



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

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year A | 17 September 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

- 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

Living the Gospel

Just like Peter

THROUGHOUT the gospels, Peter is a fantastic example of the common person. He has insights of faith at times but usually messes it up with his next breath.

His question in this week's gospel is one that any one of us might ask. I try to do what's right, but how long do I have to hang in there? There has to be a limit to patience with someone who keeps upsetting me, surely?

Jesus shows us that if we operate from a motivation of compassion and a desire to constantly build relationships that are life-giving for both parties, then there is no end to the number of times that we try to re-build that relationship.

"Lord, if my brother sins against me,
how often must I forgive?"

Matthew 18:21



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*The Lord is kind and merciful:
slow to anger, and rich in compassion.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.*

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Sir 27:33-28:9; Ps 102; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 55:6-9; Ps 144; Phil 1:20-24,27; Mt 20:1-16

PLEASE NOTE:

THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASSES

THIS COMING WEEK:

- Wednesday, Sept 20 at St Catherine of Siena Church
- Thursday & Friday, Sept 21 & 22 at St Dominic's Church.



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WHY WE DO THINGS IN THE MASS

Three Liturgical Q&A

'Requiem' Mass

Q. At a workshop I attended recently, you said that we should not call funerals 'Requiem Masses'. One funeral director told me that 'Requiem Mass' is the correct term to use in funeral notices and on service booklets. Now I am confused!

A. **Requiem Mass** was the name of the funeral Mass in Latin before it was revised and translated into English after Vatican II. It was the first word of that Mass which was totally different (black vestments, totally impersonal, all about judgement, etc) from the Funeral Mass that is celebrated today. Why would you describe a liturgy as a Requiem Mass when it isn't that at all?

If you have a look at the contents page of the Order of Christian Funerals, you will see that Requiem Mass isn't mentioned. Two forms of funeral are listed there - Funeral Mass and Funeral Liturgy outside of Mass. That is the wording that should be used.

We no longer use the term 'extreme unction' but Anointing of the Sick, because that is what it is, so it puzzles me that some people insist on talking about Requiem Masses.

Cross or Crucifix?

Q. When we venerate the Cross on Good Friday, should we be using a Cross or Crucifix?

A. The **liturgy** for the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) repeatedly refers to 'the Cross'. The accompanying words for the Showing of the Holy Cross are 'Behold the wood of the Cross ...', so clearly it is the Cross itself as a symbol of our redemption that is being venerated.

If it was intended that a crucifix (cross with a figure) be used, the Missal would say 'a cross with the figure of Christ crucified upon it' as it does in paragraph 308 with regard to a cross on or near the altar for Mass.

Flags

Q. Some churches have the Australian flag hanging on the wall or in another prominent place. I have never seen this in a Catholic church. Is it because they are not allowed?

A. The **flag** is a symbol of a nation. We are of course patriotic and proud to be Australian, but the Church is more than the Australian nation. The gospel must be allowed to critique our culture and national identity. For example, we need to pray that our treatment of refugees will be more humane and for an end to violence in our society.

It is appropriate to display the Australian flag on Australia Day and ANZAC day as a focus for our prayer intentions, as long as it does not obscure or dominate the central symbols of altar, lectern, cross and font.

While the ritual book for funerals says that flags are not to be displayed at a funeral, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference received approval from Rome in 1990 for the placing of the Australian flag on the coffin of an ex-serviceman at his funeral because the custom is commonly used by the RSL.

Elizabeth Harrington

Elizabeth Harrington is one of Australia's best known liturgists. Elizabeth has written over 1000 Liturgy Lines. These pithy 500 word articles on everything liturgy have appeared in publications all over the world. Elizabeth was previously engaged as Liturgy Brisbane's Education Officer, but now enjoys retirement (which means she is still very, very busy!)



