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

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year A | 10 September 2023

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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

St Catherine of Siena Church, Melton West

108 Bulmans Road, Melton West, VIC 3337

- Wednesday 9.30am
- Saturday 6pm (Vigil Mass)
- Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm

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@sdmelton.catholic.edu.au

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC

PRIMARY SCHOOL (Prep-Year 6)

Principal: Ms Carmel Marantelli

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@sfcc.vic.edu.au

Living the Gospel

Facing the issue

It can be very difficult when we feel that someone has hurt us to actually go and speak to them about how we are feeling. It is so much easier to revel in our hurt or seek payback for the hurt.

Sometimes we feel that we might ruin a friendship by speaking to our friend about a way in which they have hurt us. But a hurt that goes unaddressed will continue to hurt and will probably be repeated.

This week's gospel reminds us of the need to challenge our friends when they hurt us but it also reminds us that when we have hurt others we need to be challenged about it and called to account for our actions.

"I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven."



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation
he has entrusted to us.*

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Ez 33:7-9; Ps 94; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Sir 27:33-28:9; Ps 102; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Recently Deceased: Noel Thurlow, Wally Lacey



Feel My Pain

Safeguarding Sunday
September 10, 2023



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



Did You Know?

WHY WE DO THINGS IN THE MASS

Arriving Late and Leaving Early Are you that “kind of Catholics?”

By Elizabeth Harrington, Liturgy Lines (23 August 2017)

Some time ago I came across an article entitled ‘Correcting Bad Habits at Mass’ by Rev Robert Duggan. One of the seven bad habits he addresses is that of arriving late for Mass and/or leaving early. Here is part of what he had to say:

“We consider it as normal that large numbers of Catholics routinely do this. Yet God has ordained that we gather as an assembly in order to worship. We do not simply worship alone or as a family, nor are we meant to be a collection of individuals attending the priest’s Mass in our own separate little compartments. Rather we are the people of God, the body of Christ gathered in the name of Christ and constituted as a faith community under the power of the Holy Spirit. The casualness of chronic late-coming and early-leaving verges on being an insult to the community of the baptised who have gathered to worship the Almighty and to build up the body of Christ. It fosters a style of Christianity that caters to self-interest and laziness.”

Look, I know that we are all busy and that it is great that people manage to get to Mass at all, but I have to say that those who habitually arrive well after Mass has started or walk out as soon as they have received Communion often distract and frustrate their fellow worshippers.

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy states quite clearly that it is all of us who celebrate liturgy: “In the liturgy the whole public worship is performed by the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the Head and his members.” (#7)

The liturgy documents also tell us that Christ is present amongst the people gathered for worship and that, when the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people. I cannot help but wonder if people would make a real effort to be on time if they were aware that Christ was in the assembly or that God was doing the first reading! But Christ is and God does!

Arriving after Mass has begun is not like being late for a concert. It is more like one of the musicians wandering in after the rest of the orchestra has started playing. Leaving Mass before it is finished is akin to Nathan Lyon heading home after he has finished bowling his overs. And surely worship is more important than a concert or a cricket match!



It would be an interesting exercise to consider what other bad habits at Mass we would add to the list, and why. Here are the other items on Robert Duggan’s list:

- Refusing to sing
- Evaluating the liturgical experience on the basis of personal taste.
- Serving communion, instead of Eucharist, to some worshippers at Mass.
- Communicating under only one species.
- Reciting prayers that ought to be sung.
- Undervaluing the songs we do sing.

Food for thought – and agenda for parish liturgy committee meetings - there!



Elizabeth Harrington is one of Australia's best known liturgists. Elizabeth has written over 1000 Liturgy Lines. These pithy 500 word articles on everything liturgy have appeared in publications all over the world. Elizabeth was previously engaged as Liturgy Brisbane's Education Officer, but now enjoys retirement (which means she is still very, very busy!)

The Perspective of Justice

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

The Debt of Love

by Gerald Darring

WE are a church, an assembly of people gathered to do the work of God. This work brings us together around the table of the Lord and sends us out to renew the face of the earth.

The task that faces us in the world is awesome, and the obstacles are formidable. The only way we can succeed is by staying together, with Jesus in our midst, and our staying together must involve community efforts to correct our faults. When there is racism or sexism in our church, we must confront them and work to eliminate them.

When economic injustice is found in our church institutions, we must speak out against it and work to eliminate it. When



militarism makes its way into the fabric of our community, we must stand up for peace and proclaim the gospel message of nonviolent change.

Owe no debt to anyone except the debt that binds us to love one another. An essential component of that love should be the help we give each other in overcoming the shortcomings that get in the way of our becoming a universal sacrament of salvation.

We must serve the Church and love her as she is, with a clear understanding of history, and humbly searching for the will of God who assists and guides her even when at times he permits human weakness to eclipse the purity of her features and the beauty of her action. It is this purity and beauty which we are endeavoring to discover and promote.

Pope Paul VI, Ecclesiam Suam, 1964: 49



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eSAFETY COMMISSIONER

The eSafety's free webinars provide parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe, positive online experiences.

