



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

THE HOLY FAMILY – Year B | 31 December 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

- Wednesday, Thursday and 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

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Principal: Ms Carmel Marantelli

Address: 108 Bulmans Road, Melton West, VIC 3337

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Email: info@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au

SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Melton West (Year 7-12) | **Cobblebank** (Year 7)

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Principal: Ms Marlene Jorgensen

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

Phone: +61 3 8099 6000

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Living the Gospel

Faithful!

A STRONG image that emerges from this passage is the faithfulness of Mary and Joseph. Their whole purpose in visiting the Temple is to fulfil the requirements of their faith.

They are faithful to the Jewish tradition and it is into this tradition that they initiate Jesus. The faithfulness of Mary and Joseph is a hallmark of their life as a family.

Their faithfulness is a significant element of what we celebrate in the feast of the Holy Family and their faithfulness to God and to one another is a model for all families and for all people.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Gen -15:1-6,21:1-3; Ps 104 (105); Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19; Lk 2:22-40

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 60:1-6; Ps 71 (72); Eph 3:2-3,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

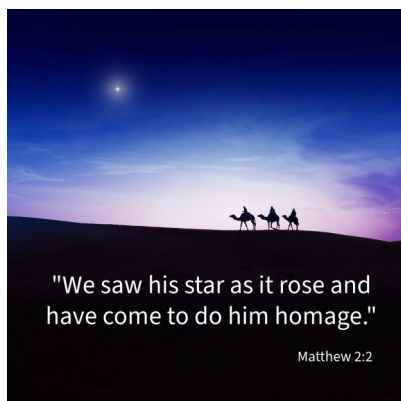
Hard to believe we have made it to the last Tidings for the year! The Parish office will reopen on Tuesday January 16th 2024.

For funerals and anything urgent, please contact Fr Michael directly at the parish office on 9743 6515.



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

Have you Thought? Epiphany



THE FEAST of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus to humankind.

The wise men are the representatives of humanity bearing witness to this revelation.

However, the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus as not only the Messiah of

Israel but the Saviour of the whole world. Interestingly, in this gospel that emphasises the 'Jewish-ness' of Jesus, the witnesses to the birth are gentiles from a foreign land.

Their inclusion is a powerful declaration that the revelation of Jesus is for all people. Regardless of the liturgical year, this reading is always used on the feast of the Epiphany to celebrate this pivotal moment.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.*

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Is 60:1-6; Ps 71 (72); Eph 3:2-3,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

1 Sam 3:3-10, 19; Ps 39 (40); 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Have you Thought? Why Disciples?

WHY DID Jesus call a group of people to follow him closely and share in his ministry?

Certainly, it was not uncommon at the time that a charismatic leader might attract a group of followers and 'hangers-on' but Jesus appears to have deliberately called some people to travel with him and share in what he was about.

So much of what Jesus spoke about was living in right relationships: with God; and with one another.

Rather than simply being a 'back-up group' for Jesus, the disciples provided a lived example of trying to live in right relationships. They didn't always get it right, but they were on the way.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.*

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

1 Sam 3:3-10, 19; Ps 39 (40); 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Jon 3:1-5,10; Ps 24 (25); 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20



WHY WE DO THINGS IN THE MASS

Did You Know?

Year B, the Year of Mark

TODAY is the second Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B according to the Church calendar. What does this "liturgy speak" all mean?

The Church year is made up of the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time. This rather unfortunate term does not indicate that the nine weeks between now and the start of Lent are unimportant or uninteresting. The term "Ordinary" comes from the fact that they are counted in "order".

After the season of Christmas, the first week of Ordinary Time begins. In fact last Sunday, which was celebrated as the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, was also the first Sunday of Ordinary Time.

The Gospel readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle called A, B and C. The Gospel of Matthew is

read in Year A, Mark in Year B and Luke in Year C. The Gospel

of John does not have its own year. Instead it is read in every year on some Sundays of Lent, on Holy Thursday and Good Friday and during Easter.

The Sunday Gospel readings consist of consecutive passages taken from the Gospel for the year. Selections are chosen, not because they have a definite theme, but because they are manageable slabs of about 10 verses that follow one after the other in a semi-continuous way.



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PLEASE RING THE MASS MANAGERS IF UNABLE TO ATTEND:

6 pm	Maria Abela	0423 929 555	11am	Bruna Tomassi	9743 0341
9 am	Theo Franken	0411 040 897	or	Vickie Cassar	0418 348 946
			5 pm	Josephine Krajina	0407 042 133