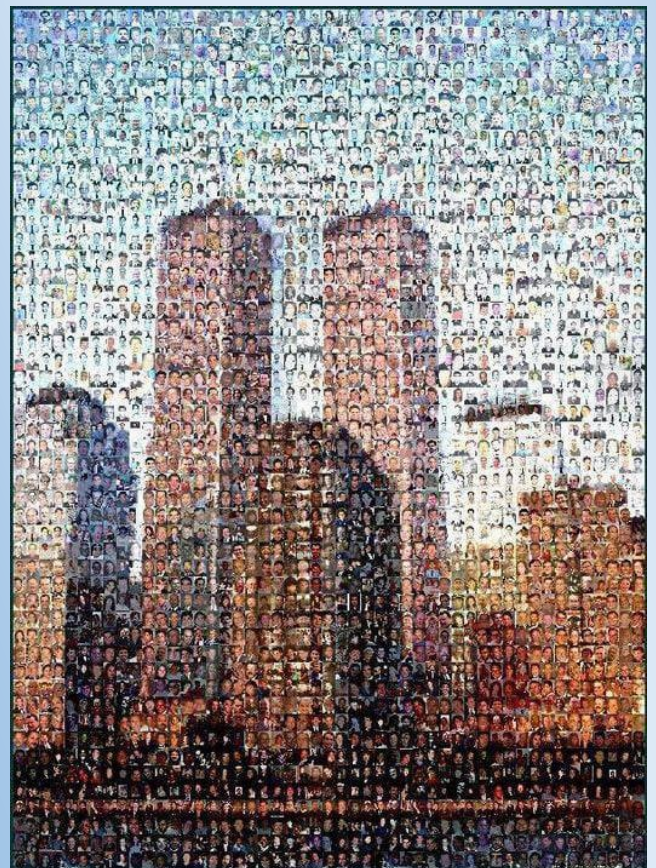
A Prayer for the 20th Anniversary of 9/11

O God, our hope and refuge, in our distress we come quickly to you. Shock and horror of that tragic day have subsided, replaced now with an emptiness, a longing for an innocence lost.

We come remembering those who lost their lives in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania. We are mindful of the sacrifice of public servants who demonstrated the greatest love of all by laying down their lives for friends. We commit their souls to your eternal care and celebrate their gifts to a fallen humanity.

We come remembering and we come in hope, not in ourselves, but in you. As foundations we once thought secure have been shaken, we are reminded of the illusion of security. In commemorating this tragedy, we give you thanks for your presence in our time of need and we seek to worship you in Spirit and in truth, our guide and our guardian. Amen.

-Rev. Jeremy Pridgeon



THIS PICTURE IS COMPRISED
OF ALL THE VICTIMS OF 9/11.
TODAY WE HOLD THEM IN
PRAYER.



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2024 Study Tour

Tour Leader: Dr Rosemary Canavan

Online Information Sessions:

Saturday 16, 23 September, or 7 October 2023 at 2pm
Participants have the opportunity to undertake a study unit with CTC in conjunction with the tour for credit towards an award

RSVP & further information:

rosemary.canavan@ctc.edu.au



NEXT STEPS

1. Register your interest and obtain a booking form from Rosemary Canavan, Olive Tree Travel or by [CLICKING HERE](#)
2. To secure your place, a deposit of AUD\$500 per person is due by 29th September 2023 (unless sold out prior)
3. The final balance will be payable in mid July 2024



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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

Waiting at the Well

(in-person event)

Four Thursdays:

October 5, 12, 19 & 26

10am-12.30pm

Carole Carmody rsm, Julie Adam

THIS series offers an opportunity for those waiting to have their thirst quenched at the Well of Life to explore the depths of wisdom in their own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another, and to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation.

Places limited.

Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/waiting-at-the-well-series/>

or email info@heartoflife.melbourne.

Cost \$100 for the series or \$30 per session.

ROSARY BEADS



On August 8 we celebrated the feast day of Mary of the Cross MacKillop. We have purchased a limited supply of Rosary Beads for \$32 each. They are Italian made Ghirelli rosaries. They will be available in the Piety Stall after each Mass.

