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

CHRIST THE KING – Year B | 24 November 2024

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MASS CENTRES & MASS TIMES

St Catherine of Siena Church, Melton West

108 Bulmans Road, Melton West, VIC 3337

- Saturday 6pm (Vigil Mass)
- Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm
- Wednesday 9.15am

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

- Thursday & Friday 9.15am

CONFESSION

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

Address: Church Street, Melton, VIC 3337

+61 3 9743 6225 | enquiries@sdmelton.catholic.edu.au

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Address: 108 Bulmans Road, Melton West, VIC 3337

+61 3 9743 2166 | info@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au

ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Melton West Campus (Year 7-12): 109-141 Bulmans Rd,
Melton West

Cobblebank Campus (Year 7-8): Bridge Rd, Cobblebank

+61 3 8099 6000 | info@sfcc.vic.edu.au

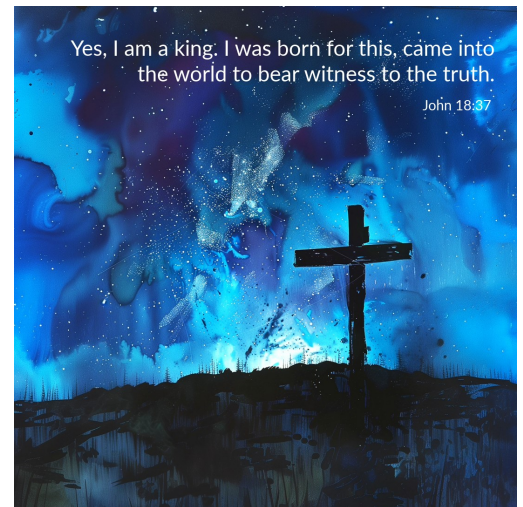
Gospel Focus

Truth

JESUS says to Pilate that he came into the world 'to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

That is where today's gospel passage finishes but as the gospel continues on, Pilate famously asks Jesus 'What is truth?' and the question is left dangling; unanswered.

The truth Jesus has borne witness to is the truth of his whole life – the revelation of God's love for humanity. It is for proclaiming this truth that Jesus is placed on trial and is brought before Pilate.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom
of David our Father;*

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Today's Readings: Dan 7:13-14; Ps 92 (93); Rev 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37

Next Week's Readings: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 24 (25); 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28,34-36

Prayer Requests

Death Anniversaries: Carmello Micallef, Tom Mc Guane, Kingsley Gomesz, Stella Sayers, Frank O'Leary, Ida Hilbert, Jiju Abraham, Geoff Arbuthnott, Tom Field, Betty Baker, James Costello, Paul Gontier, Jim Costello, Promode Fernando, Austin Tully, Salvina Muscat, William Stewart, Francisco Miranda Jr., Paul Farrugia, Phillip Hughes, Ann Huerto, Veronica Dickie, George McGuinness, Heidi Batino, Evelyn Armeni, Stan Lesnianski, Jeannie Wedekind, Salvina Muscat, Kevin Woof, Emanuel Xuereb, Sam Micallef, Matthew Ritchie, Catherine O'Keefe, Florence Tully, Ruby Santos, Sr Mesmin, Mario Azzopardi, Shirley & Bob Brydson, Paul Joseph Brick, Billy Airey, Sofronio Sr Aguitong, Oliver Hughes-Tobin, Depal Perera



Parish Offertory Giving October Update

Pledged: \$6,582.85 | Actual: \$4,868.81

Message from Fr Alex

Many of you may be wondering what the future holds for the parishioners in the Catholic Parish of Melton now that Fr Michael has retired.

I, as Parish Priest of St Anthony of Padua, Melton South, have been appointed a second parish, that of St Dominic's, Melton. This is called a 'Partnering of Parishes'.

What Is A Partnered Parish?

This is where two or more parishes share a Parish Priest and:

- are connected in some areas of administration,
- coordination in many pastoral areas and the sharing of resources;

while at the same time remaining canonically and financially independent.

The identity of the Catholic Parish of Melton is maintained and respected.

Partnership of churches is part of a broader long-term viability of the Catholic communities by enhancing collaboration among them. It aims to serve the needs of our parishioners better and create a unified approach to ministry and worship.

It is my wish that this may answer some of your questions and, as we move forward together, may our communities continue to be life-giving and welcoming places of worship, love and living the Gospel.

God bless, Fr Alex

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS MASS INTENTIONS

During November, we have the opportunity to honour our departed loved ones in a special way by:

- **Using dedicated envelopes to inscribe the names of our cherished departed family and friends**
- Showing your support in offering Mass intentions with a donation into the envelope which will concretely show our participation in the celebration
- Placing the envelope in the basket on the pedestal in front of the font
- Masses will be offered for their souls throughout the entire month of November.
- Envelopes will be blessed with holy water, symbolizing our baptism and our connection to the Church.
- the proceeds of the donations through the November envelopes will go to the Rogationist Mission in Kigali, Rwanda for the construction of a school for underprivileged children in the countryside.

We believe that the use of holy water is a powerful representation of our love for the Trinity and our commitment to living according to Christ's teachings. This tradition provides a beautiful way to honour our departed loved ones and deepen our connection to the Sacraments and to God.

