



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

20TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME — Year A | 20 August 2023

CLERGY

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YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/parishmelton>

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

Phone: +61 3 8099 6000

Email: info@sfcc.vic.edu.au

From the Perspective of

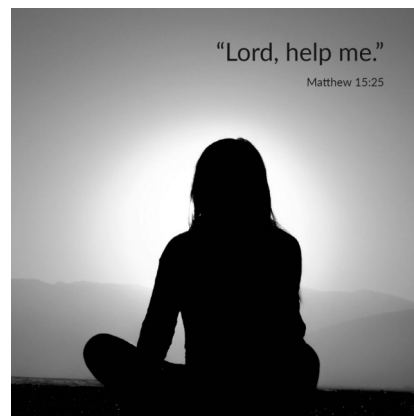
...A Disciple

As we passed through a little village near Sidon this Canaanite woman suddenly started calling on the master to help her daughter.

We all expected the master to help her out as usual but he really put her in her place! He told her that his ministry was not for pagans like her.

That should have stopped her, but she kept on and on, even turning the master's words back on him! She was so rude.

We were about to push her out of the way so that the master could move on when he suddenly told her that her faith was great and that her daughter was better. Great faith? A Canaanite? He never ceases to surprise us!



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Is 56:1,6-7; Ps 66; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 22:19-23; Ps 137; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Troy Saliba



Parish Stewardship Update

July Pledge: \$7,057.70

Actual: \$5,390.81



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



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



WHY WE DO THINGS IN THE MASS

Why do we call the Opening Prayer in the Mass *The Collect*?

The Opening Prayer in the Mass is called the "Collect." The term "Collect" comes from the Latin word "collecta," which means "gathered."

It is called the Collect because it gathers the prayers and intentions of the faithful at the beginning of the Mass.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church does not specifically address the term "Collect," but it does mention the importance of the opening prayer in the Mass.

In paragraph 1352, it states, "The Eucharist is also the sacrifice of the Church. The Church which is the Body of Christ participates in the offering of her Head. With him, she herself is offered whole and entire. She unites herself to his intercession with the Father for all men."

In the Eucharist, the sacrifice of Christ becomes also the sacrifice of the members of his Body. The lives of the faithful, their praise, sufferings, prayer, and work, are united with those of Christ and with his total offering, and so acquire a new value."

While the Catechism does not explicitly explain the term "Collect," it emphasizes the communal nature of the Mass and the unity of the faithful in offering their prayers and intentions together with Christ.

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The Perspective of Justice

Beyond the Boundaries

by Gerald Darring

The Canaanite woman was all alone: she was a Gentile in a Jewish world and a woman in a man's world. What makes her special is her determination: she turns to her advantage Jesus' statement about not giving food to the dogs.

There can be no doubt that God's "care extends beyond the boundaries of race and nation to the hearts of all who live," and that God's house should become a house of prayer for all peoples (Liturgy of the Hours). It is therefore fitting that we should pray that the walls, which prejudice raises between us, crumble.



But we must realize that an end to prejudice will not come easily, and it will be overcome only by the determination of the victims of prejudice.

"O woman, great is your faith!" Jesus did not resist the determined woman; rather, he praised her determination. Those of us who work and pray for an end to prejudice must follow Jesus in praising the determination of those who are claiming their rights as human beings.

It is obvious to everyone that women are now taking part in public life. This is happening more rapidly perhaps in nations with a Christian tradition, and more slowly, but broadly, among peoples who have inherited other traditions or cultures.

Since women are becoming ever more conscious of their human dignity, they will not tolerate being treated as inanimate objects or mere instruments, but claim, both in domestic and in public life, the rights and duties that befit a human person.

Pope John XXIII, *Pacem in Terris*, 1963:41



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OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS JOIN TOGETHER IN CELEBRATION

On Tuesday, August 15, St Dominic's and St Catherine's Primary Schools gathered together to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption.

Years Prep to 2 joined together at St Dominic's School and Years 3 to 6 celebrated at St Catherine's Primary School.

It has been a few years since the schools have gathered together in this way. All the staff and students shared the values of their respective schools with each other and greatly enjoyed all the celebrations.



Children and staff of Years Prep - 2 gathered for Mass in St Dominic's Hall.



Children and staff of Years 3 - 6 gathered for Mass in St Catherine of Siena Church.



It was a great opportunity to work and celebrate together as a community with St. Dominic's.



It was heartening to see new connections being made and a good reminder of the power of a connected community.



"I made a new friend at St Dominic's because she was my partner for tiggly for the whole time. I didn't want the day to end at St Dominic's because I was having so much fun."

"Father showed us a representation of what Mary's Assumption might have looked like in a painting, I really liked that."

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

New Parish Website:

www.melbcatholic.org/melton



20 th Sunday Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday August 19 & 20, 2023	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Karl Metha	Liza Fernandez	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken		Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Asther Creo	Chelsea Amato	Corrie Family
Holy Communion	Sally Greo	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Michael Higgins
PowerPoint Operator	Tania Walters	Sanyata Creo	Liza Fernandez	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Veronica Milburn	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy Choir	Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Family Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			

21 st Sunday Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday August 26 & 27, 2023	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tania Walters	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Michael Higgins
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Jennifer Peters	Cira Cleary	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Theo Franken		Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Sally Greo	Richard Kealy	Bruna Tomassi	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	Robert Obtinalla	Sanyata Creo	Theo Baleebanga	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir		Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			



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Prime Timers

As Eynesbury not available on Tuesdays, the August outing will be at Melton Country Club

Tuesday 29th August at 12.30.
Seniors menu \$16/\$18.

Please RSVP 25th August to confirm.
Enquiries :Mary 0421778126
maryco2@bigpond.com



Information Session: Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation

Online Information Session
Monday 4 September at 7.30pm (AEST)

The Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation:

- teaches processes for leading groups effectively
- helps participants navigate the interface between mindfulness, wellbeing and Christian meditation
- fulfils the membership requirements for Meditation Australia
- complete 3 units within 2 years

Units will be taught online via Zoom on Saturdays.

Course Structure

- 3 postgraduate units:
- DS8600C Meditation: The Evolving Tradition
 - DS9611C Teaching Meditation and Prayer
 - DS9620C Meditation and Wellbeing

For more information see the GCTM timetable on our website.

Presenters

Rev. Assoc. Prof. John Dupuche



Dr Christopher Morris



Registration Essential [Click here to register](#)

This session will be recorded and available on our [website](#).



Visit our [online timetable](#) for more information.
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Working with Children Check

PLEASE NOTE:

When applying for a Working With Children Check or renewal as a volunteer, please state that the organisation is:

Catholic Parish of Melton
20 Unitt St
Melton 3337

Not St Catherine's Parish, Bulmans Rd
as this is not the name of our Parish.

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:

\$2 EACH OR 3 FOR \$5

DRAWN FATHER'S DAY

3RD SEPTEMBER AT 9AM MASS
MELTON PARISH

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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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