



THE TIDINGS

SERVING THE AREAS OF MELTON, MELTON WEST, AINTREE, BONNIE BROOK,
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

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — Year A | 5 November 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@sfc.vic.edu.au

Please Note:
There is no
Mass on a
Public Holiday.

Living the Gospel

Christian Leadership

THE CHRISTIAN model of leadership often flies in the face of societal concepts of leadership. Many of the models of leadership we witness in society focus on exerting power *over* others.

People are praised for showing 'strong' leadership when they manipulate situations, bully less powerful people and bulldoze their way through others' opinions.

Whilst this model of leadership may have a certain effectiveness in the short term, there is certainly nothing 'Christian' about its operation and ultimately it forces a wedge between the leader and the led.

Christian leadership focuses on empowering all parties and rather than power *over* others, it embraces power *through* and *with* others.

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled;
but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."
Matthew 23:12



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Wis 6:12-16; Ps 62 (63); 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

NOTICE TO PARISHIONERS

Morning weekday Masses will not be on until
November 10th.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

'May they prosper who love you.'

— PSALM 122:6



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



WHY WE DO THINGS IN THE MASS

Did You Know?

What Mass Isn't

LAST week I wrote about what is meant by the term 'Mass'. The Mass is just one of several forms of liturgy, or public worship, that the church celebrates, although it is the most central. Forms of liturgy that are not Mass include morning and evening prayer, the funeral liturgy, liturgy of the word with communion, and rites of reconciliation.

This week I want to look at what Mass is not, which might strike some readers as rather strange. The Mass is not a vehicle or backdrop for every activity in the life of a parish or school.

I have an order of service from a school Mass which includes the blessing and presentation of senior badges, the senior covenant, presentation of college leaders, leadership pledge (all before the Liturgy of the Word), commissioning of the senior class, staff and parent commissioning. It seems that the Mass merely provided the framework for these school rituals. Surely they would have been better done in the context of a liturgy of the word or simple blessing ritual.

Mass is being misused when it becomes the setting for events or matters other than prayer and becomes just another 'ceremony'. As one author put it, Mass is not 'a town meeting with prayer'. When we come together to celebrate Mass, we enter into a sacred time and place.

Among the many, and surprisingly supportive, comments I received after writing about eulogies a few weeks ago was one from a gentleman who had recently attended a funeral where five eulogies took up the first fifty minutes of the service. By the time Mass began, children were restless, older people tired and others squirming in the uncomfortable pews, and what should have been the high point of the funeral became a rushed 'add on'.

The Mass is never an opportunity for promoting a worthy cause to a captive audience.

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.



This can happen when a particular theme or appeal, like World AIDS Day or Refugee Week, overshadows the character of the Sunday Mass because it is made the focus of the homily and the hymns and takes precedence over the prayers and readings of the day.

I have witnessed people using Mass to propagate information about a private devotion to an apparition of Mary by putting leaflets on the pews when people went to communion.

During the Liturgy of the Word at one special Mass somebody passed around an anti-abortion petition. This showed a total lack of respect for the Mass, for Christ speaking through the scriptures, for members of the assembly whose concentration and participation were interrupted, and for the organisers whose permission was not sought or given. Mass is not the time for testing the orthodoxy of a particular priest or parish.

There have been many instances of people attending liturgy and making notes so that real or perceived breaches of the liturgical law can be reported to Rome. Liturgy is not an exercise in rule-keeping but an exercise in worship; it is the gathering of the faith community to give veneration to God.

The Mass is an act of worship, of praise and thanksgiving to God. At Mass we join with Christ in giving thanks to God and, with Christ, we offer ourselves to God. Every Mass is a celebration of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, that is, the paschal mystery.

The article originally published in LITURGY LINES (16 August 2009) by Elizabeth Harrington.

Thank you from the parish office!

Thank you to everyone who completed a parish census form over the last three weeks. Data from this census will help 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. Forms are still available in the foyer if you were not able to fill one out.



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

Join us in welcoming Fr Greg Bourke and Fr Thinh Nguyen to our Parish!

Fr Michael will be away for at least two weeks as he had surgery. He is doing well.

In his absence, Fr Greg Bourke will be celebrating Mass for the next two weekends, with Fr Thinh Nguyen celebrating Saturday night Vigil Mass on November 11th.

APPLICATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE FOR OUR PARISH'S ST LUKE'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024



for children and young people who do not attend a Catholic School and wish to receive the Sacrament of Penance, Eucharist or Confirmation.

Available online on our Parish Website. Hard copies are available in the Gathering Area of the church.

MELTON ROTARY CHARITY RACE NIGHT SATURDAY 02/12/23

Take part in the Rotary Club of Melton and Harness Racing Victoria 12th annual charity race night to help fund local groups and charities. Enjoy an exciting night of harness racing whilst helping out local community projects.

Tickets \$65 each

6.00PM for a 6.30PM start.

Includes 2 Course meal, race book, raffles, sweeps and auction items.

Dress code: Neat Casual.



Organise a table of 10, or be part of a table of 10. Contact co-ordinator Brendan Richards on 0418 883 550 to book.

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MELTON

Last week St Vincent de Paul Society Melton received a generous donation of food supplies from the Church of Latter Day Saints that will go to those in need in our community.



Christmas Tree Hampers

Collection for Christmas Hampers continues this week—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 item 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!



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	Filipino Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, Elaine Neely, John Woof			

32 nd Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday, November 11 & 12, 2023		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Margaret Richards	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Jennifer Peters	Janet Estradra	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Daniel Walters	Anne Stokie	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Janet Estradra	Corrie Family
Holy Communion	Bill McGuinness	Maureen Mohr	Bruna Tomassi	Brian Dean
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Liz Coustley	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Filipino Choir	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			



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VISIT OF HIS EXCELLENCY MOST REV PAUL GALLAGHER

Secretary for the Relations with States and International Organisations, Secretariat of State, Holy See

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Vatican, Archbishop Comensoli is pleased to welcome His Excellency Most Rev Paul Gallagher and the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia – His Excellency Most Rev Charles Balvo to Melbourne.

Archbishops Comensoli, Gallagher and Balvo, together with clergy of the Archdiocese, will celebrate **Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Thursday 9 November, 5.30pm.** All are welcome to attend.

PROCLAIM 2023: NOVEMBER 16-18

Over three days 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 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

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 VIC 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



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.

LAUNCH OF SMART CLASSROOMS AT ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

ST FRANCIS Catholic College launched **Lumination Lab** last week – one of the first state-of-the-art smart classrooms in Melbourne. The lab offers immersive learning for students with a next-generation technology experience.

Fr Michael was the first to try on the goggles and decided to visit the Vatican and check out the beauty of the Sistine Chapel. A lot cheaper than an airfare to Italy!



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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