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

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year A | 1 October 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

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

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@sfc.vic.edu.au

From the Perspective of...

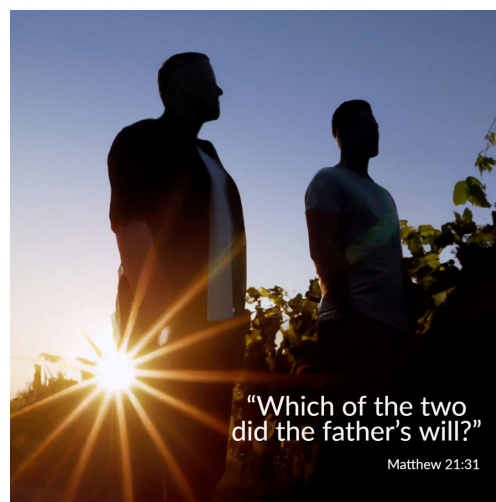
A Tax Collector

HEY, Jesus is
talking about me
again! I love it when
he says that I'm
better than some of
those stuck up chief
priests.

All my life
they've looked down
on me; pretending
they're better than
me. I've seen the
way some of them
behave when they
think no-one's
watching!

They're no better than me! And Jesus says that people like me
will enter the kingdom before people like them!

Yes! I know I've done the wrong thing plenty of times – Jesus has
helped me to see that. Maybe that's what makes me different from
those priests; I don't pretend that I've never done anything wrong.



"Which of the two
did the father's will?"

Matthew 21:31

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.*

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Ez 18:25-28; Ps 24; Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 5:1-7; Ps 79; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43



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in the Gathering Area.
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are cash only.



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WHY WE DO THINGS IN THE MASS

Music Ministers not Performers

MUSIC ministers are those who serve the assembly by playing a musical instrument, singing in the choir or taking on the role of cantor. They assist the assembly to offer its praise to God in song.

Liturgical musicians certainly need to be skilled musicians, but that alone is not enough. Ministers of music have to be **servants of the worshipping assembly** as well. Ministers of music do not “perform” for the entertainment of those present, but provide the accompaniment and lead to enable the members of the assembly to sing the responses, acclamations and songs of the liturgy.



The main role of the cantor is to assist the assembly to do its part by drawing everyone into the common sung prayer. Hence a cantor needs not only vocal skills but also the skills of knowing how to encourage people to participate.

“Church musician is a minister, someone who shares faith, serves the community, and expresses the love of God and neighbour through music.”



Once the people are familiar with the melody, key and timing of a piece of music, the cantor can step back from the microphone and allow the assembly do its work unaided.

Many members of the assembly would be oblivious to the time and effort that music ministers put into preparing for their role at Sunday worship. Songs and settings need to be chosen carefully, music located and practised, rehearsals held, etc. Why are liturgical musicians prepared to put so much time and effort into their service of the Church at prayer?

“The only answer can be that the church musician is a minister, someone who shares faith, serves the community, and expresses the love of God and neighbour through music.” (Liturgical Music Today)

The article was originally published in **LITURGY LINES** (28 June 2016) by Elizabeth Harrington.

Glancing Thoughts

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time—Year A

Entering the Kingdom of Heaven

by Eleanore Stump

THE PARABLE in the Gospel Reading, Jesus says, is about entering the kingdom of heaven. In the parable, a father says to one of his sons, “go to work in my vineyard, Son!”; and that son says, “NO!” Then the father says to his other son, “go to work in my vineyard, Son!” And that son says, “YES!”

Which of these sons is the good son? Which one enters the kingdom of heaven?

You might sensibly enough think that it is the son who says “yes” to his father. After all, what could be worse than saying “NO!” to God the father? Who would think that rebellious NO-sayers could be pleasing to God? Who would suppose that they could enter the kingdom of heaven?

And so it seems clear that the YES-sayers are the ones who will enter the kingdom of heaven and those wretched NO-sayers will wind up in the other place.

But this is not what Jesus says. He says that the NO-saying son is the one who did the will of his father. He is the one who entered the kingdom of heaven, and not the YES-saying son.

Why would Jesus say this?

Well, the son who says “YES” to his father doesn’t actually do what his father wants him to do. It is the NO-saying son who actually goes to work in his father’s vineyard.

And so here is the thing for us to notice. What the NO-saying son says is contrary to God’s will. But what he does is in accordance with it.

It is just the other way around with the YES-saying son. The words of the YES-saying son are obedient to God’s will, but his life is lived in opposition to it.