We understand that there may be special occasions during November, such as death anniversaries or birthdays of loved ones, and we will still accept separate Mass intentions for them. These special occasions will be mentioned in the bulletin and prayers of the faithful. However, for all other intentions for our departed loved ones, we kindly request that they be channelled through the November envelopes.

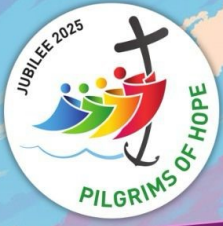
Let us come together as a community to remember and honour our departed loved ones and to support a noble cause.

With gratitude, Fr Alex Clemente RCJ

Hope

DOES NOT DISAPPOINT

A retreat night of reflection, prayer & songs on the real value of the sacrament of reconciliation in this 'Year of Hope' as we usher the Jubilee Year



3rd
DECEMBER
2024

7:15-9.30pm
at St Anthony's Church, Melton South

SEE YOU THERE

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Deacon Dave Reaves is from the Diocese of Richmond, Virginia in the United States. He has been serving as a deacon for over six years. He is the President of the Philipians 2 Foundation which runs the Saint Clare of Assisi Retreat Center in Hampton, Virginia. Deacon Dave has a passion for retreats and missions.

As we enter into the Jubilee 2025 'Year of Hope', Deacon Dave will share with us the power and importance of the sacrament of reconciliation.

Please join him as he takes us deeper into the sacrament through story and song.



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
		9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church	9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	Baptisms 11am 6pm Vigil Mass	1st Sunday of Advent 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses DEC

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AT A WEEKEND MASS?

Pick up a 'Volunteer Information Pack' in the Gathering Area of the church for detailed information on each ministry and an application form.



LEBANON CRISIS APPEAL

Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability. Please help provide families with food, water, and medical care.



DONATE NOW

caritas.org.au/lebanon
1800 024 413

2025 Columban Art Calendars available at the Piety Stall

We also have other gifts available perfect to commemorate Sacraments of Initiation and for everyday devotional use.



PLEASE RING THE MASS MANAGER 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

PRAYER IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL



Primarily my concern is to ensure that the Body of Jesus is secured in the tabernacle.

The present set up, with the chapel door lock code accessible to anyone and the tabernacle key readily available, the sacred body of

Jesus is exposed to the risk of being desecrated and taken away by anyone who enters the chapel.

Secondly, only church volunteer ministers, who went through the necessary training, that is, exposing and reposing the Blessed Sacrament, can open the tabernacle.

The key is no longer available in the chapel **but...** the smaller door that exposes the large blessed sacrament, will be left unlocked. You may open the small door when in prayer and adoration but please close the small door when prayer is concluded.

God bless, Fr Alex

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe		Saturday & Sunday November 23&24, 2024		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Kate Mulholland	Graham Dempsey	Chelsea Amato	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Lawrence Camenzuli	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Bruna Tomassi	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Maureen Mohr	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			
1st Sunday of Advent		Saturday, Nov 30 & Sunday, Dec 1, 2024		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Faith Tuputala	Liza Fernandes	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Jennifer Peters	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Alzira Mascarenhas	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
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Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			



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

Prayer for All Faithful Departed for the month of November

God our Father, Your power brings us to birth,
Your providence guides our lives,
and by Your command, we return to dust.
Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,
their lives change but do not end.

We pray in hope for our families, relatives and
friends, and for all the dead known to You
alone. In company with Christ, Who died and
now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom,
where all our tears are wiped away.
Unite us together again to sing Your praise in
the company of Your elect, forever and ever.
Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon them. May their
souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Dishes still to be collected

There are a number of serving dishes from Fr
Michael's farewell celebration last month
waiting to be collected. Please see the table by
the entrance doors in the Gathering Area if you
are missing any serving dishes and bowls.

Many thanks

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 Tidings are
available on our parish website:
www.melbcatholic.org/melton

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The Tidings before the weekend?

Head to our website to subscribe to The
Tidings or simply scan the QR code to
enter your email to receive a digital copy.
You will then receive a verification link
via email to confirm your subscription.



Prime Timers Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 3rd December
Melton Country Club at 12pm
(28-30 Reserve Rd, Melton VIC 3337)

This year our Christmas Lunch will be a three course
senior's Christmas meal available at \$33. A members
subsidy will apply. Come dressed for the Festive season
and hope to see you all there!

Please RSVP by Friday 29th November.

Contact: Ineke 0400120401 or ineke49@yahoo.com

Christmas Tree Hampers

We have started our Christmas
hamper collection for 2024! Our
goal is to gather enough items to
fill 20 hampers, each of which will
be given to a family in our
community to help them celebrate
Christmas.

In the gathering area, you'll find a
tree with tags listing different
needed items. Please take one or
more tags, purchase the listed
items, and place them in the
hamper under the tree with the
tag.

All items are requested by
December 8th.

Thank you for your generosity!



Parish Offertory Giving

If you would like to make either a one-off
donation or to set up recurring donations to the
parish, please scan the QR code or head to our
website: TINYURL.COM/GIVEMELTON



You may also like to use the Smart Terminal at the welcome
desk to contribute to the Parish.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, the safety and
wellbeing of all persons is of highest priority.

HOME VISITATION & BLESSING REQUESTS

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

TINYURL.COM/HBLESSING

PARISH BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Announcements & Notices: Please submit your announcement or notices no 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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