2024 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

Now Available

The Columban Calendars are a great gift idea for family and friends and the right size to fit on your fridge.

We have purchased these calendars early this year so they can be posted to our loved ones overseas. These will be available after each Mass in the Piety Stall. The cost is \$10 each.



24 th Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday September 16 &17, 2023		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Jennifer Peters	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Alzira Mascarenhas	Liz Coustley	Michael Higgins
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Asther Creo	Chelsea Amato	Corrie Family
Holy Communion	Bill McGuinness	Vickie Cassar	Bruna Tomassi & Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator		Sanyata Creo		Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Veronica Milburn	Graham Dempsey		Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy Choir	Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Family Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			

25 th Sunday Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday September 23 & 24, 2023	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Bill McGuinness	Maureen Mohr	Chelsea Amato	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Regina Traczynski	Cira Cleary	Michael Higgins
Responder	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Bruna Tomassi	Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Sally Greiro	Richard Kealy	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Robert Obtinalla	Sanyata Creo	Theo Baleebanga	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Veneration Choir		St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			



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MEMORIAL MASS

Please join us in

February 11, 1975 – August 26, 2023



Commemorating the Life of Margaret Cassar

at a Mass on **Monday Evening,**
25 September 25, 2023, 7:00 pm
at St Catherine of Siena Church, West Melton
An invitation is extended to all who wish to come and
acknowledge Margaret's life.

INTERMENT OF THE ASHES OF TONY MIFSUD

The ashes of Tony Mifsud will be interred on Sunday, October 15 at 10.30 am at the Melton Cemetery, Centenary Ave, Melton.

You are most welcome to join Jan for this ceremony.

PRIME TIMERS

This month we are going to Little River Hotel Tuesday 26th September. Meeting up at the old Bunnings parking spot on Barries Rd at 11.45am. Need RSVP 22nd. All welcome. Enquiries: maryco2@bigpond.com 0421778126

MARCH FOR THE BABIES

Come and show your support for the unborn Join the March for the Babies on 7th October, 2023 at 12.30pm in the Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring & Wellington Pde. Wear blue or pink.

MISSED OUT ON THE TIDINGS?

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

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.



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.

17 September 2023



Social Services Sunday

A day to reflect and give thanks



SUNDAY 17 September 2023 marks Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

On this day we give thanks to the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised.

We acknowledge with gratitude Catholic Social Service Victoria's 40 member organisations, their 8,000 staff and 17,000 volunteers, who work together to serve and support over 211,000 people. Catholic social services hold a unique position in social services because they serve and are part of an established, connected community of people sharing in the social mission of the Church.

We thank parishes for often being at the forefront of providing services to members of their community in need. In this challenging time of a cost of living and housing crisis, the Gospel message of love, care and welcome is needed more than ever. On this day we consider how we all have a role to play. How might we be more involved in achieving justice in our own communities?

How can we advocate for structural changes to build a more equitable society where no one is pushed to the margins, and all can prosper?

Loving God, we praise and thank you for those without fear who speak, advocate, and create for the peace of our world. We rejoice in seeing Catholic Social Services Victoria and its member organisations bring together structures of change to build hope and healing.

May we all be engaged agents of positive change, opening our hearts and minds to possibilities and growth.

May your unconditional love for all inspire our hearts to humbly serve in a spirit of charity and justice for most disadvantaged, marginalised and vulnerable brothers and sisters.

May the changes we make be based on the common good and may we be gracious and patient in accepting that sometimes change takes time.

We pray for those who serve in social services, who hear the cry of the abandoned, who dress the wounds of those frayed by life's journey and speak with those who are silenced and exploited.

As we seek your face and strive to do your will, fill our hearts with the peace and hope that only you can give so that we can share that with the those in our care, in our families and in our communities.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen



Parish Stewardship Update

August Pledge: \$7,265.39

Actual: \$5,017.89

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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