



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

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year A | 16 July 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 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

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Principal: Ms Carmel Marantelli

Address: 108 Bulmans Road, Melton West, VIC 3337

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SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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

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Principal: Ms Marlene Jorgensen

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

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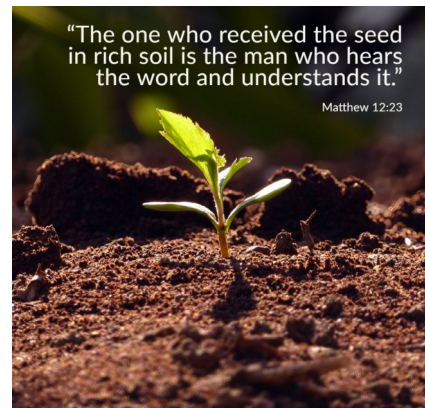
Living the Gospel Scatter the Seed!

The teaching of the parable of the sower is as true for us today as it was in its original context.

The word of the kingdom continues to fall on people who are at various stages of readiness to receive it.

What Jesus suggests to his disciples – and to us – is that the 'good soil' can't always be predicted. Jesus doesn't tell his disciples to only sow the word in people who are receptive.

Rather, he wants them – and us – to scatter the word everywhere and to rejoice when it does find good soil and yields a rich harvest.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*The seed that falls on good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.*

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Is 55:10-11; Ps 64; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Wis 12:13,16-19; Ps 85; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-30

NEXT WEEKEND AT ALL MASSES JULY 22 & 23

The 'Bethlehem Catholics' will display handmade olive wood carvings (nativity sets, candle holders, ornaments, religious figures, crucifixes, etc) made by Christians in Bethlehem.

The proceeds from sales go back to the Christian families in Bethlehem to help them survive and stay in their homeland - a land of ongoing conflict, war conditions and a wall built around Bethlehem.

**Cash or card will be accepted as payment
for items that you wish to purchase.**





THE BEGINNINGS OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH (All About our Church)

The Processional Cross & Other Sanctuary Appointments

The entrance procession at each Mass is usually led by the cross of Christ. That cross leads us into the celebration of the Mass, where it is Christ who celebrates and offers praise and worship to his Father.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us: *"All gather together". Christians come together in one place for the Eucharistic assembly. At its head is Christ himself, the principal agent of the Eucharist. He is High Priest of the New Covenant; it is he himself who presides invisibly over every Eucharistic celebration"* (n. 1348).



The Processional Cross is usually carried by the altar server when it enters church. He or she may place it next to the altar to serve as the altar cross, in which case it ought to be the only cross used; otherwise it is put away in a dignified place.

Our Processional Cross is made of Huon Pine from Tasmania. It was acquired from the Parkdale Parish Church together with the altar and ambo at St Dominic's Parish Hall.



Altar Bells

IN the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, an altar bell (also called the Mass bell) is typically a small hand-held bell or set of bells. The primary reason for the use of such bells is to create a "joyful noise to the Lord" as a way to give thanks for the miracle taking place atop the altar.

Another use of the of the bells is to focus the attention of those attending Mass that a supernatural event is taking place on the altar. These are usually kept on the credence table or some other convenient location within the sanctuary.

Although it is not a required practice, an altar server often rings the bells several times, especially during the Liturgy of the Eucharist:

- Before the Words of Institution
- At the elevation of the Host and the Chalice
- After the priest's reception of Holy Communion indicating to the faithful that they may come forward to receive Communion.



Consecration Candle Holders

THESE candle holders mark the spots where the church has been anointed with chrism oil during the church's dedication.

They are considered a sign that the church building is a holy place dedicated to God (sacred place).

Skylight

Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away.

See in this space our fears and our dreaming, brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in.

Marty Haugen



The Choir

The *schola cantorum* (the choir) should be so positioned with respect to the arrangement of each church that its nature may be clearly evident, namely as part of the assembled community of the faithful undertaking a specific function. The positioning should also help the choir to exercise this function more easily and allow each choir member full sacramental participation in the Mass in a convenient manner. (GIRM 312)

We are blessed in our parish to have so many choirs to accompany us in our celebration of the Mass.



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

Why do we process a Book of the Gospels instead of the Lectionary?

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council called for a greater reverence for Scripture by Catholics, both in the Mass (n. 51) and at other times (n. 35.1, 35.4). As a result of this conciliar decree, the order of readings used at Mass was revised in the late 1960s and published in 1969 as part of the revision of the Order of Mass and the Roman Missal. This new "Lectionary for Mass" was the first time in around 1000 years that the readings proclaimed at Mass were regularly published in a book separate from the "Sacramentary," the book of prayers used by the priest.

Although the pre-Vatican II ordination rites of a deacon and a bishop both prescribed that a special Book of the Gospels be used during the ordination rites, and the rubrics for a Solemn Mass prescribed that a deacon use a special Book of the Gospels for proclaiming the Gospel, oftentimes a regular Missal, which contained the Gospel readings in it, was used instead. As a result, Western Catholics had no living tradition regarding a special Book of the Gospels, unlike Byzantine and other Catholics.

The reformed Order of Mass was approved by Pope Paul VI in 1969 along with a document called the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) that included practical rubrics and theological and spiritual explanations of the revised Mass. The 1969 GIRM presupposed that the Lectionary containing all the readings would be placed at the ambo before Mass and ready for the reader and the deacon or priest. This document also made mention of a separate Book of the Gospels, if such existed, which could either be placed on the altar before Mass began or carried during the entrance procession.

