind (a metanoia) and the adoption of a new orientation, a new worldview based on living the kingdom of God.

This is a challenge to be counter-cultural – to go 'against the flow' of the majority attitudes at times. It is certainly not an 'easy option' that we are called to live. Jesus' call to 'repent and believe' is a very appropriate call to begin the Lenten season.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

*No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

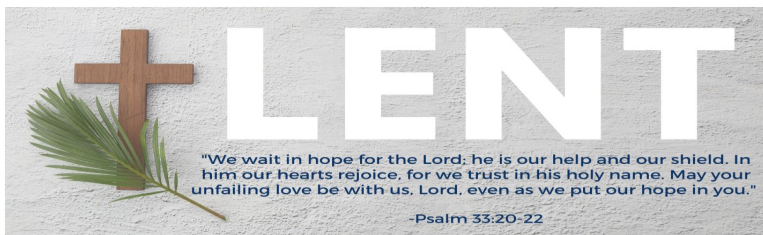
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Today's Scripture Readings

Gen 9:8-15; Ps 24 (25); 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Gen 22:1-2,9-13,15-18; Ps 115 (116); Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10



Parish Stewardship Update

January Pledged: \$6,811.01

Actual: \$4,865.49



First Aid & Defibrillator is located in the Lay-Sacristy.



WHY WE DO THINGS IN THE MASS

Aspects of Lent

AT MASS this Sunday, the first Sunday of Lent, a few features of the liturgy during this season will be obvious - no Glory to God in the introductory rites, no joyful Alleluias to greet the Gospel, and the use of purple vestments and hangings.

We all know that Lent is 40 days long – well around 40, depending on when you start counting and what, if any, days are omitted! The number 40 has symbolic rather than literal meaning. It is based on Christ's 40 days in the desert and on the fasts of Moses and Elias, so exact calculations are not important.

The six weeks of Lent are not repetitive but rather cumulative. One way of understanding the structure of Lent is this:

The first four weeks take their direction from the readings, penitential rites and the rites related to the Catechumenate (RCIA).

On the fifth Sunday of Lent (17th March this year) the focus shifts to Christ's passion.

Holy Week runs from Passion/Palm Sunday until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. The Triduum (Latin for "three days") refers to the period from the evening of Holy Thursday until the evening of Easter Sunday.

A popular practice in many parishes during Lent is the Stations of the Cross. The Church has never provided an official ritual for celebrating the Stations. In 1975 the Congregation for Sacred Rites suggested a list of Stations of the Cross that is more in keeping with the gospel accounts than the traditional form. It begins with the Last Supper and concludes with Christ's resurrection.

Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI have used another set of Stations that differs from the traditional 14 when celebrating the Way of Cross at the Colosseum during Holy Week. It also omits those events that are not attested to



Do you want to fast this Lent?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent - so you can listen.

— often attributed to Pope Francis

in the biblical account of the Passion.

The Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy issued by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in 2002 makes a number of what it describes as “useful suggestions for a fruitful celebration of the Via Crucis (Way of the Cross)”. These include:

- Alternative forms of the Stations approved by Rome or used by the popes “can be regarded as genuine forms of the devotion and may be used as the occasion might warrant”.
- The choice of texts should take account of the wise pastoral principle of integrating renewal and continuity. It is always preferable to choose texts written in a clear simple style.
- The celebration could end with a commemoration of the Lord's resurrection “to leave the faithful with a sense of expectation of the resurrection in faith and hope”.
- “The Via Crucis in which hymns, silence, procession and reflective pauses are wisely integrated in a balanced manner contribute significantly to obtaining the spiritual fruits of the pious exercise.”

As we remember the sufferings of Jesus, we are led into the celebration of Christ's victory over death and into the renewal of our commitment to the life of faith at the Easter sacraments.

The article originally published in **LITURGY LINES** (06 February 2005)
by Elizabeth Harrington

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world *for all future generations*.

Please donate to Project Compassion through the Project Compassion donation boxes available at your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413. You can also scan the QR code here to get involved this Lent.



DAILY MASS UPDATES

Our schools will be joining us for several weekday Masses throughout the year. Some weekday Masses will be at St Catherine of Siena Church or St Dominic's Parish Hall so please keep an eye on the Tidings and our website for any changes.

Wednesday Morning Mass on February 21st is at 9am at St Catherine of Siena Church (NOT St Dominic's) for a St Francis Catholic College House Mass.

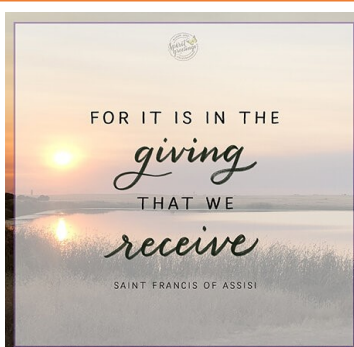
Join us in welcoming Fr Brian Glasheen to the parish!

Some of you may know Fr Brian from his time at Bacchus Marsh, so please make him welcome as he assists with some weekend masses over the next few weeks.

THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

Dear Parishioners,
This weekend we will commence our Offertory Giving Campaign in our parish community, which will run over the next three weeks. The call to

generosity is God's invitation to us to deepen our faith and is a vital part of our identity as Christians. You are encouraged to prayerfully engage with this time. We look forward to growing deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.



