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

PALM SUNDAY – Year B | 24 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

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

- Wednesday, 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

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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

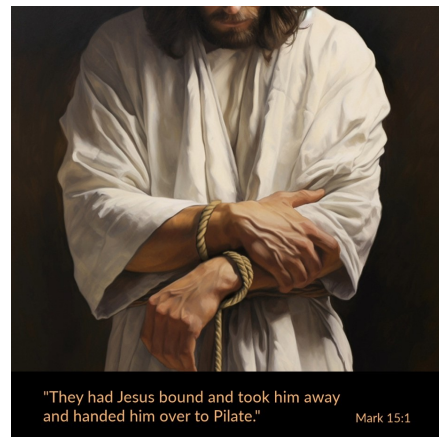
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Gospel Focus

This man was a son of God

BY the time we have stood and listened to this lengthy Passion narrative, the listener may have started to wilt by the time we get to the death of Jesus. Yet the gospel writer keeps one of the most important messages for this moment.

As Jesus dies, a centurion standing by utters the inspired words, 'In truth, this man was a son of God.' Famously played by John Wayne in the movie, *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, the centurion is the voice of the gentile – the non-Jew – representing all those throughout the world who will recognise the truth of Jesus' life and purpose.



"They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate."

Mark 15:1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore, God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

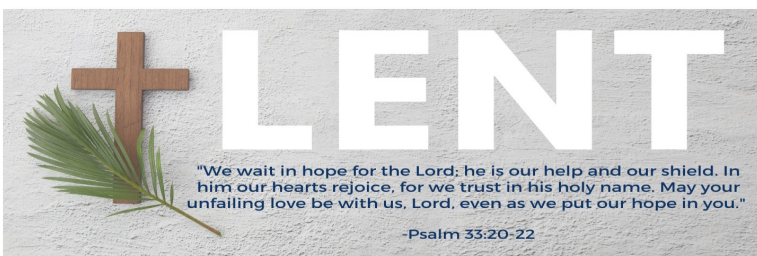
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Today's Scripture Readings

Is 50:4-7; Ps 21 (22); Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Acts 10:34,37-43; Ps 117(118); Col 3:1-4 ; Mk 16:1-8



"We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you."

-Psalm 33:20-22



Parish Stewardship Update

February Pledged: \$7,260.09

Actual: \$5,896.45

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



WHY WE DO THINGS IN THE MASS

Did You Know?

Candles, the Gospel, and the Easter Vigil

QUESTION: The rubrics on Easter vigil Mass, No. 35, says: "At the Gospel lights are not carried, but only incense." Does this instruction apply during all the Masses of Easter season, or is it only for the Easter vigil? -- G.O., Orlu, Nigeria

Answer: On the night of the Easter vigil Mass the two candles that usually accompany the Book of the Gospels are omitted because the Easter candle is considered as sufficient to honour the risen Lord in the Gospel.

However, two unlit processional candles and the processional cross may be prepared and left at a suitable location in the sanctuary for use in the final procession at the conclusion of the celebration.

The Ceremonial of Bishops, No. 353, allows for the minister who reads the Gospel at the Easter vigil to be accompanied by the thurifer and two servers, without candles and with hands joined. In practice it is usually sufficient for him to be accompanied by the thurifer.

If the Book of the Gospels has been placed on the altar before the celebration began, the minister goes to the altar to take it up. If not, he proceeds with the servers directly to the ambo. All in the Gospel procession proceed without making any sign of reverence toward the altar.

After the proclamation of the Gospel they return to their places, this time bowing toward the altar when passing in front of it.

Nothing in the rubrics would suggest that the processional candles be omitted on Easter Sunday or any other solemn celebration during Eastertide. Indeed, the candles would be part of the celebration from the entrance procession.

The omission on the night of the vigil is due to the character of this solemn celebration in which all candles, beginning with the Easter candle, are lit



Let us run the race that is before us and never give up.

As we enter Holy Week, this encouragement is what so many of us are desperate for. We've taken on a big race during Lent and many of us may feel as if we've fallen short.

Maybe we gave up half way through. Maybe it was just last week. Or maybe it was the day after Ash Wednesday. **It doesn't matter when we gave up — what matters is how we finish the race.**

It's not the number of falls that matter, but the number of times we get back up that counts. Saints are not perfect but perfected by their relationship with Jesus Christ.

So as we round the last corner of Lent and go into the final lap, let's look at a few ways we can finish strong.

1. GO TO CONFESSION.

There's no better way to begin again than by going to the Sacrament of Penance. Lent is a season of grace. When we confess our sins in the Sacrament, God gives us many graces to be strengthened again for the fight.

2. BEGIN AGAIN ON YOUR RESOLUTIONS.

You don't have to be flashy to be faithful. St. Luke exclaims, "He who is faithful in little things is faithful also in much." (Luke 16:10). Make a time to pray every day, read the Bible, fast from something you love, go and serve those in need, or give a donation to your parish or Catholic centre. These are some of the small practices that done with great faith and love can be the spiritual renewal you need going into Easter.

3. GET AN ACCOUNTABILITY PARTNER.

If you want to be a disciple of Jesus, you need someone to run this race with. On your own, if you fall, there will be no one there to get you back up again. Find a few friends that will keep you accountable to your resolutions. Make sure these friends push you to go beyond your comfort zone and encourage you in your darkest moments. These friends remind you that you were made for greatness. Saints always came in bunches, so find grab your friends and get holy together.

