



THE TIDINGS

SERVING THE AREAS OF MELTON, MELTON WEST, BONNIE BROOK, HARKNESS,
GRANGEFIELDS, KURUNJANG, PLUMPTON, ROCKBANK & TOOLERN VALE

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

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year A | 25 June 2023

CLERGY

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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 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)
- Sunday 9.00am, 11.00am & 5.00pm

St Dominic's Church, Melton

10 Unitt Street, Melton, VIC 3337

- Thursday & Friday 9.15am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 5.45 pm | Sunday: 4.45pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & ROSARY

- 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: 108 Bulmans Rd, Melton West, VIC 3337

Phone: +61 3 8099 6000

Email: info@crmelton.com.au

Living the Gospel

From the House-tops

One of the messages of Jesus to his disciples and, through him, of Matthew to the original community, is to have courage and to have pride in their belief.

No matter what threat or persecution they are to endure, the command is to proclaim the message of Jesus from the house-tops.

They are to be proud of what they believe and be prepared to share it with others. In a world today that is not always open to the message of Jesus, we too are called to be proud of what we believe and not whisper it in the darkness.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me,
says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.*

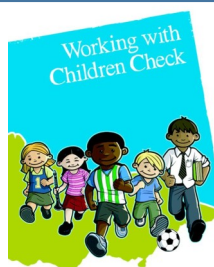
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 68; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-3

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

2 Kg 4:8-11,13,16; Ps 88; Rom 6:3-4,8-11; Mt 10:37-42



TO ALL VOLUNTEERS

Please check your expiry date on your Working With Children Check card. You can renew your card online before it expires.

When you get your new card please forward a copy to Liz, Safeguarding Coordinator. Contact details on the front of The Tidings.



Parish Stewardship Update

May Pledge: \$7,174.01 Actual: \$5,457.64



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THE BEGINNINGS OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH:

THE EVOLUTION OF THE BAPTISMAL FONT



An example of an ancient baptismal font.

Baptism is one of the most important rituals in Christian churches and a ritual that is unique to Christianity. Baptism signifies the washing away of sins and the entrance into the Christian life. Through baptism you are forgiven of past indiscretion, through faith in Christ.



The history of the Baptismal Font is also unique.

Baptism evolved from the Jewish act of cleansing, which had to occur before anyone could participate in religious rituals or ceremonies. The cleansing ceremonies would take place outdoors in a natural source of clean water, like a river or stream. Jesus was cleansed in the river Jordan, which we today, call the baptism of Jesus Christ.

Christians were heavily persecuted and going to the rivers and streams for baptism was dangerous. So, Christians met in private homes to worship and perform baptism rituals. In the homes where they met shallow ankle-deep reservoirs were carved from the rock to collect the natural spring water that was poured from a vase over the head of the person being baptized.

As Christianity grew, the introduction of infant baptism was growing as well. This changed the structure of baptism, instead of a shallow reservoir in the floor, three to four feet high walls of bricks were constructed

with an opening in the middle to accommodate a person holding a child and water being poured over the infant's head.

With the growth and legalization of Christianity, baptismal fonts became an important visual focal point of churches. Traditional fonts were often octagonal, which symbolizes that creation was completed in seven days and the eighth signifies the new creation.

Today, baptismal fonts can be seen in many shapes and styles, most often matching the church décor or architecture.

The ever-present font is a reminder for those who have been baptized that they are members of the body of Christ and an invitation that the church is always ready to receive new members of Christ the Son of God.



The placement of the baptismal font in St Catherine of Siena church:

- Allows parishioners to bless themselves upon entering the church
- Is a reminder of their own baptism and a symbol of welcome
- Allows for the full emersion of baptism candidates.

The design brief and plans, given to the architect by Fr Michael, were based on the baptismal font in St Patrick's Cathedral, Bunbury, in Western Australia.



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Called to Serve?

Be part of our parish's
Guild of St Stephen



COME and join the hundreds of boys and girls in the Archdiocese serving the Lord in the ministry of the Altar.

Pick up an Application Form in the gathering space or speak to Dcn Chris after Mass.

TO SERVE IN THE MASS YOU NEED TO:

- ◆ Have received First Holy Communion.
- ◆ Have been trained before as a Server, or
- ◆ Willing to attend training to be a Server.



