



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

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — Year A | 12 November 2023

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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

- Saturday 6pm (Vigil Mass)
- Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

- No Weekday Masses from 1st—17th November

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

Please Note:
There is no
Mass on a
Public Holiday.

Living the Gospel

Living in Hope

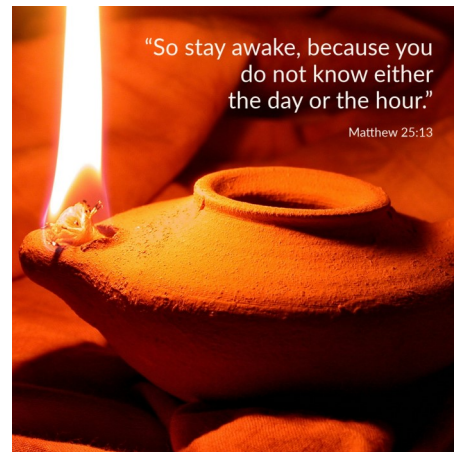
A FEATURE of

Christian faith is an approach to life that views the future with hope.

In our world today many people look to the future with distrust and even fear. As Christians, we look forward with hope.

When change occurs, some allow that change to happen to them whilst others engage in the change process and approach it with hope and expectation.

Today's gospel reminds us to be ready for what the future holds; to look with hope towards what lies ahead, but to ensure that we've prepared ourselves properly. The future can only be viewed with expectant hope if we've done the proper preparation!



"So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour."

Matthew 25:13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Wis 6:12-16; Ps 62 (63); 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 127 (128); 1 Thess 5:1-16; Mt 25:25-30

NOTICE TO PARISHIONERS

Morning weekday Masses will not be on until
November 17th.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

'May they prosper who love you.'

— PSALM 122:6



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WHY WE DO THINGS IN THE MASS

Did You Know?

The Preparation of the Gifts

The Liturgy of the Word at Mass is followed by the 'Preparation of the Offerings', or what the 1970 Missal called 'Preparation of the Gifts'.

Both terms are better than the old name 'The Offertory' because they more clearly describe the purpose of the rite: to prepare the altar, the bread and wine and the assembly for the offering that takes place during the Eucharistic Prayer.

To use the term 'offertory' for this part of the Mass suggests that it is when the sacrifice is offered, whereas it is during the Eucharistic Prayer that Jesus self-offering is recalled and re-presented. We are joined to Christ's sacrifice when, as members of the body of Christ, the Church, we offer the consecrated bread and wine to the Father.

This might sound like nit-picking, but being careful to use the correct terminology in liturgy can help over time to shape the assembly's understanding of what we are doing at worship.

The Preparation of the Offerings/Gifts has a long history. In the early Church, people brought bread and wine from home and gave them to the presider to use in the celebration of the Eucharist.

They also contributed other gifts of food or money to help the work of the Church. It was a concrete way for everyone to participate in the real offering of the Mass.

The primary elements of the Preparation of the Offerings are the bringing forward of the gifts, placing the gifts on the altar and the prayer said over them. Other elements such as an accompanying song are secondary.

LITURGY ROSTER

The new Liturgy Roster (for November, December and January) has been emailed to volunteers. There are spare copies of the roster in the Lay Sacristy.

You will notice that there are still many spaces to fill on the 'Christmas Weekend'. Any volunteers who are able to assist at these Masses please email Liz: cs0.melton@gmail.com and let her know for which Mass you are available.

If you would like to join our Liturgy Minister Team, please take a volunteer pack from the Gathering Area of the church and put the required paperwork into the 'Return Box'.

We need more ministers (Welcoming, Ministers of the Word, Responders, Presentation of Gifts, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion) to assist with the weekend Masses.

PLEASE CONSIDER OFFERING YOUR HELP.

November: The Month of Remembrance

This month is dedicated to the Holy Souls where we remember and pray for all the 'great cloud of witnesses around us' (Hebrews 12:1), who are also praying for us on this journey.

Parishioners are invited to write the names of relatives and friends who have died in the last year on their death anniversary in the parish Bereavement Book located near the baptismal font.



"After the Prayer of the Faithful, while the priest remains at the chair, the deacon prepares the altar, assisted by the acolyte, but it is the deacon's place to take care of the sacred vessels himself." (GIRM n 178)

The procession with the gifts by members of the assembly is a powerful expression of the assembly's participation in the eucharistic action. The General Instruction mentions only bread, wine and money (or other gifts for the poor and the Church) in the procession.

It is a procession of gifts: you can't take them back again afterwards! Other objects can be included in the entrance procession if they are of sufficient liturgical significance.

The Order of Mass says this about the prayers of preparation over the bread (and wine):

"The priest, standing at the altar, takes the paten with the bread and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, says inaudibly: 'Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.....'. Then he places the paten with the bread on the corporal. If no offertory song is sung, the priest may say the preceding words in a low voice; then the people may respond: 'Blessed be God for ever'."

After the priest has washed his hands and the music is finished, he invites the people to join in prayer: 'Pray, brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father'.

After the people stand and respond, the presider sings or says the Prayer over the Offerings, a collect which is part of the Proper of the Mass, meaning that it varies for each Mass.

