



THE TIDINGS

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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

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year A | 30 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 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@sdelton.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@sfc.vic.edu.au

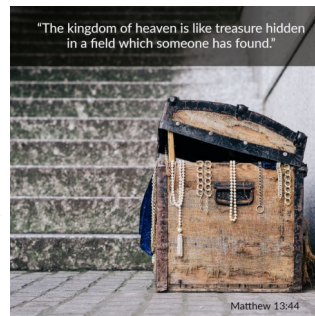
Gospel Focus

The Kingdom is like...

Throughout the gospels,
Jesus consistently uses the
figures of speech of simile
and metaphor to describe
the kingdom.

He never directly describes the
kingdom. It is always described as being
like some situation or person or as if...

This figurative use of language
means that we have no single clear
picture of what the kingdom is like but we do have a multitude of
metaphors and descriptions. This style of description adds to the
paradoxical nature of the kingdom – it is like many things yet we
don't really know what it is like at all.



"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden
in a field which someone has found."

Matthew 13:44

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, I love your commands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries
of the kingdom.*

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

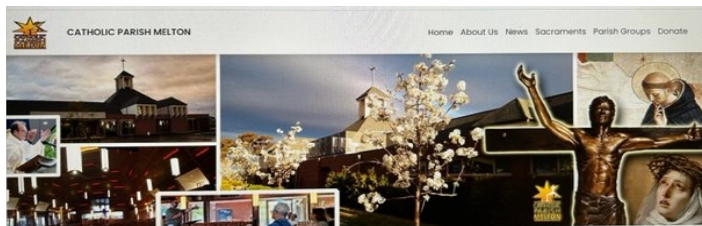
1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Ps 118; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 96; 2 Pet 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Recently Deceased: Bill Fanning & Linda Groot

Check out our new website!
www.melbcatholic.org/melton



Special thanks to Deacon Chris for his time and creativity in designing our new
website. Your effort and commitment to our Parish is much appreciated.



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

HOMELESS JESUS



Inspired by Matthew 25, this sculpture is a representation that suggests Christ is with the most marginalized in our society.

The Christ figure is shrouded in a blanket the only indication that it is Jesus is the visible wounds on the feet. The life-size version of the work has enough room that someone is able to sit on the bench.

SCULPTURE BY TIMOTHY P. SCHMALZ

FOR over 25 years, Timothy, a Canadian artist, has been sculpting large scale sculptures. He is a figurative artist with his pieces installed worldwide. Some of his most reputed pieces are installed in historical churches in Rome and at the Vatican.

Timothy describes his most important work as visual translations of the Bible. Although most of his work is based upon a spiritual theme, he also creates large, complex public sculptures in bronze. Some of these include monuments that honour veterans and firefighters.

Timothy strives to create epic artwork that connects with viewers through design and details that not only touch the viewer on an emotional level, but also allow them to feel somewhat a 'part' of the piece.



Artist Statement

"I am devoted to creating artwork that glorifies Christ. The reason for this devotion, apart from my Christian beliefs, is that an artist needs an epic subject to create epic art."

I describe my sculptures as being visual prayers. When I create a three dimensional sculpture in bronze I am quite aware that it will last longer than myself.

I realize I am between two things that are much more durable than myself: Christianity and bronze metal. It is between these that I have developed a subtle appreciation for what Saint Francis meant by "instrument".



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WHY WE DO THINGS IN THE MASS

This is why the priest kisses the altar at Mass



The liturgical custom is one of the oldest, dating back to the 4th century.

Before celebrating every Mass the priest (and deacon) approach the altar and kiss it. To some this practice seems rather odd, as altars are material objects of stone or wood and don't seem to warrant any particular reverence.

What is the significance behind this ancient custom?

Kissing holy and sacred objects has been part of various world religions for thousands of years. The practice comes from cultures where the kiss was viewed as a sign of respect or used as a greeting and was naturally applied to objects that represented the divine.

Outside of pagan worship there also grew a tradition in some cultures of kissing the dinner table at special occasions.

As Christians developed the liturgy they adapted customs from their own culture and gave them new significance. Kissing the altar was one of them and was quickly attached to the actions of the priest at Mass.

Consecrated for God

The altar receives its importance in connection with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that is celebrated upon it. It has been set apart for this purpose and the bishop consecrates it when it is installed in a new church.

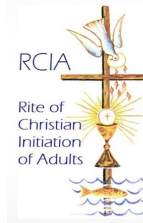
The ceremony of consecration mimics in some ways the baptism of a new Christian as the bishop uses holy oils to bless the altar and vests it with a white garment after the prayers have been completed.

Kissing the altar can then be viewed as honoring the special role it has in the liturgy and the consecration it was given by the bishop.

Symbolically the altar is often said to represent Jesus Christ, the "cornerstone" of the Church (cf. Ephesians 2:20). During the history of the liturgy the priest would sometimes kiss the altar before blessing the people, symbolizing how the blessing came from God, not the priest.

Additionally, over time relics of saints were inserted into the altar and when the priest kissed the altar, he would be kissing the relics as well.

So while it is true that altars are material objects, they have been set apart for a specific purpose and kissing the altar recognizes its privileged role and relation to the divine sacrifice of Jesus Christ.



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.

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

17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday July 29 & 30, 2023	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Tania Walters	Graham Dempsey	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Alzira Mascarenhas	Gira Cleary	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Sanghaya Creo	Bruna Tomassi	Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Tania Walters	Vickie Cassar	Liz Coustley	Michael Higgins
PowerPoint Operator	Robert Obtinalla	Sanyata Creo	Theo Baleebanga	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Veronica Milburn	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	6 pm Choir	Samoan Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			

Transfiguration of the Lord			Saturday & Sunday August 5&6, 2023	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Theo Franken	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Liza Fernandez	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Alzira Mascarenhas	Kate Swan	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Tania Walters	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Corrie Family
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Maureen Mohr	Bruna Tomassi	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	Robert Obtinalla	Sanyata Creo	Liz Coustley	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Veronica Milburn	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy Choir	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Family Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			



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LEAVING COLLECTION TODAY

Proceeds to



St Vincent de Paul Society

VICTORIA

good works

Every day, thousands of people turn to Vinnies in their time of need. Your donation will help support people during times of crisis or when they are struggling to get by.

The St Vincent de Paul Society assists people experiencing poverty and inequality and works to shape a more just and compassionate society.

Donation envelopes are also available on the table in the Gathering Area.

Thank You

Thanksgiving Direct Debit and Credit Card Statements

For January - June 2023

Statements are available for collection in the Gathering Area of the church.

Please send an email to melton@cam.org.au if the address on the statement is incorrect and notify us of your current address.

Thank you for your support!



Parish Stewardship Update

June Pledge: \$6,862.70

Actual: \$4,675.08

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL BBQ RAFFLE
TICKETS ON SALE AFTER EACH MASS
IN AUGUST

WIN ME!

IT'S BBQ TIME!

RAFFLE



JUMBUCK 'RANDO' CHARCOAL SPIT ROASTER & OTHER BBQ GOODIES

\$150 PRIZE VALUE

TICKETS:

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3RD SEPTEMBER AT 9AM MASS
MELTON PARISH

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The New Liturgy Roster for August to October has been emailed out

The new Liturgy Roster has been email to all Liturgy Ministers. Spare copies are available in the Lay Sacristy.

For more information contact: Liz Coustley

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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