After being admitted into the Guild in the Mass of St Stephen at St Patrick's Cathedral, 26



AN INVITATION TO ALL SINGERS & MUSICIANS

BECOMING an active member of our Music Ministry is a great way to support our parish, create new friendships, and give of your talents through our liturgies. Come and join one of our choirs!

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

The Perspective of Justice

One in Christ

by Gerald Darring



"God is the strength of his people," the guide and protector of your people, the one who keeps us secure from this world's uncertainty (Ps 28:8). We should not be afraid of anything because "the Lord is with me, like a mighty champion" (Jer 20:11).

The poor and lowly are special objects of protection. "See, you lowly ones, and be glad ... for the Lord hears the poor, for he has rescued the life of the poor" (Responsorial Psalm). The



special care of the poor is a sign to all of us that God is our strength, for it means that God is not influenced by the judgments of the world.

The world might abuse and ignore the poor and lowly, but God hears their cry and rescues their lives. The riches of this world might be for a select few, the rich and powerful, but the gracious gift of Jesus Christ abounds for all.

So do not let men intimidate you. Our God is God of the poor and lowly, and in him, we his children live in safety.

In the Old Testament God reveals himself to us as the liberator of the oppressed and the defender of the poor, demanding from man faith in him and justice towards man's neighbor. It is only in the observance of the duties of justice that God is truly recognized as the liberator of the oppressed.

Synod of Bishops, Justice in the World, 1971:30.

12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday June 24 & 25, 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	Theo Franken	Kate Swan	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tania Walters	Jennifer Peters	Janet Estrada	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Bruna Tomassi	Corrie Family
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Richard Kealy	Liz Coustley	Brian Dean
PowerPoint Operator	Dalene Jenkins	Sanyata Creo	Lea Jacuta	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Veronica Milburn	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir		Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			

13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday July 1&2, 2023	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Asther Creo	Liza Fernandez	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Daniel Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Josephine Krajina
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Sanghaya Creo	Bruna Tomassi	Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Michael Higgins
PowerPoint Operator	Tania Walters	Sanyata Creo	Liza Fernandez	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Dalene Jenkins	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy Choir	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Family Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			



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Thanksgiving Envelopes

Thank you for supporting our parish! Just a reminder to those using our *Thanksgiving Envelopes*, please remember to write on your envelope how much has been enclosed. This will make our counters' work a little easier.

The next set of weekly envelopes are available this weekend in the Gathering Area.

LEAVING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The Annual Collection for the Intentions of the Holy Father, otherwise known as Peters Pence, will be taken up after each Mass this weekend.

PRIME TIMERS

JUNE get together!

Movie day at Melton Library at 10.30 Tuesday 27th June followed by lunch at Degani's, Woodgrove.

Members please note that there will be a special presentation for Lorraine Doyle and Tess Jones at next months get together to be held at the Lifestyle Village.

RSVP for June lunch at Degani's by Monday 26 June to maryco2@bigpond.com or phone Mary on 0421 778 126



Can you help?

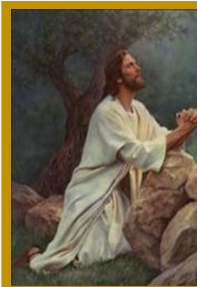
The Knights of the Southern Cross Melton branch are looking for a Treasurer and a spiritual director to run our formation program for around 15 minutes every meeting.

The treasurer needs to become a member but the spiritual director need not be a member but a guest at the meetings. If you want further information contact me Lawrence Camenzuli:

Phone: +61425744767 Email: lcamenzu@bigpond.net.au

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.



Meditation on Jesus

Prayer & Meditation through gentle postures and breathing in the Holy Spirit, heals guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD

"Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me..." (John 17:11)

Retreat begins with dinner at 6pm on Friday, June 30, and concludes at 4.00pm on Sunday, July 2.

Cost: \$ 210 (live-in) | \$ 150 (live-out)

For more information, contact: Janssen Spirituality Centre, 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia, Vic 3155
RSVP Tel: 03 9762 6625 or Email: gilbertcarlo@gmail.com



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 be emailed to you. There is also a clip board in the Gathering Area to register your email.

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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