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is committed
to the safety,
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adults

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT – Year B | 25 February 2024

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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 THIS WEEK

St Catherine of Siena Church, Melton West

108 Bulmans Road, Melton West, VIC 3337

- Saturday 6pm (Vigil Mass)
- Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm
- Wednesday & Thursday 9am (joined by St Francis Catholic College for House Masses)

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

- 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@sdelton.catholic.edu.au

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC

PRIMARY SCHOOL (Prep-Year 6)

Principal: Mr Des Noack

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

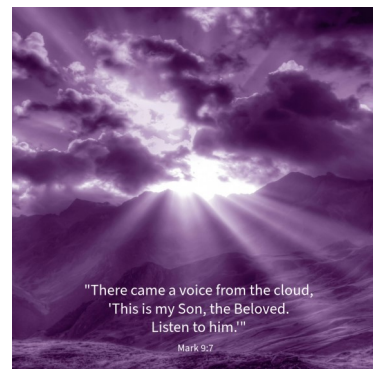
Gospel Focus

A New Vision

PART of Peter's mistake is to see the appearance of Elijah and Moses as a confirmation that Jesus has come to continue the work of the great prophets of the past.

Rather than placing Jesus in the old tradition of the prophets, the appearance of Elijah and Moses, together with the voice of God, is to endorse the new direction that Jesus' ministry is taking.

Jesus' new vision for the world is informed by the relationships forged between God and the prophets of the past, but it is a vision of a completely different way of relating to God: a much more personal relationship that calls us to respond from the heart to those around us.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.*

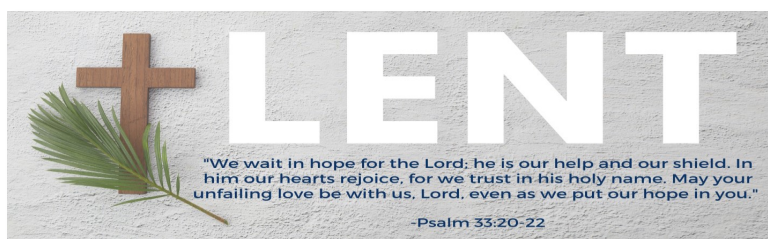
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Today's Scripture Readings

Gen 22:1-2,9-13,15-18; Ps 115 (116); Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Ex 20:1-17; Ps 18 (19); 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25



Parish Stewardship Update

January Pledged: \$6,811.01

Actual: \$4,865.49



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WHY WE DO THINGS IN THE MASS

Did You Know?

What Lent means to people preparing to join the Catholic Church

LIKE many traditions in the Catholic Church, the season of Lent which begins this coming week developed over time from simple, practical origins.

In the early Church, new members were always initiated into the Christian community at Easter. People preparing for baptism, called “catechumens”, fasted for two days beforehand. Gradually this time of preparation lengthened until, by the fourth century, it had become set at 40 days.

The number 40 has special significance in scripture: in the story of the great flood it rained for 40 days and 40 nights; Christ spent 40 days in the wilderness after being baptised by John; Moses and Elias fasted for 40 days in the desert.

As well as the time for catechumens to make their final preparations for initiation, Lent was a period of preparation for penitents who would be reconciled with the Christian community on Holy Thursday. Other members of the church journeyed with the catechumens and penitents during these 40 days through fasting, almsgiving and prayer.

When it became the norm for infants rather than adults to be baptised, Lent lost its baptismal focus and became associated almost exclusively with penance. This is why many people associate Lent exclusively with acts of self-denial, like “giving up” a favourite food or pastime.

The original meaning and purpose of Lent has largely been reclaimed because of a change in the process of initiating adults into the Church following the Second Vatican Council. For hundreds of people who will be baptised at Easter, Lent is once again a time of intense preparation known as the “Period of Purification and Enlightenment”.

A special liturgy called the Rite of Election is held on the first Sunday of Lent, usually in the cathedral church of the diocese, to mark the beginning of this stage. It celebrates publicly the fact that the catechumens have progressed on their faith journey and have opened their hearts to Christ in a spirit of faith and

Prayer ideas to try this Lenten season

- Pray or say the Rosary on the walk or drive to school/work
- Pick a relative each day and pray for that person
- Pray with children or as a family - perhaps committing to grace before each meal or inviting kids to share a prayer intention
- Visit Jesus in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (lucky for us, our parish has a Perpetual Adoration chapel!)
- Spend a few minutes with Scripture daily doing [Lectio Divina](#)
- Pray the [Rosary](#) or the [Daily Office](#) Morning/Night Prayer
- Go to confession
- Attend daily Mass once a week
- Attend or pray the [Stations of the Cross](#) every Friday
- Invite a friend to attend Mass with you
- Start the [Bible in Year](#) podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz
- Pray the [Examen](#) and reflect on God's presence in your day
- Join Hallow's [#Pray40 Lent Challenge](#)
- Go to bed five minutes early and spend time talking with God
- Download the [Universalis App](#) and read the Mass readings beforehand to really take in God's Word during Mass

love. They are “elected” for initiation into the Church, not because they have earned it, but because God has chosen them. From this point on they are known as “the elect”. The Church asks us all to “surround the elect with prayer” and to “accompany them to encounter Christ”.



On the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent, rites called “Scrutinies” are celebrated with the elect in their parish communities. In the light of God's word, they examine their lives and ask the entire Christian community to pray that whatever is weak and sinful within them may be eliminated and that whatever is good and holy may be affirmed.

As well as conferring strength and healing on the elect, these rites confront all the faithful with the need for conversion. Lent is a time of purification and enlightenment for each one of us as we strive to rid ourselves of the hidden corruption of evil.