PLEASE RING THE MASS MANAGERS IF UNABLE TO ATTEND:

6 pm	Tania Walters	0492 952 478
9 am	Theo Franken	0411 040 897
11am	Bruna Tomassi	9743 0341
5 pm	Josephine Krajina	0407 042 133



Term 1, 2024

eSafety parent and carer webinars

The following live webinars give parents and carers the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe online experiences.

ESAFETY 101: HOW ESAFETY CAN HELP

This webinar provides an overview of the eSafety Commissioner, and supporting programs and resources for parents and carers, children and young people. It's suitable for parents and carers of children and young people in primary and secondary school.

22 February: 12:30 pm & 20 March: 12:30 pm

UNDERSTANDING PARENTAL CONTROLS TO SAFEGUARD YOUR CHILD

This webinar provides an overview of different types of parental controls and how to set them on smart devices and computers, in apps and on gaming platforms for your child's safety. It's suitable for parents and carers of children and young people in primary school.

20 February: 12:30 pm & 14 March: 12:30 pm

ONLINE SAFETY AND SOCIAL MEDIA: TIKTOK, YOUTUBE AND INSTAGRAM

This webinar provides an overview of managing different functions of social media, including chat and privacy settings, as well as positive conversations about social media use, managing content and reporting negative online experiences. It's suitable for parents and carers of children and young people in primary and early secondary school.

29 February: 12:30 pm & 26 March: 12:30 pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER NOW:

[eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)



eSafety Commissioner

1st Sunday of Lent

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Graham Dempsey	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Sanghaya Creo	Cira Cleary	Michael Higgins
Responder	Daniel Walters	Cira Cleary	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Bruna Tomassi	Brain Dean
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa - Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator		Sanyata Creo		Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Help Needed	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			

2nd Sunday of Lent

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Kate Mulholland	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Lawrence Camenzuli	Liza Fernandez	Josephine Krajina
Responder	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa - Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Bruna Tomassi	Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Sally Gero	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Adela Marinjira	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir		Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, Elaine Neely, John Woof			



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- The Breakfast Program at St Dominic's Primary School are looking for volunteers for Wednesday & Friday mornings, starting at 7.30am finishing around 8.45. Duties include making toast and serving the children. Current Working With Children Check required. Please contact Maureen on 0437463449 for further details.
- We are needing help with picking up 6 wooden seats with kneelers attached to go in the Adoration Chapel. They are located at St Benedict's Church in Burwood. If you have the time, energy and/or vehicle to assist please contact the Parish Office.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year our World Day of Prayer will be held at:

Christ Church, 2-4 Unitt Street, Melton
At 10.30am Friday 1st March 2024

Our theme is: *"I beg you... bear with one another in love".*

It has been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine's writing group, asking us to unite our prayers with theirs for a peaceful solution that would bring about an end to human suffering.

TAP & GIVE SMART TERMINAL NOW AVAILABLE

We now have a Smart Terminal located at the front desk as you enter and leave that will allow you to tap & give with your debit/credit card or smart device to support the work of the Parish.



NEW TO OUR PARISH? Welcome!

Please collect a Welcome Pack from the Gathering Area of the church. Once census form is completed place it in the white return box in the Gathering Area.

MISSED OUT ON THE TIDINGS?

Back issues of the parish Tidings are available on our parish website: www.melbcatholic.org/melton



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Mailing
List

**Would you like to receive
The Tidings
prior to the weekend Masses?**

Send an email to melton@cam.org.au requesting The Tidings or subscribe on our website.

BAPTISM INFORMATION EVENING

The next Baptism Information Evening will be held on

Wednesday March 20 at 7.30 pm
at St Catherine of Siena Church



This is for any parents (and god-parents) who have a child booked in to be baptised at our parish in the coming months.

ENRICH YOUR MARRIAGE WITH THE MARRIAGE KIT – 50% OFF

With World Marriage Day (Feb 11), National Marriage Week 2024 (Feb 7-14) and St Valentine's Day having just passed, married couples may be interested in an enrichment course for married couples wanting a lasting, passionate relationship as God intended. Accessed from the privacy of your home on your own timetable, this online course will energise your relationship, revitalise your passion and equip you with practical tools for every day.

For 50% off use coupon code:

MarriageWeek24

Sale ends 29 February.



Prime Timers

**Our February outing will be on Tuesday 27th
February at the Deer Park Hotel**

(760 Ballarat Rd—please note change in venue!)

Seniors menu available. Meeting at the OLD Bunnings car park at 11.30am. If you require a lift, that can be arranged. RSVP Friday 23rd to confirm numbers. Enquiries: Ineke 0400120401 or ineke49@yahoo.com

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Meetings of the Melton Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society are held at the Parish Meeting Room (next to the St Dominic's Presbytery) every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Visitors are welcome!



HOME VISITATION & BLESSING REQUESTS

For Home Visitation & Blessing requests, please speak to Deacon Chris safter Mass or fill out the online request form:

<https://tinyurl.com/HBlessing>

PARISH BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Announcements & Notices: Please submit your announcement or notices not later than 5pm every Wednesday. Bulletin notices are normally retained in **The Tidings** for two weekends. Notices and announcements submitted after the deadline will be considered for publication on the following weekend.



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