



THE TIDINGS

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

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

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B | 21 July 2024

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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

- 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

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)

Address: Church Street, Melton, VIC 3337

Principal: Mr Jeffrey Parker

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

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC

PRIMARY SCHOOL (Prep-Year 6)

Address: 108 Bulmans Road, Melton West, VIC 3337

Principal: Mr Des Noack

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

SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

formerly Catholic Regional College Melton

Melton West (Year 7-12) | **Cobblebank** (Year 7-8)

Address: 109-141 Bulmans Rd, Melton West | Bridge Rd, Cobblebank

Principal: Ms Marlene Jorgensen

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

Historical Context

Sheep and Shepherds

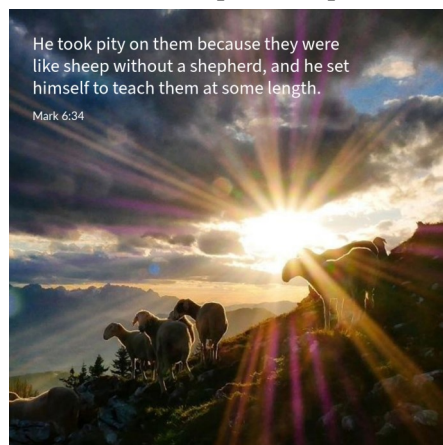
THIS gospel passage is one of many gospel references and even more Old Testament references to sheep and shepherds.

It is an enduring image from the Bible. Much of it stems from the shepherd-become-King, David. When a monarchy developed in Israel it was clear that the role of king was like that of a shepherd, caring for his flock.

Jesus applied the image to himself on several occasions, reinforcing an image of servant leadership. The language continues today, with bishops referred to as shepherds of their diocese and carrying a crozier that is reminiscent of a shepherd's crook.

He took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Mark 6:34



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Jer 23:1-6; Ps 22 (23); Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

2 Kings 4:42-44; Ps 144 (145); Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

NOTICE TO PARISHIONERS

Weekday Daily Masses have now resumed as usual. Please note: Mass on Friday July 19th will be held in the St Dominic's Parish Hall to celebrate Grandparents Day on the feast of St Joachim & St Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Parish Offertory Giving June Update

Pledged: \$6,548

Actual: \$4,562.69

*Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of
all children and vulnerable adults.*



gospel Mk 6: 30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

reflection

Fifty years ago the word 'stress' was only ever applied to materials like steel and the wings of planes. But since then, along with 'pressure', it has first crept into our language and more lately become an everyday term. Everyone experiences stress now. You can even hear Grade One students talk about the stress they're under at school! Perhaps it's the ever-growing pace of life or an innate competitiveness but pressure and stress have become part of daily life for most people in the so-called civilised world. Although he may never have used the words 'stress' or 'pressure', Jesus knew all about the demands of ministry with other people. When the disciples returned from their first efforts away from Jesus he knew that they needed some time out to debrief, to pray and to re-energise themselves. He ordered them all into a boat and they headed for a lonely place where they could be by themselves and rejuvenate. Jesus recognised the importance of taking time out. If you are engaged in a vocation or ministry that sees you meeting the needs of others, you need some time out to reflect on your experiences; time to hold those people up to God in prayer; time to make sense of your work and the interactions you've shared; time to simply recharge your batteries so that you can once again give fully of yourself.

Unfortunately, when Jesus arranged for himself and the disciples to have some time out, the crowd anticipated where they were going and actually beat them there! When the disciples arrived at their lonely spot, they were once again overwhelmed by the crowd. However, Jesus recognised the demands of the crowd as being more urgent than the demands of the disciples and himself. He took pity on them – he was moved by compassion – and responded to their need.



Have you thought?

Prayer and reflection

Jesus demonstrated how important it is to engage in times of quiet prayer and reflection. When you expend a lot of time and energy in the service of others it is essential to reflect on those experiences, to learn from them and consider what you'd do differently next time. It is also important that any ministry that seeks to be based in the message of Jesus can only remain so if it is fuelled by prayer. Only through prayerful dialogue with God can we learn what God desires for us.

