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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

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — Year A | 29 October 2023

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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

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–10th 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

Compassion

JESUS' words call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves.

To be able to do this, we need to picture ourselves in their place – experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances.

To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion. The origin of the word 'compassion' means experiencing with. If we are able to truly 'experience with' another person perhaps then we can genuinely recognise and respond to their needs.



"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

Matthew 22:37

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I love you, Lord, my strength.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them
and we will come to them.*

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Ex 22:20-26; Ps 17(18); 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Mal 1:14-2:2,8-10; Ps 130(131); 1 Thess 2:7-9,13; Mt 23:1-12

NOTICE TO PARISHIONERS

There will be no morning weekday Masses for the following two weeks from 1st until 10th November. There will also be no All Saints Day (1st November) and All Souls Day (2nd November) Masses.

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

Commemorating All the Faithful Departed

NOVEMBER is traditionally associated in the Catholic Church with remembrance of the dead. Bringing to mind deceased family and friends can be very painful, especially if the bereavement is relatively recent.

Liturgical remembrance, however, is not just about looking back to the past but also looking ahead to the future in trust and hope. Just as our loved one shared in Christ's death in baptism, we believe that he or she will share in Christ's resurrection and enjoy eternal life in God's presence.

On November 2nd, we celebrate the feast of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, or All Souls' Day as it was previously known. On the day after All Saints, the Church reminds us of those who have not yet achieved the goal of their pilgrimage, the Kingdom of Heaven. As part of the communion of saints, they need our prayers.

Today's feast is an opportunity for us to pray in unity for our relatives and friends and for those who have no one to pray for them.

The tradition of recalling and interceding for the dead is a long-established practice in the Church. In earlier centuries, large tablets or "diptychs" were inscribed with the names of the dead who were to be remembered at the Mass and the deacon would read out the names during the liturgy.

There is something poignant and personal about writing down the names of our deceased loved ones and asking the community to remember them in prayer.



All Saints Day

NOVEMBER 1

All Souls Day

NOVEMBER 2

Commemorating the lives of those who have gone before us

Many parishes have a Book of Remembrance in which parishioners are invited to write the names of relatives and friends who have died in the last year. The book can be given a place of honour during the celebration of Mass as a reminder to the assembly to pray for those who have died.

Various local customs have become attached to the celebration of All Souls' over the years. In the Middle Ages, many believed that the souls in purgatory appeared on this

PARISH CENSUS

OVER the next week, we invite each member of our Parish to participate in our census process.

By completing the census form, which will be made available during Mass from this week, we can register the number of our parish members and better understand the needs of our community.

Data from this census will also enable the parish to strategically plan for important events, ministries, and other future endeavours. Your privacy is essential, and all information will be treated with confidentiality.

Thank you!

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.

day, in the form of witches, goblins, and so on, to those who had wronged them during their lives on earth, and special foods were prepared to feed and appease the spirits. Some ethnic groups continue this tradition today.

Three sets of Mass texts (entrance antiphon, collect, prayer over the offerings, communion antiphon, and prayer after communion) are given for the celebration of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.

The prayers in the first set are a strong plea for consolation and hope; those in the second set contain images of the purgation of souls, but through gentle terms like washing, cleansing, purification; the third set emphasises the victory of Jesus over sin and death.

Every celebration of Mass includes prayers for the dead. A particular feast like All Souls gives a special focus to the basic Christian instinct and traditional Catholic practice of remaining in communion with those who have "fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection".

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord, and, as our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened, so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength. (Collect 1)

The article was originally published in LITURGY LINES (2 November 2014) by Elizabeth Harrington.



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An Urgent Prayer for Peace

By Michael McGirr 2023

*God of compassion, We turn to you with heavy hearts
as we consider the needs of your family.*

*Israelis and Palestinians, we are all your people, each of
us loved by You and called to live in peace and justice.*

*We lament the dreadful loss of life, destruction of
property and loss of human dignity. We are pained by so
much suffering.*

*We beg you to bring healing to this ancient place. Help
your people find a way forward.*

*Enable everyone to look each other in the eye, and
embrace each other as sisters and brothers, as they find
your image in every face.*

*We ask that courage and grace will help create a wiser
and more gentle future, where everyone has a home.*

God of wisdom, come to our aid.

AMEN.



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

Christmas Hamper Tree



This weekend begins the start of our collection for our Christmas Hampers, 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 items 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!



Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.



SCAN QR TO DONATE



GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the people affected by the conflict.



DONATE NOW

www.caritas.org.au/gaza
1800 024 413

30 th Sunday Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday October 28 & 29, 2023	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Margaret Richards	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Sanghaya Creo	Cira Cleary	Michael Higgins
Responder	Tania Walters	Vickie Cassar	Kate Swan	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Liz Coustley	Corrie Family
Holy Communion	Sally Grero	Asther Creo	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Robert Obtinalla	Sanyata Creo	Chelsea Amato	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop		Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir		Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			

31 st Sunday of Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday, November 3 & 4, 2023	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Maureen Mohr	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Lawrence Camenzuli	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa - Sanchez
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Cira Cleary	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Bruna Tomassi	Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Theo Franken	Bruna Tomassi	Michael Higgins
PowerPoint Operator		Sanyata Creo	Theo Balebanga	
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy Choir	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, Elaine Neely, John Woof			



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Proclaim 2023

Over three days (16-18 November) join together with parishes from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne to be inspired, engaged and equipped to go out and proclaim the joy of the Gospel into our local communities. Hear inspiring local and international speakers, encounter Jesus through prayer, music and fellowship and participate in workshops to equip ourselves for mission!

Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1131232>

Use the discount code: **parishmember** to access the special registration price for parishioners.

Enquiries: (03) 9926 5761 or proclaim@cam.org.au

Friends of the Suffering Souls (FoSS) is a Catholic association which facilitates Masses for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. FoSS began in Australia in the early 1980s and has spread around the world, currently having 11,000 members who collectively arrange more than 45,000 Masses each year for the Holy Souls and is now administered by *Aid to the Church in Need*. FoSS welcomes new enrolments to this important apostolate. To learn more and to enrol yourself and/or your loved ones, visit www.fossnoven.org.



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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 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



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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.

Prime Timers Outing Tuesday 31st October

Meet in the former Bunnings car park 11.45-12pm for a 12.30pm lunch at The Black Horse Hotel (80 Bulla Rd. Bulla) and a stroll through the Alister Clark Memorial Gardens after. Seniors menu available.

RSVP with Ineke by Sunday 29th to confirm booking numbers at ineke49@yahoo.com or 0400120401.



CATHOLIC
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UNIVERSITY
OF DIVINITY

Catholic Theological College Online Information Session for 2024

Monday 30 October at 7.30pm (AEDT)

Register via our website:
ctc.edu.au/information-session

A chance to meet Course Advisors and learn more about study options at CTC.

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.

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***



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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