



THE TIDINGS

SERVING THE AREAS OF MELTON, MELTON WEST, BONNIE BROOK, HARKNESS,
GRANGEFIELDS, KURUNJANG, PLUMPTON, ROCKBANK & TOOLERN VALE



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

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year A | 2 July 2023

CLERGY

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/catholicparishmelton>

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 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)
- Sunday 9.00am, 11.00am & 5.00pm

St Dominic's Church, Melton

10 Unitt Street, 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: 108 Bulmans Rd, Melton West, VIC 3337

Phone: +61 3 8099 6000

Email: info@crcmelton.com.au

Gospel Focus

Anyone Who Welcomes

One of the messages of Jesus to his disciples and, through him, of Matthew to the original community, is to have courage and to have pride in their belief.

No matter what threat or persecution they are to endure, the command is to proclaim the message of Jesus from the house-tops.

They are to be proud of what they believe and be prepared to share it with others. In a world today that is not always open to the message of Jesus, we too are called to be proud of what we believe and not whisper it in the darkness.

"Anyone who welcomes you
welcomes me."

Matthew 10:40



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who call you out of darkness
and into his marvellous light.*

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

2 Kg 4:8-11,13,16; Ps 88; Rom 6:3-4,8-11; Mt 10:37-42

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Zech 9:9-10; Ps 144; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

New Liturgy Roster Coming Soon...

A new Liturgy Roster will be sent out by the end of July. We need more volunteers on this roster.

Please consider joining our band of voluntary ministers. Pick up a Volunteer Pack from the Gathering Area of the church.

Complete the form, together with the Duty of Care statement, and pop it into the return box in the Gathering Area.

For more information contact: Liz Coustley, our Safeguarding Coordinator. Phone: 0490 885 515 | Email: cso.melton@gmail.com



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THE BEGINNINGS OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH:

Paschal Candle

The Paschal candle is a large, white candle used in liturgies in western Christianity. A new Paschal candle is blessed and lit every year at Easter, and is used throughout the Pascal season which is during Easter and then throughout the year on special occasions, such as baptisms and funerals.

The term *Paschal* comes from the Latin word *Pascha*, which came from the Hebrew word *Pesach*, which in Hebrew means Passover and relates to the Pascal mystery of salvation. It is sometimes referred to as the "Easter candle" or the "Christ candle."

For congregations that use a Paschal candle, it is the largest candle in the worship space. In most cases today the candle will display several common symbols:

- **The cross**, which is the most prominent symbol and most clearly identifies it as the Paschal candle
- **The Greek letters alpha and omega**, which symbolize that God is the beginning and the end
- **The year** when the particular candle is being used, which represents God amidst the present congregation
- **Five grains of incense** (most often red), which are embedded in the candle (sometimes encased in wax "nails") during the Easter Vigil to represent the five wounds of Jesus: the three nails that pierced his hands and feet, the spear thrust into his side, and the thorns that crowned his head.



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

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

My dear Parishioners,

The generosity of parishioners plays a very important role in meeting the needs of our Parish.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your financial contribution which assists us to meet our everyday needs (such as paying bills, insurance costs, maintenance, office running expenses, etc) as well as paying off our financial debt being mainly for St Catherine of Siena Church where the loan debt still to pay is currently \$2,212,480.86.



Your financial support and prayers do so much for our parish community. Being generous stewards helps to ensure the continued flourishing of our parish. Thank you once again for your faithful commitment to our shared life and mission.

Thank You

Please note: The date on the statement you receive is the date when the money was banked (usually a Thursday) not when the money was given.

Thank you again. God bless,

Michael Moody
Fr Michael Moody
Parish Priest

Altar Candles

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, candles are required to be placed on or beside the altar, at least for the celebration of Mass.

Candles are symbols of the presence of Christ, the light of the world (Jn 8:12) and of Baptism by which we share in his light (Col 1:12), and are also signs of reverence and festivity.

The light signifies our prayer, which is offered in faith, entering the light of God. It also shows reverence and our desire to remain present in prayer even as we continue on our day.

There are four possibilities regarding the use of altar candles: two, four six and seven. The last possibility applies only when the Ordinary or bishop of the diocese celebrates Mass according to a solemn form.

Altar candles are to be placed on or near the altar.



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Called to Serve?

Be part of our parish's
Guild of St Stephen



COME and join the hundreds of boys and girls in the Archdiocese serving the Lord in the ministry of the Altar.

Pick up an Application Form in the gathering space or speak to Dcn Chris after Mass.

