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

EASTER SUNDAY – Year B | 31 March 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

- Thursday 6pm (Mass of the Lord's Supper)
- Friday 3pm (Celebration of the Lord's Passion)
- Saturday 6pm (Easter Vigil Mass)
- Sunday 9am & 11am (Easter Sunday Masses)

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

- Wednesday, 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: 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@sfc.vic.edu.au

Gospel Focus

Different View—An Empty Tomb?

THERE are some writers who have questioned the historical accuracy of the empty tomb account of the resurrection.

Some theologians and biblical scholars (e.g. members of the 'Jesus Seminar') argue that historically, it is far more likely that the victim of Roman crucifixion would be left to rot on the cross or buried in a shallow criminal's grave – not laid to rest in an expensive private tomb.

However, they do not argue against resurrection. They maintain that Jesus' body was not 'resuscitated' or 'reanimated'. What happened to his corpse, they argue, is irrelevant to Christ's resurrection.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Acts 10:34,37-43; Ps 117(118); Col 3:1-4 ; Mk 16:1-8

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Acts 4:32-35; Ps 117(118); 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

CHANGE OF MASS VENUE: APRIL 6 & 7



Reminder that Masses on Saturday April 6th & Sunday April 7th will be at St Dominic's Parish Hall on Unitt St, Melton — NOT St Catherine of Siena Church.



Thank You

Parish Stewardship Update

February Pledged: \$7,260.09

Actual: \$5,896.45

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



WHY WE DO THINGS IN THE MASS

Did You Know?

Alternate Masses in Easter Season

QUESTION: Are optional memorials and memorials celebrated during Easter week? For example, in the fourth week of Easter can we celebrate the optional memorials given there for saints and Our Lady of Fatima? – A.O., Savannah, Georgia

ANSWER: A distinction is warranted between the octave of Easter and the rest of the season. During the Easter octave all other celebrations are excluded. Even a solemnity, such as the Annunciation or St. Joseph, which happens to coincide with the Easter octave is transferred to the Monday following the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. It can even happen that both the above solemnities fall within Holy Week and the Easter octave and are hence transferred to the following Monday and Tuesday.

The same rule would apply to any local solemnities. For example, this year any church dedicated to St. George which fell on the Saturday of Easter week would have transferred the celebration to the following Monday.

However, while the Sundays of the rest of the Easter season exclude any other solemnity, the weekdays follow the same rules as ordinary time with respect to obligatory and optional memorials. That is, all obligatory memorials are celebrated and optional ones at the discretion of the celebrant.

During the Easter season, it would generally be advisable to avoid interrupting the daily readings which are proper to the season, although for a good pastoral reason the use of the readings proper to a particular saint is permitted.

Unlike during ordinary time, there are restrictions with respect to the use of votive Masses and Masses for various needs on Easter weekdays. These may not be used just for devotional purposes of the celebrant or a concrete assembly. They may be used, however, if the celebrant determines that there is an objective pastoral reason for celebrating such a Mass for the faithful.

This distinction usually becomes important during the month of May in which, during most years, Marian devotions coincide with the Easter season. The Roman Missal usually considers that the weekly celebration of

Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena

In the 1930s, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina Kowalska, a humble and kind Polish nun, and revealed to her the depths of His mercy and urged her to pray the Chaplet herself and with others at the hour of death. She wrote down this revelation in her diary:

Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the Merciful Savior ... Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this Chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy. Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will.

The Chaplet may be prayed at any time (such as after Mass or at the 'hour of great mercy' at 3pm), but our Lord specifically told St. Faustina to recite it as a novena during the nine days before the Feast of Mercy (the first Sunday after Easter). He then added: "By this Novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls." (St. Faustina's Diary, 796)

We pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for mercy — in our own lives and in our neighbors, too. And we also pray to remind ourselves that we must rely on God; we must recognize our weakness and replace our anxieties and worries with abounding trust in God. We pray so that we might honestly live out the words "Jesus, I trust in You."



Mary is proper to ordinary time. Thus, the norms for the calendar says, "15. On Saturdays in Ordinary Time when no Obligatory Memorial occurs, an Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary may be celebrated."

In consequence, no matter how devoted a priest may be to the Blessed Mother, the daily Easter liturgy has priority in Masses celebrated with one minister or alone, and the votive Marian formulas are not used.

On the other hand, in Masses for the faithful, Marian formulas may only be used if there is an objective pastoral reason for doing so -- for example, if more faithful than usual attend Mass on Saturdays of May so as to honour the Mother of God. In such cases the priest can choose an appropriate Mass of Mary.

The Roman Missal helpfully provides a specific Mass formula for the Easter season in the Common of the Blessed Virgin

Mary while also offering the option that "During Easter Time, the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Apostles, may also be used."