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph			Saturday & Sunday December 30 & 31, 2023	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Sanghaya Creo	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder		Karl Metha	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Bruna Tomassi	
Holy Communion	Sally Grero	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa -Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Theo Balebanga	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir		Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	
Counters	Leslie Gordon, Elaine Neely, John Woof			
2024 The Epiphany of the Lord		Saturday & Sunday January 6 & 7, 2024		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Kate Mulholland	Asther Creo	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word		Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Responder		Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Bruna Tomassi	Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Maureen Mohr	Bruna Tomassi	Michael Higgins
PowerPoint Operator		Sanyata Creo	Lea Jacuta	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy Choir	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			
2nd Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday January 13 & 14, 2024		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Kate Mulholland	Graham Dempsey	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Manjo D'Silva	Lawrence Camenzuli	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder		Theo Franken	Cira Cleary	Michael Higgins
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Bruna Tomassi	
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinella	Karl Metha	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa -Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Adela Marinjira	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir		Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			
3 rd Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday January 20 & 21, 2024		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Tania Walters	Maureen Mohr	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Daniel Walters	Jennifer Peters	Cira Cleary	Michael Higgins
Responder	Daniel Walters	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinella	Mario Cassar	Bruna Tomassi	Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Sally Grero	Asther Creo	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa– Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator		Sanyata Creo		Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy Choir	Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall			

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It is an interesting exercise to look at those passages that are jumped over for the Sunday readings. Why, for example, do we skip the first half of chapters three and five of Mark or omit the story of the beheading of John the Baptist in chapter six?

The first reading for each Sunday is almost always taken from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and is chosen because it harmonises with the Gospel. The second reading comes from one of the New Testament letters (epistles). It usually has no thematic relationship to either the first reading or the Gospel. The same epistle is read in a semi-continuous way over a number of Sundays.

In this year's Gospel, Mark's main interest is the person of Jesus himself. He follows Jesus through his public ministry in Galilee, outside Galilee and finally in Jerusalem itself immediately before the

passion. The crisis is reached when the fundamental question is posed to the disciples: "Who do you say I am?" Peter's confession of faith is, therefore, at the heart of Mark's Gospel.

One important peculiarity during the year is the fact that readings from John's Gospel are inserted from the 17th to the 21st Sunday. This is partly for practical reasons as Mark is the shortest of the synoptic Gospels. However, the sermon on the "Bread of Life" from John 6 fits well into this part of Mark's Gospel which is concerned with Jesus' revelation of himself.

So if it's now the Year of Mark, why is today's Gospel reading John 1: 35-42? Each year on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel reading is from John. In it we are reminded that discipleship requires our own baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus.

*The article originally published in LITURGY LINES (16 January 2000)
by Elizabeth Harrington.*



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NEXT SET OF THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES ARE STILL AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING AREA OF THE CHURCH

Dear Parishioners,

The time has come for the distribution of the next set of Thanksgiving envelopes, and I wish to thank you for your continued support and participation in our Parish Thanksgiving Program.

Your generosity is a great testament to the importance of our Parish to you – past, present and future. It plays a very important role in meeting the Parish's needs and commitments – especially our financial loan debt for St Catherine of Siena Church which is currently \$2,145,116.63.

Our Parish expenditure for the past eleven months has been \$245,630.50 which includes loan repayment (\$66,566 per quarter), insurance and utility costs, office running expenditure, wages, repairs, maintenance and cleaning costs, program costs, etc.

You will also find a statement for the past eleven months (January to November) of your contribution since the last set of envelopes was distributed. Please note that the dates on the statement are the day your contribution was banked – not the day you gave your contribution.

Again, our Parish expresses a heartfelt 'thank you' for your continued support and faithful commitment to our shared faith and ongoing mission in our Parish community.

God bless,

Fr Michael Moody
Parish Priest of the Catholic Parish of Melton

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?

Send an email to melton@cam.org.au requesting The Tidings or subscribe on our website.

2023 SACRAMENT STATISTICS

This year the parish has completed:

248 Baptisms 130 First Communions
117 Confirmations 2 Weddings 13 Funerals

We pray for every child and couple who have been given the many graces of these sacraments that we as a parish can continue to nurture them in their spiritual life and that we can be a safe place where their faith can flourish. We pray also for the repose of all the souls who have passed and their families.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE DURING SUMMER HOLIDAYS

During the summer break, children often spend more time online. Help them to have fun and keep them safe from online risks like inappropriate contact, online grooming and sexual extortion. Here's how:

- 1. Stay involved** – regularly check their online activities and connect with them by playing online games together.
- 2. Set family rules together** – decide which devices and apps are okay and when to use them.
- 3. Teach consent** – Use holiday photos to discuss why asking people before taking or sharing their picture is important. These everyday opportunities to talk about consent can make it easier to say no to an online request that makes them feel uncomfortable.
- 4. Stay informed** – A new joint resource with Crime Stoppers NSW and the ACCE includes tips on signs to look out for and ways to protect your child online. eSafety also has several resources for parents on how to keep your child safe online.
- 5. Know where to get help** – If your child is under 18, the best way to get help on inappropriate contact is to report it to the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation. For reporting to eSafety, learn what you can report and how to report.

Keep your child safe online and enjoy the holidays!

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, or attend a Catholic secondary school, and wish to receive the Sacrament of Penance, Eucharist or Confirmation.

Available online on our Parish Website. Hard copies are available in the Gathering Area of the church.

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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