The article originally published in LITURGY LINES (16 August 2009) by Elizabeth Harrington.



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INTERNATIONAL MENS DAY: 19 NOV 2023



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MEN'S DAY
www.internationalmensday.info

Rotary
Club of Melton

Melton Phoenix Club Rooms, McPherson Park, Melton
2-5pm • 19 November 2023 | \$10pp
Refreshments provided

Speakers:

Peter Cullen, Founder of Reclink Australia
Their objectives are to deliver better physical health, mental health and greater social inclusion.

Dr Marcus Watson
Sgt Graeme Dreaver, Melton Police

Bookings essential via QR or trybooking.com/CNAQG

BABY JESUS REQUIRED

Do you have or know of a newborn that can play Jesus at Christmas time? We need YOU!
No experience necessary. No Working With Children Check required.

**OPEN TO ALL BABIES LESS THAN
4 WEEKS OLD**



APPLICATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE FOR OUR PARISH'S ST LUKE'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024



for children and young people who do not attend a Catholic School and wish to receive the Sacrament of Penance, Eucharist or Confirmation.

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

Join us in welcoming Fr Greg Bourke and Fr Thanh Nguyen to our Parish!

Fr Michael will be away for at least two weeks as he had surgery. He is doing well.

In his absence, Fr Greg Bourke will be celebrating Mass this weekend along with Fr Thanh Nguyen.

Melton Rotary Charity Race Night Saturday 02/12/23

Take part in the Rotary Club of Melton and Harness Racing Victoria 12th annual charity race night to help fund local groups and charities. Enjoy an exciting night of harness racing whilst helping out local community projects.

Tickets \$65 each

6.00PM for a 6.30PM start.

Includes 2 Course meal, race book, raffles, sweeps and auction items.

Dress code: Neat Casual.



Organise a table of 10, or be part of a table of 10. Contact co-ordinator Brendan Richards on 0418 883 550 to book.

Christmas Tree Hampers

Collection for Christmas Hampers continues this week—we are aiming to collect enough items to fill 20 Christmas hampers.

Each Hamper will be given to a family in our community and contain items to help celebrate Christmas.



In the Gathering Area is a tree with different item tags on it. Please take one or more tags and return with the item and tag into the hamper under the tree.



All items to be returned by 3rd December please.
Thank you!



32 nd Sunday Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday, November 11 & 12, 2023	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Margaret Richards	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Jennifer Peters	Janet Estradra	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Daniel Walters	Anne Stokie	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Janet Estradra	Corrie Family
Holy Communion		Maureen Mohr	Bruna Tomassi	Brian Dean
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Liz Coustley	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Filipino Choir	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			

33 rd Sunday Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday, November 18 & 19, 2023	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuiness	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Regina Traczynski	Cira Cleary	Michael Higgins
Responder	Tania Walters	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa -Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Mario Cassar	Bruna Tomassi	Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Sally Greo	Vickie Cassar	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator		Sanyata Creo	Adela Marinjira	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy Choir	Samoan Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			



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Prime Timers Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 28th November at 12pm

Stoney's
59 Grant St, Bacchus Marsh

Feel free to wear something festive!

RSVP by Friday 24th November to confirm booking numbers. Enquiries Ineke 0400120401 or ineke49@yahoo.com

2023 Knox Public Lecture



Tuesday 28th November at 7.30pm
Live videostream via Zoom

"Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins"
Presented by Dr Susan Connelly RSJ

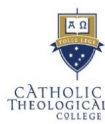
To book scan QR code or go to trybooking.com/CMYVM

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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 VIC 3337

NOT St Catherine of Siena 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.

MISSED OUT ON THE TIDINGS?

Back issues of the parish Tidings are available on our parish website: www.melbcatholic.org/melton



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 or subscribe on our website.



BULMANS ROAD UPGRADE PROJECT

CONSTRUCTION will commence on the 13th Nov 2023 and be completed by March 2025.

Stage 1A construction commences between the 13th Nov 2023 till 31 Jan 2024. It will have major traffic impact and will see the southbound traffic lane closed for Stage 1A and for further stages. *Please see the Staging Plan for 1A works area and traffic flows in the Gathering Space for more details.*

Council has published this information on the website and encourages all road users and people impacted to make their way to the Bulmans Road Project website <https://conversations.melton.vic.gov.au/bulmansroad> for monthly updates.

BRIDGE ROAD & FERRIS ROAD CLOSURES



MELTON City Council is upgrading the intersection at Bridge Road and Ferris Road so it will be closed between Wednesday 8 November and Tuesday 12 December 2023.

Detours and road closures:

- Traffic on the north side of Bridge Rd will be diverted via Hollingsworth Dr
- Traffic on the south side of Bridge Rd will be diverted via Atherstone Blvd and Wimbledon Blvd
- Bus routes will be diverted and temporary bus stops will be provided where necessary to reduce the impact on public transport users
- Pedestrian access will be diverted away from the intersection works but will be maintained via the south side of Atherstone Entry Park and via Hollingsworth Dr
- Australia Post deliveries, waste collection services and emergency services will not be impacted

Visit melton.vic.gov.au/bridgeroad to find out more.

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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