The words of the YES-saying son are empty. His life, not his words, tell the real truth about his relationship to his father. The truth is that the YES-saying son rejects God’s will, however much acceptance there is in his words.

And so the Psalm gives us the right prayer to go with this parable: “Lord, teach us your ways!” Our ways need to be God’s ways. It is good if our words say YES to God. But what is crucial is that our lives say YES to God. Unless they do, our words are worthless.

Eleanore Stump is Professor of Philosophy, Saint Louis University



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2024 Study Tour



**JOURNEY WITH PAUL
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20TH SEPTEMBER –
6TH OCTOBER 2024

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PER PERSON (TWIN SHARE)

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REGISTER HERE

Tour Leader: Dr Rosemary Canavan

Online Information Sessions:

Saturday 16, 23 September, or 7 October 2023 at 2pm
Participants have the opportunity to undertake a study unit with CTC in conjunction with the tour for credit towards an award

RSVP & further information:

rosemary.canavan@ctc.edu.au



NEXT STEPS

1. Register your interest and obtain a booking form from Rosemary Canavan, Olive Tree Travel or by [CLICKING HERE](#)
2. To secure your place, a deposit of AUD\$500 per person is due by 29th September 2023 (unless sold out prior)
3. The final balance will be payable in mid July 2024



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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



QA

MONDAY, OCT 16TH
WITH PATRICIA
KARVELAS.

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ABC TV's Q+A INVITES YOU
TO JOIN THE AUDIENCE!

**Monday, October 16th LIVE
from 9.30 pm!**

Host Patricia Karvelas is joined by a panel of decision-makers and commentators, discussing, and debating the issues that are important to YOU! Participate in the national discussion and watch live TV being put to air!

We will be running a free return bus service from MELTON to our studios in Southbank.

Do you want to join us on the bus and in the audience? Here's what you need to do:

Please register your interest at the link below and in the last question, Q.15 "How did you hear about us" please write:

CATHOLIC PARISH MELTON

<https://www.abc.net.au/qanda/studio-audience/>

We will be in touch with more details if you are successful in securing a seat on the bus and in the audience - Hurry limited seats!

We hope to see you at Q+A!

Christa Hill – 0488 021 053 (business hours only)

Audience Producer (Monday - Thursday)

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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 of Siena Parish, Bulmans Rd., as this is not the name of our Parish.

26 th Sunday Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday 30 Sept & 1 Oct 2023	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Karl Metha	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Alzira Mascarenhas	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Anne Stokie	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Theo Franken	Bruna Tomassi	Corrie Family
Holy Communion	Bill McGuinness	Richard Kealy	Bruna Tomassi	Brian Dean
PowerPoint Operator	Tania Walters	Sanyata Creo	Liz Coustley	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Veronica Milburn	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir		Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Family Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			

27 th Sunday Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday October 7 & 8, 2023	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Asther Creo	Janet Estradra	Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Tania Walters	Maureen Mohr	Liz Coustley	Michael Higgins
PowerPoint Operator	Robert Obintalla	Sanyata Creo	Adela Marinjira	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy Choir	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, Elaine Neely, John Woof			



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SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

CANDIDATES from St Dominic's School, St Catherine's School and St Luke's Sacramental Program will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on October 7 and 14.

Confirmation completes Baptism. It represents a personal commitment to grow in the knowledge, love and practice of our faith.

We pray to God for these candidates, that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them to confirm them with his abundant gifts, and through his anointing conform them more fully to Christ.

LITURGY ROSTER

THE next Liturgy Roster (for November, December and January) will be put together shortly.

If you are currently on the roster and will be away sometime during these months, or have work commitments, please email Liz: cs0.melton@gmail.com and let me know when you are unavailable.

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.

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?

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

God and Beer in the West
6.30pm, Tuesday 3rd October

**Becoming Missionary
Disciples**

Archbishop Julian Porteous

@ The Hoppers Club



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God and Beer: October 3

Speaker: Archbishop Julian Porteous

Date: Tuesday October 3rd

Time: 6.30pm dinner available for purchase,
7.30pm for the talk

Venue: Hoppers Crossing Club

180-200 Pannam Drive, Hoppers Crossing Vic.

Booking is essential, as numbers are limited to 120.

RSVP: GodandBeer.com.au

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

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Fathers' Day Appeal:

Priests Renumeration Fund Collected: \$889.75

Thank you

Parish Stewardship Update

August Pledge: \$7,265.39
Actual: \$5,017.89



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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