Living the gospel

Take time out

I recently travelled to France and was amazed that in the smaller towns and villages everything stopped for two hours in the middle of the day and people went home for lunch. As a tourist used to almost 24 hour convenience, it was at first terribly frustrating. Even tourist attractions would close down. The only businesses open were restaurants. However, the wisdom of the custom soon became apparent. How wonderfully civilised and life-giving to stop for two hours in the middle of the day, go home and have a leisurely lunch. It made me ask myself, When do I take time out to renew myself?

REASONS I NEVER GO TO MASS SHOWER

1. I WAS FORCED TO SHOWER AS A CHILD.
2. PEOPLE WHO SHOWER ARE HYPOCRITES. THEY THINK THEY ARE CLEANER THAN EVERYONE ELSE.
3. THERE ARE SO MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF SOAP, I COULD NEVER DECIDE WHICH ONE WAS RIGHT.
4. I USED TO SHOWER, BUT IT GOT BORING SO I STOPPED.
5. I SHOWER ONLY ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS, LIKE EASTER AND CHRISTMAS.
6. NONE OF MY FRIENDS SHOWER.
7. I'M STILL YOUNG. WHEN I'M OLDER AND HAVE GOTTEN A BIT DIRTIER, I MIGHT START SHOWERING.
8. I REALLY DON'T HAVE TIME TO SHOWER.
9. THE BATHROOM IS NEVER WARM ENOUGH IN THE WINTER OR COOL ENOUGH IN THE SUMMER.

- Q Why was Jesus keen for the disciples to go away to a lonely place?
- Q Why did Jesus abandon his plans and respond to the crowds?
- Q What benefits can flow from taking time for reflection and prayer?
- Q Where and when do you create time for quiet and reflection in your life?
- Q How might you better do this?

10. PEOPLE WHO MAKE SOAP ARE ONLY AFTER YOUR MONEY.

(THERE'S MORE)

- I GET ALONG VERY WELL WITHOUT SHOWERING.
- I WORK HARD ALL WEEK AND AM TOO TIRED TO TAKE A SHOWER ON THE WEEKEND.
- THE FIRST BAR OF SOAP I EVER USED GAVE ME A RASH, SO I HAVEN'T GONE NEAR SOAP SINCE

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
22 ST MARY MAGDALEN	23	24 9.15am Grandparents Day Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church (joined by St Catherine's Primary - whole school)	25 ST JAMES THE APOSTLE 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church St Luke's: Sacrament of Confirmation Classes	26 ST JOACHIM & ST ANNE 9.15am Grandparents Day Mass at St Dominic's Church (joined by St Dominic's Primary - whole school)	27 Baptisms: 11am & 12.15pm 6pm Vigil Mass Presentation Masses for Candidates (St Catherine's Primary School)	28 17th Sunday Ordinary Time 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses Sacrament of Confirmation (St Catherine's Primary School)
29 STS MARTHA, MARY & LAZARUS	30	31 ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA 9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church	1 ST ALPHONSUS DE LIGUORI 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church St Luke's: Sacrament of Confirmation Classes AUGUST	2 9.15am St Dominic's Feast Day Mass at St Dominic's Parish/School Hall (joined by St Dominic's Primary - whole school)	3 ST DOMINIC 6pm Vigil Mass Presentation Masses for Candidates (St Luke's & St Dominic's Primary School)	4 18th Sunday Ordinary Time 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses Sacrament of Confirmation (St Luke's & St Dominic's Primary School)



GO AND INVITE EVERYONE to the banquet

This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

SCAN ME



catholic mission Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mongolia

St Luke's Program

Classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation for our Parish's St Luke's Sacramental Program begin on **Thursday July 25**.