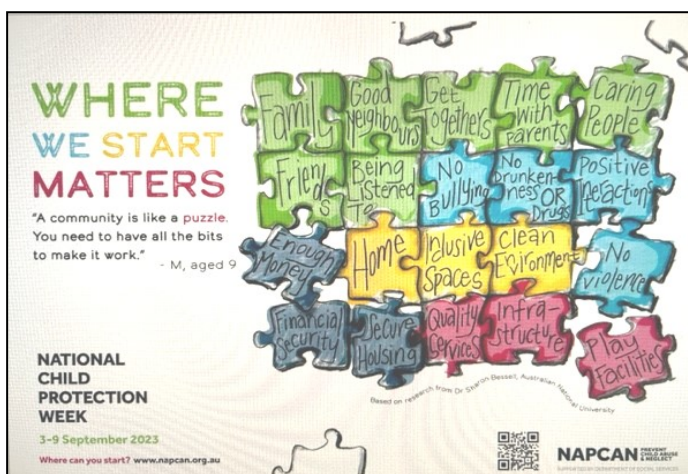
Their live webinars for parents and carers attracted record attendance numbers in 2022.

To meet the growing demand, they have expanded the program in 2023 to include more dates and topics to support school communities.

TERM 4 MENTAL HEALTH MONTH (OCTOBER)

- **Wellbeing and digital technologies**
Suitable for parents and carers of young people in secondary school.
- **Getting the most out of gaming**
Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary and early secondary school.
- **Navigating online friendships**
Suitable for parents and carers of young people in secondary school.

- **Getting started with social media: TikTok, YouTube, Instagram & others**
Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary school.



Subscribe to eSafetyNews
for dates and registration details or visit:
esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars.

WE CAN ALL HELP TO BUILD STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES FOR CHILDREN

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

PLEASE RING THE MASS MANAGERS IF UNABLE TO ATTEND:

6 pm	Tania Walters	0492 952 478
9 am	Theo Franken	0411 040 897 Vickie Cassar 0418 348 946
11 am	Bruna Tomassi	9743 0341
5 pm	Josephine Krajina	0407 042 133



Check out the new gifts available for purchase in the Piety Stall in the Gathering Area.
Please note that purchases are cash only.

23 rd Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday September 9 & 10, 2023		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Graham Dempsey	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Lawrence Camenzuli	Cira Cleary	Josephine Krajina
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Bruna Tomassi	Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Asther Creo	Bruna Tomassi	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	Tania Walters	Sanyata Creo	Adela Marinjira	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Maureen Mohr	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Filipino Choir	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, Elaine Neely, John Woof			

24 th Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday September 16 & 17, 2023		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Jennifer Peters		Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Alzira Mascarenhas		Michael Higgins
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Asther Creo	Chelsea Amato	Corrie Family
Holy Communion	Bill McGuinness	Vickie Cassar	Bruna Tomassi	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator		Sanyata Creo	Liz Coustley	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Veronica Milburn	Graham Dempsey		Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy Choir	Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Family Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			



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This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters.

We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance.

We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people.



Congratulations to Charlie Pace with green ticket A74 who was the winner of the St Vincent de Paul Society Fathers' Day BBQ raffle.



Offer Extended for a Limited Time

5.55% p.a.

12-month term investment with CDF Community Fund

By opening an account with CDF Community Fund, you are saving for a greater reward than money alone. Help build classrooms for students, churches for growing communities, hospital wings for the sick, aged care homes for the elderly and social service facilities for the most vulnerable.

It's a way to save while doing good.

Call 1800 134 135 or visit catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer to open an account and for disclosure details, or scan the QR code.



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.



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, subscribe on our website, or add your email address to the clip board in the Gathering Area of the church.

JOSEPH'S CORNER
supporting families affected by addiction

JOSEPH'S CORNER CHARITY GALA EVENT

ORBISON Presley
TRIBUTE SHOW

Scan Here to Book

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SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2023

DOORS OPEN 6PM
DRESS FOR THE OCCASION

2 COURSE DINNER AND SHOW
DRINKS AT BAR PRICES
\$90PP

DOOR PRIZES, WELCOME DRINK AND UNRESERVED AUCTION ITEMS

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY
JOE PIASTRINO AS ROY AND JACK GATTO AS ELVIS

135 Stephen Street,
Yarraville, 3013

WWW.JOSEPHSCORNER.ORG.AU

ROSARY BEADS

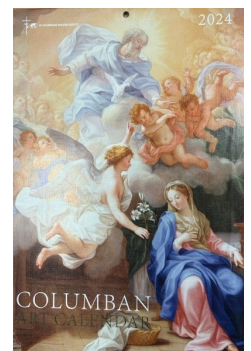


On August 8 we celebrated the feast day of Mary of the Cross MacKillop. We have purchased a limited supply of Rosary Beads for \$32 each. They are Italian made Ghirelli rosaries. They will be available in the Piety Stall after each Mass.

2024 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR Now Available

The Columban Calendars are a great gift idea for family and friends and the right size to fit on your fridge.

We have purchased these calendars early this year so they can be posted to our loved ones overseas. These will be available after each Mass in the Piety Stall. The cost is \$10 each.



Parish Stewardship Update

August Pledge: \$7,265.39
Actual: \$5,017.89

HOME VISITATION & BLESSING REQUESTS

For Home Visitation & Blessing requests, please speak to Deacon Chris after 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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