TO SERVE IN THE MASS YOU NEED TO:

- ◆ Have received First Holy Communion.
- ◆ Have been trained before as a Server, or
- ◆ Willing to attend training to be a Server.



After being admitted into the Guild in the Mass of St Stephen at St Patrick's Cathedral, 26



AN INVITATION TO ALL SINGERS & MUSICIANS

BECOMING an active member of our Music Ministry is a great way to support our parish, create new friendships, and give of your talents through our liturgies. Come and join one of our choirs!

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



The Perspective of Justice

Making Life Count

by Gerald Darring

The prophet Elisha is welcomed warmly by the couple in Shunem, and he promises them a reward for their hospitality. Jesus tells his followers that he who welcomes you welcomes me, and "he who welcomes me welcomes him who sent me" (Matthew 10:40).

How good are we as a society at welcoming people into our company? An asylum underground operated during the 1980s to give protection to Salvadorans and Guatemalans whom we did not want to welcome. The Haitians have not been so lucky in the 1990s. The homeless are often not welcome anywhere, locked outside by a society that does not want to adequately fund public housing and pursued by the enforcers of laws that make it illegal to be homeless. Stories continue to surface of high-class institutions refusing to welcome African Americans or Jews or women.



Those of us who are baptized "must consider ourselves dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:11). We should walk in the light of Christ. We should be different from those who exclude others and drive them out. We should bring God's love to the world:

Basic justice demands the establishment of minimum levels of participation in the life of the human community for all persons ... The ultimate injustice is for a person or group to be treated actively or abandoned passively as if they were non-members of the human race. To treat people this way is effectively to say that they simply do not count as human beings.

US Bishops, Economic Justice for All, 1986: 77

13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday July 1 & 2, 2023	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Asther Creo	Liza Fernandez	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Daniel Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Josephine Krajina
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Sanghaya Creo	Bruna Tomassi	Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Michael Higgins
PowerPoint Operator	Tania Walters	Sanyata Creo	Liza Fernandez	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Dalene Jenkins	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy Choir	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Family Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			

14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday July 8 & 9, 2023	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Graham Dempsey	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder		Karl Metha	Kate Swan	Michael Higgins
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Asther Creo	Bruna Tomassi	Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Dalene Jenkins	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	Robert Obtinalla	Sanyata Creo	Liza Fernandez	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	6 pm Choir	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			



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VINNIES SOUP VANS STREET SERVICE MELTON



Soup Vans will continue its Street Service around Melton as follows;

Tuesday

6.00pm-6.30pm	Melton Town Centre Amphitheatre Palmerston Street, Melton • fruit and vegetables • non-perishable pantry items • toiletries • soup, sandwiches, hot food
7.00pm-7.30pm	Melton Station Square Shopping Centre 11-25 Station Street, Melton South • fruit and vegetables • non-perishable pantry items • toiletries • soup, sandwiches, hot food

- Vinnies Welfare Assistance - 1800 305 330 (Monday - Friday 10am - 3pm)
- Opening Doors - 1800 825 955 (24 hour State Wide Support Crisis Accommodation)
- Lifeline (24 hour Crisis Counselling) - 13 11 14
- Safesteps Family Crisis Response (24 hour service) - 1800 015 188
- Ask Izzy (A - Z directory of services) - askizzy.org.au



Can you help?

The Knights of the Southern Cross Melton branch are looking for a Treasurer and a spiritual director to run our formation program for around 15 minutes every meeting.

The treasurer needs to become a member but the spiritual director need not be a member but a guest at the meetings. If you want further information contact me Lawrence Camenzuli:

Phone: +61425744767
Email: lcamenzu@bigpond.net.au

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 be emailed to you. There is also a clip board in the Gathering Area to register your email.



Soup Van

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Do you:

- Have a passion for giving a 'hand up' to individuals experiencing food and financial insecurity?
- Love giving back to your local community?
- Enjoy engaging with people from all walks of life?

What could I be doing on the Soup Vans?

Preparing and packing food, assisting with loading the Soup Vans, distributing food on a 'Soup Van Run' and assisting in cleaning up the kitchen and soup van vehicle as a team.



Sign up now using our QR code!



YEAR 7 2025 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN



Enrolment applications for Year 7 2025 at St Francis Catholic College are now open.

You can apply online at www.sfcc.vic.edu.au/join-us/enrolment

Applications close on Friday 19 August 2023.



St Francis
CATHOLIC COLLEGE



We welcome you to join one of our College tours.
Reserve your place at www.sfcc.vic.edu.au/join-us/college-tour

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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