



THE TIDINGS

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

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year A | 8 October 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

- 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

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.

Have you thought?

The benevolent landowner

ONE of the images from this gospel that would have been puzzling to the audience, and may have tipped them off that Jesus was telling a parable with a particular message, is the image of the landowner being incredibly benevolent and tolerant of his rebellious tenants.

Jesus' audience would have known that the law was always on the side of a landowner over his tenants.

Any misdeed by a tenant farmer would have been dealt with swiftly and severely and yet the landowner in Jesus' story (God) is almost unbelievably patient and prepared to give the tenants every opportunity to do the right thing.



"The kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit."

Matthew 21:43

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.*

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 25:6-10; Ps 22 (23); Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-10

Notice to Parishioners

Morning Mass on Wednesday 11 October
will be at 9.30am at St Dominic's Church
and NOT at St Catherine's.



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WHY WE DO THINGS IN THE MASS

Did You Know?

Hospitality is Everyone's Responsibility, Why Do We Sing at Mass?



Ministry of Hospitality

WHEN we welcome visitors to our home, whether family, friends or strangers, we normally tidy the house, greet guests at the door, provide enough food and drink for everyone and make sure that all are comfortable and included in the conversation. This hospitable behaviour applies also to the worshipping community.

Even in those parishes which have designated ministers of hospitality, everyone at Mass has a ministry of welcome and warmth to the community and is called to 'be present' to others as fellow members of the Body of Christ.

This isn't just a 'feel-good' fad or part of some trendy push to be inclusive.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal doesn't pull any punches about our attitude towards others at Mass.

It clearly calls on the faithful to share charity toward all who share with them in the celebration. They therefore are to shun any appearance of individualism or division, keeping before their mind that they are all brothers and sisters to each other.

They should become one body There is a beautiful expression of this unity when the faithful maintain uniformity in their actions and in standing, sitting or kneeling.

In other words, liturgy is not a time for 'doing my own thing' or 'my time with God'. We're all in this together! It is up to each one of us to 'pay attention' to those who are with us at Mass and to make everyone welcome.

The article was originally published in LITURGY LINES (04 August 2016) by Elizabeth Harrington.

Singing as praying

JUST as the team song unites people across all ages and background at a football match, singing together at Mass draws us into a single worshipping community. The entrance song in particular helps transform us from a disparate group of Mass-goers into a community with a common purpose.

Music enables us to express faith through song. We use the words and tunes of gifted composers to say what we often cannot ourselves put into words.

The hymns that we sing speak of the wonders of God, of the life, death and resurrection of Christ, and of the power of the Holy Spirit among us.

Sometimes words take on a much deeper meaning when sung. The melody of favourite hymns has become as much a part of their message as the text.

The Celtic Alleluia, for example, is popular because the joyous lilting melody expresses so well the Good News which it announces. An effective musical setting conveys a meaning that goes beyond the words themselves.

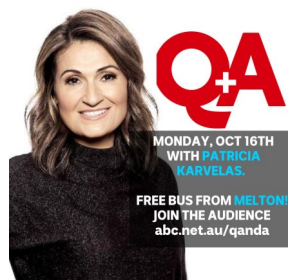


Singing offers us a unique means to express joy and enthusiasm. Music plays an important part in helping us enter into the spirit of the different liturgical seasons. The sombre tone of Good Friday is so effectively captured in songs such as "When I survey the wondrous cross". The music of Easter enables us to express our joy in the resurrection of Christ.

We sing because we are people of prayer and, according to an ancient proverb, the one who sings prays twice!



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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)

We have 7 seats left on the bus. Please register by Tuesday 10th at the link above if you would like to come along and let the parish office know so we can send your names through to the producers.

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

Anointing of the Sick

Fr Michael will be administering the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick during weekend Masses in November.



Saturday, Nov 4: 6:00 pm
Sunday, Nov 5: 9:00 am
Sunday, Nov 12: 11:00 am and 5:00 pm

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 3337

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

Synod of Bishops

The Synod of Bishops opened with Mass on 4 October in St Peter's Square in Rome this week to discern God's will for the Church in the present moment.



Fr Ormond Rush has broken down synodality in a video released by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

Watch the video here:

youtube.com/watch?v=Dr7xpAmCLzU

Bishop Robert Barron has also released a video explaining what synodality is.

Watch the video here:

youtube.com/watch?v=eoTq3jJ7Nls



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	Bruna Tomassi	Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Tania Walters	Maureen Mohr	Liz Coustley	Michael Higgins
PowerPoint Operator		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			

28 th Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday October 14 & 15, 2023		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Asther Creo	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Jennifer Peters	Kate Swan	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tania Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Corrie Family
Holy Communion	Bill McGuinness	Theo Franken	Bruna Tomassi	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator		Sanyata Creo	Liz Coustley	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Veronica Milburn	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir		Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Family Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			



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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.

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

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: csso.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?

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



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Mailing
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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.

HELLO FROM OUR NEW PARISH SECRETARY, VIVIEN!



My husband Andrew and I have recently moved to Melton with our 1 year old daughter Rita.

We have been in the south east since getting married (an hour before the last COVID lockdown started!) but grew up in Caroline Springs and it's nice to be back in the west! I did 5 years of university ministry in Brisbane before coming back to

Melbourne just before the pandemic and completing a Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction.

Andrew now currently works for the Archdiocese ministering to university students — we have a heart for mission so we are grateful that we both can serve the Church in some way. Looking forward to being part of the parish and meeting you all!

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2024 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31st, 2023. Send us an enquiry -

www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au



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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