A Book of the Gospels carried in the entrance procession is mentioned in documents describing the seventh and eighth century Roman liturgies, and the "Little Entrance" with a Book of the Gospels is a

"The primary way to foster the participation of the People of God in the sacred rite is the proper celebration of the rite itself. The *ars celebrandi* is the best way to ensure their *actuosa participatio*. The *ars celebrandi* is the fruit of faithful adherence to the liturgical norms in all their richness; indeed, for two thousand years this way of celebrating has sustained the faith life of all believers, called to take part in the celebration as the People of God, a royal priesthood, a holy nation (cf. 1 Pet 2:4-5, 9)." Pope Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis* no. 39

dramatic moment in the first part of a Byzantine Liturgy. In referring to carrying of the Book of the Gospels during the entrance procession, the 1969 GIRM was re-introducing a practice that had historical precedents in liturgies of both East and West.

Since, however, Books of the Gospels were not available in the early 1970s, many parishes substituted carrying the complete Lectionary for a Book of the Gospels when implementing the revised Order of Mass. The practice of carrying the complete Lectionary was, in fact, never authorized by the 1969 GIRM and is contrary to the more ancient custom of carrying the special "icon" of Christ, the book of his words, namely, the Book of the Gospels, in liturgical processions.

The third edition of the Roman Missal with the revised 2002 GIRM has attempted to clarify and update the rubrics and instructions related to the Mass based on liturgical books issued since 1975 and the experience of over 30 years of using the 1969 Order of Mass and the original GIRM. With regard to the use of the Lectionary and the Book of the Gospels, the 2002 GIRM has tried to clarify the original intent of the 1969 GIRM by specifically noting that it is the Book of the Gospels (and not the Lectionary) that is to be carried in the Entrance Procession. **If a special Book of the Gospels is not available, then it is not necessary to carry any sort of "substitute" book.** Carrying the cross, flanked by candles is appropriate for any entrance procession.

If a parish makes use of a special Book of the Gospels, it may be placed on the altar before Mass begins (as is the custom in the Byzantine Churches) (cf. 2002 GIRM 117) or it may be carried in the entrance procession (cf. 2002 GIRM 120d, 172) and then placed on the altar (cf. 2002 GIRM 122, 173). The Book of the Gospels remains on the altar until right before the proclamation of the Gospel (cf. 2002 GIRM 133, 175), when it is carried solemnly elevated during the singing of the Gospel Acclamation from the altar to the ambo and used for the proclamation of the Gospel.

After the Gospel, the Book of the Gospels is placed on the side table or in some other suitable place, such as a special "shrine" for the Gospels.

Christian liturgy has always focused on the person of Christ as the fulfillment of the prophecies of the Hebrew Scriptures. For this reason, liturgical traditions of East and West have given special reverence to the books containing the words of Christ over books containing other sacred scriptures. Although a return to carrying only a Book of the Gospels during entrance processions may be a departure from recent practice in some U.S. parishes, it is actually a return to a more ancient Christian liturgical practice to help us focus on the person of Christ, our Risen Saviour.

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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

15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday July 15 & 16, 2023		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tania Walters	Jennifer Peters	Liza Fernandez	Michael Higgins
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Bruna Tomassi	Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Bill McGuinness	Richard Kealy	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Dalene Jenkins	Sanyata Creo	Adela Marinjira	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Veronica Milburn	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy Choir	Samoan Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Family Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, Elaine Neely, John Woof			

16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday July 22&23, 2023		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Karl Metha	Liza Fernandez	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Sanghaya Creo	Kate Swan	Frank Unferdorben
Responder		Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Corrie Family
Holy Communion	Sally Greo	Asther Creo	Bruna Tomassi	Brian Dean
PowerPoint Operator	Tania Walters	Sanyata Creo	Liz Coustley	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	6 pm Choir	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			



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Do you know somebody who wants to become Catholic and be part of our community?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA is for all those seeking to become members of the Catholic Church.

- This journey is for people who have never *been baptized, and for those who have been baptised in other Christian denominations.*
- The non-baptised are prepared in the parish RCIA program and are joyfully received into the Catholic Church by receiving the three Sacraments of Initiation: **Baptism, Confirmation** and **the Holy Eucharist**, which traditionally takes place at the Easter Vigil.
- For those *already baptised*, they too are prepared and welcomed into full communion of the Catholic Church by receiving the **Sacraments of Confirmation** and the **Holy Eucharist**, which can also take place during Easter celebrations or another suitable season.

Application forms are available on the table in the Gathering Area of the church. Completed forms can be placed into the return box at the church or emailed to the Parish Office.

We will start with an information gathering on Sunday, July 23 at 12 pm (after the 11 am Mass) in St Catherine of Siena church.

Please come along and see what it's all about!

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.

PRIME TIMERS

This month's outing will be Tuesday 25th July for Games Day at the Leisure Centre, Lifestyle Village from 11.30am.

There will be a catered lunch and tea/coffee provided. There will also be a Special Event presentation of a lifetime membership to Lorraine Doyle and Tess Jones.



**The Knights of the Southern Cross
Melton Branch**

Upcoming Activities

God and Beer July

- **Date:** Monday 17th July
- **Time:** 6.30pm dinner available for purchase
7.30pm for the talk
- **Venue:** Notting Hill Hotel (Steakhouse Room),
260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill, VIC
- **Topic:** Meeting Jesus in the Truth and Beauty of the Catholic Faith
- **Speaker:** Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers
Deacon Harold, known around the world as the 'Dynamic Deacon', is a sought-after speaker in the Church. He is a powerful and passionate evangelist and preacher, whose no-nonsense approach to living and proclaiming the Catholic faith will challenge and inspire those who hear him.
- **RSVP:** GodandBeer.com.au
- **Contact:** John - jtsmyth@gmail.com

Men's Breakfast

- **Date & Time:** Saturday, July 22, 8 am
- **Venue:** St Dominic's Hall, Unit Street Melton
- **Guest speaker:** Retired Magistrate Bernard Coburn

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



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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