During Lent we are all on a journey as we prepare to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Christ at the Easter Triduum and to continue that celebration throughout the

50 days of the joyful Season of Easter.



The article originally published in **LITURGY LINES** (23 February 2017)
by Elizabeth Harrington

Parish Calendar FEB-MAR

March: The Month of St Joseph

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		9am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church (joined by St Francis College for Catherine House Mass)	9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church St Luke's Sacrament of Penance Classes	9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	6pm Vigil Mass Presentation Masses for Candidates (St Dominic's Primary School & St Luke's)	9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses Sacrament of Penance
26	27	28	29	1	2	3
		9am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church (joined by St Francis College for Glowrey House Mass)	9am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church (joined by St Francis College for Anthony House Mass)	9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church (joined by St Dominic's Primary Grade 3 classes)	6pm Vigil Mass Presentation Masses for Candidates (St Catherine's Primary School)	9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses Sacrament of Penance
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		9am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church (joined by St Francis College for Lawrence House Mass)	9am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church (joined by St Francis College for Dominic House Mass)	9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church (joined by St Dominic's Primary Grade 6 classes)	6pm Vigil Mass	9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	7pm St Catherine's Primary School Sacrament of Penance (over 3 nights)	9am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church (joined by St Francis College for MacKillop House Mass)	9am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church (joined by St Francis College for Bernard House Mass)	9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	Baptisms: 11am & 12.15pm 6pm Vigil Mass	9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses
18 FEAST OF ST PATRICK, Patron of the Diocese	19 FEAST OF ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY 7pm St Dominic's Primary School Sacrament of Penance	20 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	21 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church St Luke's Sacrament of Penance	22 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church (joined by St Dominic's Primary Grade 4 classes)	23 Baptisms: 11am & 12.15pm 6pm Vigil Mass	24 PALM SUNDAY 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses

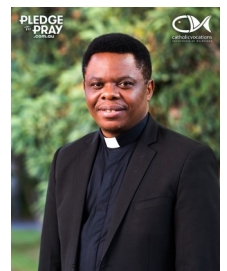
Update on Fr Michael and a warm welcome to Fr Jude Ezeme!

Fr Michael will be away from the parish for at least the next month as he has some much needed rest and recovery. He is doing well!

Fr Jude Ezeme has been assigned to the Parish until Easter, so please make him welcome as he assists over the next few weeks.

Meet Fr Jude

Fr Jude migrated from south eastern Nigeria (Biafra) and is the fifth of seven children. His desire to be a priest was inspired by the joy and dedication of faithful priests and fellow young Catholics serving in his home parish. He began his seminary formation in Nigeria for a few years and then re-entered the Seminary in 2014 after moving to Australia to study and work as a laboratory technician. He eventually got ordained in December 2020 along with 3 other men in the Melbourne Archdiocese in the midst of the pandemic. We are glad to have him at the Parish even for a small time!



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

2 nd Sunday of Lent		Saturday & Sunday February 24 & 25, 2024		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Kate Mulholland	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Lawrence Camenzuli	Liza Fernandez	Josephine Krajina
Responder	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa -Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Bruna Tomassi	Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Sally Grero	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Adela Marinjira	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir		Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, Elaine Neely, John Woof			
3 rd Sunday of Lent		Saturday & Sunday March 2 & 3, 2024		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Maureen Mohr	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Michael Higgins
Responder	Daniel Walters	Karl Metha	Cira Cleary	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha		Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Sally Grero	Anne Stokie	Bruna Tomassi	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	Tania Walters	Sanyata Creo	Liz Coustley	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Tania Walters, Maria Abela			



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Parish Thanksgiving

As you may have noted last weekend, the Thanksgiving Campaign has been postponed for while Fr Michael is away.



In the meantime, if you would like to make either a one-off donation or to set up recurring donations to the parish, especially during this Lenten season, please scan the QR code above or head directly to the Donate page on our website:

TINYURL.COM/GIVEMELTON

A Smart Terminal is also located at the welcome desk where you can tap & give with your card or smart device to support the Parish.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year our World Day of Prayer will be held at:

Christ Church, 2-4 Unitt Street, Melton
At 10.30am Friday 1st March 2024

Our theme is: *"I beg you... bear with one another in love".*

It has been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine's writing group, asking us to unite our prayers with theirs for a peaceful solution that would bring about an end to human suffering.

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



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Would you like to receive

The Tidings prior to the weekend Masses?



Email melton@cam.org.au requesting to join the mailing list for The Tidings or scan the QR code to subscribe on our website.

Prime Timers

Our February outing will be on Tuesday 27th February at the Deer Park Hotel

(760 Ballarat Rd—please note change in venue!)

Seniors menu available. Meeting at the OLD Bunnings car park at 11.30am. If you require a lift, that can be arranged. RSVP Friday 23rd to confirm numbers. Enquiries: Ineke 0400120401 or ineke49@yahoo.com

ENRICH YOUR MARRIAGE WITH THE MARRIAGE KIT – 50% OFF

With World Marriage Day (Feb 11), National Marriage Week 2024 (Feb 7-14) and St Valentine's Day having just passed, married couples may be interested in an enrichment course for married couples wanting a lasting, passionate relationship as God intended. Accessed from the privacy of your home on your own timetable, this online course will energise your relationship, revitalise your passion and equip you with practical tools for every day.

For 50% off use the coupon code:

MarriageWeek24

Sale ends 29 February.



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PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world for all future generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion through the Project Compassion donation boxes available at your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413. You can also scan the QR code to get involved this Lent.



HOME VISITATION & BLESSING REQUESTS

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