More info & Application forms:
TINYURL.COM/MELTONSTLUKES

Honouring the Precious Blood of Jesus this month

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. Catholics are encouraged to meditate on the profound sacrifice of Jesus and the pouring out of his blood for humanity. Ways you might like to honour His Most Precious Blood this month:

- Recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet and reflect on the seven times Jesus shed his blood
- Meditate on the significance of Jesus' Precious Blood and its role in our redemption. Pray with The Anima Christi prayer, or scriptures such as Isaiah 53:5 and Hebrews 9:14.
- Offer 2 Our Fathers, 2 Hail Mary's and 2 Glory Be's for three years to receive five graces promised to St Elizabeth of Hungary. Read more: TINYURL.COM/PRECIOUSBLOODLETTER

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

16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday July 20 & 21, 2024		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Daniel Walters	Vickie Cassar	Janet Estradra	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Mario Cassar	Bruna Tomassi	Michael Higgins
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Maureen Mohr	Bruna Tomassi	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	Choir	Sanyata Creo	Lea Jacuta	
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			

17 th Sunday of Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday July 27 & 28, 2024		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Bill McGuinness	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Sanghaya Creo	Cira Cleary	Michael Higgins
Responder	Daniel Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa - Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Bill McGuinness	Karl Metha	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator		Sanyata Creo	Choir	
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy Choir	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			



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

Prime Timers July Outing

Movie Day Tuesday July 30th at Melton Library
starting 10.30am (31 McKenzie St, Melton)

The movie is The Miracle Club with Maggie Smith. After the movie we will be having lunch at La Porchetta Melton for 12 o'clock. Please RSVP by **July 19** to confirm La Porchetta numbers.

Contact: Ineke 0400120401 or ineke49@yahoo.com

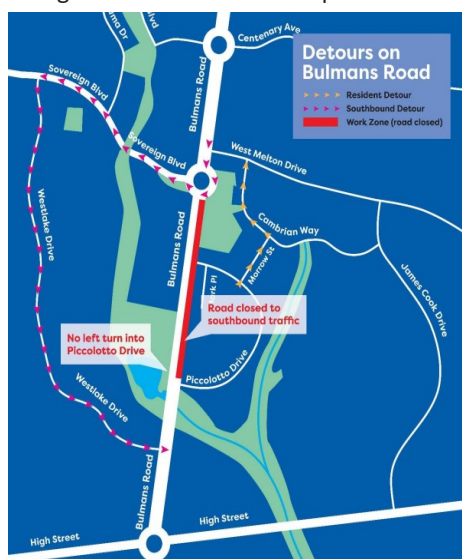
Bulmans Rd Watermain renewal works from 15 July – 15 September

The southbound lane on Bulmans Road, between Sovereign Boulevard and Piccolotto Drive, will be closed to through traffic between **Monday 15 July and Sunday 15 September 2024**, weather permitting. This lane closure is required to replace the existing water main in this location.

The Sovereign Blvd roundabout will be open for all directions of travel (apart from the southbound lane of Bulmans Rd).

Northbound traffic access thorough Bulmans Road will be permitted during these works with southbound traffic and pedestrian detours in place during this time.

Parking in this section of Bulmans Road will be temporarily removed during these works.



Offertory Giving Campaign Results

- Total of **121 Givers** responded
- Of those, 85 were ongoing givers with **40 increasing their pledge** and 45 leaving it as is
- **36 New Givers** joined the Offertory Campaign

Thank you once again to those who have responded — your offering supports the Parish with everyday expenses and works towards paying off the remaining debt on St Catherine of Siena Church.

If you would like to update your pledge or to join the Parish Offertory Giving, please contact the Parish office OR fill out a pledge card available on the welcome desk and place in the collection during mass or return to the office.

VINNIES SOUP VANS STREET SERVICE MELTON



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

Tuesday

6.00-6.30pm **Melton Town Centre Amphitheatre**
Palmerston St, Melton

7.00-7.30pm **Melton Station Square Shopping Centre**
11-25 Station St, Melton South

- Fruit and vegetables
- Non-perishable pantry items
- Toiletries
- Soup, sandwiches, hot food



SOUP VAN VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Scan the QR code to sign up to help with 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 vehicle as a team.

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



Would you like to receive

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.



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](https://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](https://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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