"You're almost there!"

As we begin Holy Week, may we "run so as to win" (1 Corinthians 9:24) and finish strong, pushing hard the last few hundred yards to hold our head high, knowing we "left it all on the field."

Leave it all at Jesus' feet this Holy week. It will make His Resurrection on Easter Sunday all the sweeter!

Source: <https://focusquip.org/a-lenten-pep-talk-dont-give-up-now/>

from the new fire.

Since these elements are lacking on other days the celebrations revert to the general norms for solemn celebrations unless something to the contrary is specifically indicated.

This is the usual procedure for special liturgical norms. When some detail is indicated as an exception on a particular day it is exclusive to that celebration and is not extended to other days.

Another example of such a particularity is the indication that on Easter Sunday, and only on Easter Sunday, the faithful may renew their baptismal promises after the homily using the same formula as the Easter vigil. When this is done the Creed is omitted.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
18 FEAST OF ST PATRICK <i>Patron of the Diocese</i>	19 FEAST OF ST JOSEPH <i>HUSBAND OF MARY</i>	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 <i>(joined by St Dominic's Primary Grade 4 classes)</i>	23 Baptisms: 11am & 12.15pm 6pm Vigil Mass	24 PALM SUNDAY 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses
25	26 7pm St Dominic's Primary School Sacrament of Penance	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 <i>Please note: there is no 5pm Mass</i>
1 EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	2	3 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	4 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	5 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	6 6pm Vigil Mass MASSES ARE IN ST DOMINIC'S PARISH HALL Enter via Unitt St, or Church St/Smith St	7 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses

APRIL

Just graduated and heading onto Campus?

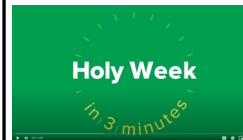
The years spent studying at university are a unique time for building lifelong friendships with other students and with Jesus Christ.

To find out what is happening for young Catholics on and around campus & get connected, scan the QR code or check out our website: **UDISCIPLE.MELBOURNECATHOLIC.ORG**



Video: Holy Week in 3mins

In this final week of Lent, spare 3 minutes to find out why we wave palms on Palm Sunday, wash each other's feet on Holy Thursday, and kiss the cross on Good Friday:



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Prime Timers March Outing

Tuesday 26th March

The Sugargum Hotel (2 Gourlay Rd, Hillside)

Meeting at the OLD Bunnings car park at 11.30am. If you require a lift, that can be arranged. RSVP Friday 22nd March to confirm numbers. Enquiries: Ineke 0400120401 or ineke49@yahoo.com

Thank you from St Vinnie's

Big thanks to the parents, students, staff and principal of St Catherine of Siena Primary School for the wonderful support you have provided for St Vincent de Paul and Vinnies Soup Van with donations of food items during the Lenten period. These have been distributed through The Melton Community via Conference and via Soup van. Thank you all most sincerely.



Maureen Mohr for SVDP & Vinnies soup van

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord			Saturday & Sunday March 23 & 24, 2024	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Kate Mulholland	Asther Creo	Chelsea Amato	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa -Sanchez
Responder	Daniel Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Liz Coustley	Michael Higgins
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Janet Estradra
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Vickie Cassar	Bruna Tomassi	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Adela Marinjira	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir		Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, Elaine Neely, John Woof			

HOLY WEEK / EASTER: THURSDAY, MARCH 28 - SUNDAY, MARCH, 31, 2024

Thank you to all who have offered to assist. Please note:

- Roster for these days **has been emailed** to those ministers who have offered their assistance over this time
- **Copy** of roster is posted on the display board in the Gathering Area
- **Ministers of the Word may pick up a copy of their reading/s from the Gathering Area this weekend (on table by the wall).**



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

CHANGE OF MASS VENUE: APRIL 6 & 7

Masses on **April 6 & 7** will be at **St Dominic's Parish Hall** on Unitt St, Melton, due to the closure of Bulmans Road both ways. Entry via gates on Smith St or Unitt St, Melton.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO ENTRY TO SMITH ST FROM UNITT ST.

Choirs for April 6&7

Please note:

As Masses will be at St Dominic's Hall over the weekend after Easter there will not be any microphones available or organ/keyboards. So if you are available to sing you will need to bring your own instruments.

2024 HOLY WEEK & EASTER TRIDUUM TIMETABLE

St Catherine of Siena • 108 Bulmans Rd, Melton West

Wednesday

9:15am Daily Mass (*St Dominic's Church*)

Maundy Thursday

9:15am Daily Mass (*St Dominic's Church*)

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm

Good Friday

10:30am Stations of the Cross

11:00am Reconciliation

3:00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday

10:30am Blessing of the Food

10:45am Reconciliation

7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday

9:00am Mass

11:00am Mass

Please note: no 5pm Mass

HOLY LAND COLLECTION - GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29th 2024



The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place next week on Good Friday, March 29th.

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. **Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world.** In 2023 Australian Catholics were once again extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land nearly \$1.4 million [\$1.4 million (2022), \$1,126,098 (2021), \$406,023 (2020) and \$1.3 million (2019)].

The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their **financial support as well as the spiritual support.** Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.

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.

Parish Thanksgiving

If you would like to make either a one-off donation or to set up recurring donations to the parish, please scan the QR code or head



to our website: **TINYURL.COM/GIVEMELTON**

You may also like to use the Smart Terminal at the welcome desk to contribute to the Parish.

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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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>

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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