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Parish of Melton
is committed
to the safety,
wellbeing and
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children and
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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT — Year B | 3 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

- Saturday 6pm (Vigil Mass)
- Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm
- Wednesday & Thursday 9am (joined by St Francis Catholic College for House Masses)

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

- 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@sfcc.vic.edu.au

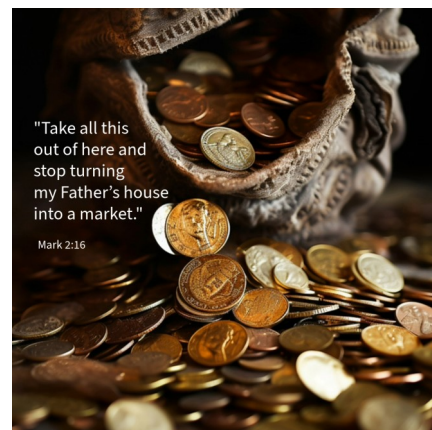
Different View

Just Like Jesus

THIS gospel passage must be one of the most commonly misused passages in the Bible.

So often it is used as justification for someone losing their temper, or worse, an outrageous temper tantrum, or 'dummy spit'. People will declare in their defence, 'Well, Jesus lost his temper and got angry in the Temple!'

They fail to appreciate the difference between their own hot-headedness and the outrage against injustice that was being expressed by Jesus. They also seem to miss the significance of the fact that this was a 'one off' for Jesus!



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

*God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Today's Scripture Readings

Ex 20:1-17; Ps 18 (19); 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 136 (137); Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Prayer Requests

Recently deceased: Giuseppe Tartaglia

PALMS NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY



We are need of palms for our Palm Sunday celebration. If you are able to assist with providing palm branches the week before Palm Sunday please contact Vivien at the Parish Office via email or during office hours on 9743 6515. Many thanks!



Parish Stewardship Update

January Pledged: \$6,811.01

Actual: \$4,865.49

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



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



WHY WE DO THINGS IN THE MASS

Did You Know?

Why do Catholics cover crucifixes and statues during Lent?

IT SEEMS strange that during the most sacred time of year Catholics cover everything that is beautiful in their churches, even the crucifix. Shouldn't we be looking at the painful scene at Calvary while we listen to the Passion narrative on Palm Sunday?

VEILING OF STATUES AND IMAGES

While it may appear counterintuitive to veil statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, the Catholic Church recommends this practice to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. It is a tradition that should not only be carried out in our local parish, but can also be a fruitful activity for the "domestic church" to practice.



The rubrics can guide us. In the *Roman Missal* we find the instruction, "...the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."

This is the current practice of the Church, but veiling from the Fifth Sunday of Lent onward is minuscule compared to what was once practiced. For example, in Germany there was a tradition to veil the altar from view throughout all of Lent.

Families are also encouraged to imitate this practice and veil prominent religious images in their homes. It helps us to participate in the liturgical season, especially if we are prevented from going to Mass during the week. Otherwise we

Almsgiving ideas this Lenten season

- Spend time volunteering as a family
- Allow kids to place money in the basket during the offertory at Mass
- If you have given up a particular food (or your daily coffee!) this Lent, donate the money you would usually spend on that
- Introduce children to a charity and explain to them how and why to donate to it
- Have children identify a toy they are willing to donate
- Help children identify a piece of clothing to donate and explain that it can be a blessing to someone in need
- Collect change to donate into a Project Compassion box
- Donate food to a food bank
- Donate a service (free homework tutoring, free professional assistance, etc) to a friend, family member or neighbour
- Give a smile or a few minutes' chat to someone you pass who may be living on the street (instead of ignoring them)
- Follow new charities on social media and engage with their posts

only see the veiled images in church once or twice before Easter and it has a minor effect on us.

It is also a beautiful tradition to pass down to our children, who will be intrigued by it and it will make this time of year truly special for them. We go through great lengths to decorate our homes for Easter, so why not prepare for the great feast by using veils?

WHY COVER UP SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL?

But why go through such lengths to cover up images that are designed to raise our hearts and minds toward heaven?

First of all, we use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

Secondly, the veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

Third, the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday. This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. You don't want them to be there because they are hiding some very beautiful images.

And therein lies the whole point: the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered.

The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.