In Marian shrines, where daily Masses of the Blessed Virgin may be allowed, the special missal for Marian Masses has several appropriate formulas adapted to the liturgical seasons. The Easter formulas of this missal can also be used in other places, provided the overall objective pastoral conditions mentioned above for celebrating Marian Masses are fully met.



Answered by: FR. EDWARD MCNAMARA, LC, May 8, 2022,
Liturgy Q&A – EPRIEST.COM

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	7pm St Dominic's Primary School Sacrament of Penance	9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	7.30pm Mass of the Supper of the Lord Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm	10.30am Stations of the Cross 11am Individual Reconciliation 3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	10.30am Blessing of the Food 10.45am Individual Reconciliation 7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass	9am & 11am Sunday Masses Please note: there is no 5pm Mass
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY		9.30am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church	9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	6pm Vigil Mass MASSES ARE IN ST DOMINIC'S PARISH HALL Enter via Unitt St, or Church St/Smith St	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses
APRIL						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
THE ANNUNCIATION		9.30am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church	9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	6pm Vigil Mass	9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses

How do you raise up an army of leaders that can unleash change in your parish?

It might be one of the most daunting questions to ask in parish renewal.

Join us for a transformative experience designed to inspire, connect and equip parish leaders with the insights and tools needed to ignite parish renewal, by diving into the crucial area of raising up leaders in your parish.

Made for Mission: Raising Leaders

6-9pm on Thursday April 11, 2024.

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish in Altona Meadows.

Details: [DIVINERENOVATION.ORG/EVENTS/](https://divinerenovation.org/events/)

Thank you from St Vinnie's

Big thanks to the parents, students, staff and principal of St Catherine of Siena Primary School for the wonderful support you have provided for with donations of food items during Lent. These have been distributed through The Melton Community via Conference and via Soup van. Thank you all most sincerely.

- Maureen Mohr for SVPD & Vinnies soup van

Help Wanted: Breakfast Program

Three volunteers are needed to help with the breakfast program at St Dominics Primary School Melton on Wednesday mornings. 7.30am start and 8.45am finish. It involves making toast and serving the students.

Please contact Maureen on 0437463449 if this is of interest to you or somebody you know.

Caritas: Project Compassion

Happy Easter and thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project

Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal! If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week.

You can also visit CARITAS.ORG.AU/PROJECT-COMPASSION to donate online.



HOLY WEEK / EASTER: THURSDAY, MARCH 28 - SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

Thank you to all who have offered to assist. Please note:

- Roster for these days **has been emailed** to those ministers who have offered their assistance over this time
- Copy** of roster is posted on the display board in the Gathering Area

Ministers of the Word may pick up a copy of their reading/s in the Gathering Area (on table by the wall).

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 Easter		Saturday & Sunday April 6 & 7, 2024			
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM	
Welcome	Tania Walters	Graham Dempsey	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina	
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Cira Cleary	Janet Estradra	Frank Unferdorben	
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina	
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Janet Estradra	Brain Dean	
Holy Communion	Tania Walters	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa -Sanchez	
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Theo Balebanga	Nina Ahmet	
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben	
Choir		Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Choir	
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr				



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CHANGE OF MASS VENUE: APRIL 6 & 7

Masses on **April 6 & 7** will be at **St Dominic's Parish Hall** on Unitt St, Melton, due to the closure of Bulmans Road both ways. Entry via gates on Smith St or Unitt St, Melton.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO ENTRY TO SMITH ST FROM UNITT ST.

Choirs for April 6&7

Please note:

As Masses will be at St Dominic's Hall over the weekend after Easter there will not be any microphones available or organ/keyboards. So if you are available to sing you will need to bring your own instruments.

Parish Thanksgiving

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.



Video: Holy Week in 3mins

As we enter into the Easter season, watch to find out why we wave palms on Palm Sunday, wash each other's feet on Holy Thursday, kiss the cross on Good Friday & begin in darkness at the Easter Vigil on Saturday:

[TINYURL.COM/HOLYWEEKVID](https://tinyurl.com/HOLYWEEKVID)



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.melbocatholic.org/melton



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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.

EASTER TRIDUUM TIMETABLE 2024

St Catherine of Siena • 108 Bulmans Rd, Melton West

Maundy Thursday

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm

Good Friday

10:30am Stations of the Cross
11:00am Reconciliation
3:00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday

10:30am Blessing of the Food
10:45am Reconciliation
7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday

9:00am Mass
11:00am Mass
Please note: no 5pm Mass

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place next week on Good Friday, March 29th.

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing. Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. **Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world.**

The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their **financial support as well as the spiritual support**. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.

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 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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