The article originally published in **ALETEIA** (22 March 2023)
by Philip Kosloski

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
26	27	25 9am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church (joined by St Francis College for Glowrey House Mass)	29 9am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church (joined by St Francis College for Anthony House Mass) St Luke's Sacrament of Penance Classes	1 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church (joined by St Dominic's Primary Grade 3 classes)	2 6pm Vigil Mass Presentation Masses for Candidates (St Catherine's Primary School)	3 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses Sacrament of Penance (St Catherine's Primary School)
4	5	6 9am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church (joined by St Francis College for Lawrence House Mass)	7 9am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church (joined by St Francis College for Dominic House Mass) St Luke's Sacrament of Penance Classes	8 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church (joined by St Dominic's Primary Grade 6 classes)	9 6pm Vigil Mass	10 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses Presentation of RCIA Catechumens at 11am mass
11 LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	12 7pm St Catherine's Primary School Sacrament of Penance (over 3 nights)	13 9am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church (joined by St Francis College for MacKillop House Mass)	14 9am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church (joined by St Francis College for Bernard House Mass) St Luke's Sacrament of Penance Classes	15 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	16 Baptisms: 11am & 12.15pm 6pm Vigil Mass	17 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses
18 FEAST OF ST PATRICK Patron of the Diocese	19 FEAST OF ST JOSEPH HUSBAND OF MARY 7pm St Dominic's Primary School Sacrament of Penance	20 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church 7.30pm Baptism Information Night @ St Catherine of Siena Church	21 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church St Luke's Sacrament of Penance	22 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church (joined by St Dominic's Primary Grade 4 classes)	23 Baptisms: 11am & 12.15pm 6pm Vigil Mass	24 PALM SUNDAY 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses
25	26	27 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	28 MAUNDY THURSDAY 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church 7.30pm Mass of the Supper of the Lord Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm	29 GOOD FRIDAY 10.30am Stations of the Cross 11am Individual Reconciliation 3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	30 HOLY SATURDAY 10.30am Blessing of the Food 10.45am Individual Reconciliation 7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass	31 EASTER SUNDAY 9am & 11am Sunday Masses Please note: there is no 5pm Mass

Parish Thanksgiving

As you may have noted a couple of weekends ago, our Parish Thanksgiving Campaign has been postponed for while Fr Michael is away.



In the meantime, if you would like to make either a one-off donation or to set up recurring donations to the parish, especially during this Lenten season,

please scan the QR code on the left or head directly to the Donate page on our website:

TINYURL.COM/GIVEMELTON

We also have a Smart Terminal at the welcome desk where you can tap & give with your card or smart device to support the Parish.



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

3rd Sunday of Lent

Saturday & Sunday March 2 & 3, 2024

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Maureen Mohr	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Michael Higgins
Responder	Daniel Walters	Karl Metha	Cira Cleary	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha		Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Sally Grero	Anne Stokie	Bruna Tomassi	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	Tania Walters	Sanyata Creo	Liz Coustley	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Tania Walters, Maria Abela			

4th Sunday of Lent

Saturday & Sunday March 9 & 10, 2024

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Daniel Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Michael Higgins
Responder	Tania Walters	Vickie Cassar	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Bill McGuinness	Richard Kealy	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Theo Balebanga	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir		Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			



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A note from the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Vocations Team

Dear friends,

I would like to thank you for your prayers for Vocations over the years. We were delighted to accept eight men to the Seminary for Melbourne this year:

Chinh Tran, Rohan Prince, Luke Kennedy, Luke Emslie, Tung Phan, Joseph Maae, Patrick Harris and Mathews Noble.

Many of you have personally helped and encouraged these men along their journey to apply to join the Seminary; it truly is a team effort! Please continue to pray for them!

Part of the work of the Vocations Office is to promote Vocations throughout our Archdiocese. Please feel free to contact us if you have any thoughts/plans of how we can do so better.

In Christ,
Fr Dishan and the Vocations Team

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PO Box 146, East Melbourne VIC 8002 Australia
Telephone: (03) 9926 5733 Email: vocations@cam.org.au
www.vocationmelbourne.org



PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR Penance

We continue our prayers for the students from St Dominic's Primary, St Catherine of Siena Primary and St Luke's program and those preparing them as they prepare for the Sacrament of Penance this month. They have been presented to the parish at Masses over the last two week-ends as Candidates for Penance.

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.

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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BAPTISM INFORMATION EVENING

The next Baptism Information Night will be held on

Wednesday March 20 at 7.30pm
St Catherine of Siena Church

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS— MELTON BRANCH



WE are inviting all men of the parish to a breakfast on **Saturday March 16th at St Dominic's Parish Hall** on Unitt St.

The team shall commence cooking at 7.00am with breakfast ready at 8.00am.



Bill McGuinness is the guest speaker who shall talk about his career maintaining aircraft from little to big over 48 and half years.

Gold coin donation.

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 safter Mass or fill out the online request form:

<https://tinyurl.com/HBlessing>