



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

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — Year A | 15 October 2023

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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

- 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

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.

Gospel Focus

'How did you get in here?'



"The servants collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding filled with guests."

Matthew 22:10

IN LIGHT of the inclusive kingdom metaphor in this passage, the final portion of the gospel may be a bit troubling to readers.

When a guest is not wearing a wedding garment he is cast out of the banquet. We might say that being invited at the last minute the guest was unable to find suitable clothing.

It is a sign that although he has been an unlikely inclusion

in the banquet, he has not made any effort to respond to the generosity of the king and take up one of the cloaks that would have been provided and thus give due honour to his host.

This is symbolic of those who refuse to change their ways and do not live as followers of Jesus even when they have been included in the kingdom.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.*

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Is 25:6-10; Ps 22 (23); Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-10

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 95(96); 1 Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

'May they prosper who love you.'

— PSALM 122:6

Notice to Parishioners

Morning Mass on Wednesdays will now be at
9.15am at St Dominic's Church moving forward
and NOT at St Catherine's.



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



WHY WE DO THINGS IN THE MASS

Arranging Priest, Assembly & Spaces

IT is surprising that fifty years after the Second Vatican Council, some people are advocating that the priest once again turn his back on the people during the celebration of Mass. They argue that when the priest faces the he becomes a 'performer' before an audience.

To open up the issue of the arrangement of priest and assembly, we need to go to first principles and begin with the question, 'who celebrates the liturgy?' The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1136) answers simply and directly, Liturgy is an 'action' of the whole Christ.

As the work of Christ, the liturgy is an action of the Church. This is explained more fully by the Vatican Council: Christ is always present in his Church, especially in its liturgical celebrations... In the liturgy, the whole public worship is performed by the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the Head and his members.

Therefore the liturgy is not celebrated by the priest or bishop with the people present as spectators. The whole assembly of the people constitutes the Church and celebrates the liturgy under the headship of the ordained minister. It is at this deep level that the Vatican Council speaks of the full, conscious, and active participation by all the people as the aim to be considered before all else in the reform and promotion of the liturgy (SC 14).

Unfortunately the architecture of many of our churches fails to support such corporate, communal action. The question that needs to be asked is 'What kind of space and what arrangement of space will express the reality that the liturgy is celebrated by the Body of Christ, the Church?'

A liturgical space which reflects the theology of the liturgy will seek to gather the assembly around the altar. Looking across the altar, people can see one another, reminding them that liturgical prayer is the communal prayer of the Church.



The article was originally published in **LITURGY LINES** (16 September 2016) by Elizabeth Harrington.

PARISH CENSUS

OVER the next three weeks, 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!

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Fr Michael will be administering the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick during weekend Masses in November.

Saturday	Nov 4	6:00 pm
Sunday	Nov 5	9:00 am
Sunday	Nov 12	11:00 am & 5:00 pm

WHO MAY BE ANOINTED

Baptized members of the Christian faithful who have reached the age of reason and who begin to be in danger due to sickness or old age may receive the sacrament of anointing. Participation in the rites is encouraged broadly. For example:



- The elderly who are weakened, even though no notable illness is present, may choose to participate in the ritual.
- Those who face surgery due to serious illness.
- Those who suffer serious mental illness.

Of course, a liturgical space needs to provide for the assembly an opening to the transcendent, but this does not demand a longitudinal axis. The decoration (for example, stained glass windows of the saints) can make it clear that the earthly community celebrates in union with the heavenly choirs.

The liturgical space needs to represent the particular role of the ordained minister without compromising the unity of the whole priestly people. The space in the church for the liturgical assembly places people together as 'doers' of the liturgy but is not an undifferentiated space.

The general arrangement of the sacred building must be such that in some way it conveys the image of the assembled congregation... Even though all these elements must express the hierarchical structure and the diversity of functions, they should nevertheless bring about a close and coherent unity that is clearly expressive of the unity of the entire holy people (GIRM 294).

Shaping an adequate space for the Church's worship will always challenge communities and their architects, and demand both creativity and faith. There is no perfect solution.



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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



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



CANDIDATES from St Dominic's School, St Catherine's School and St Luke's Sacramental Program have prepared and received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation completes Baptism. It represents a personal commitment to grow in the knowledge, love and practice of our faith.

We pray to God for these candidates, that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them to confirm them with his abundant gifts, and through his anointing conform them more fully to Christ.

LITURGY ROSTER

THE next Liturgy Roster (for November, December and January) will be put together shortly.

If you are currently on the roster and will be away sometime during these months, or have work commitments, please email Liz: cs0.melton@gmail.com and let me know when you are unavailable.

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.

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

CONFIRMATION PRACTICE

Students from the Parish's St Luke's Sacramental Program were confirmed over the weekend.

Eliza Corrie, Amy Azzopardi and Lyla Phelan asked Fr Michael for a selfie at their practice on the previous Thursday evening and gifted it to him on Sunday.



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.

28 th Sunday Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday October 14 & 15, 2023	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Asther Creo	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Jennifer Peters	Kate Swan	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tania Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Corrie Family
Holy Communion	Bill McGuinness	Theo Franken	Bruna Tomassi	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator		Sanyata Creo	Liz Coustley	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Veronica Milburn	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir		Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Family Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			

29 th Sunday Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday October 21&22, 2023	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Graham Dempsey	Liza Fernandez	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Alzira Mascarenhas	Janet Estradra	Josephine Krajina
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Chelsea Amato	Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	Robert Obtinalla	Sanyata Creo	Theo Baleebanga	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy Choir	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			



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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



Check out the new gifts available for purchase in the Piety Stall in the Gathering Area. Please note that purchases are cash only.

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.melbocatholic.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.

eSAFETY

Celebrating Children's safety during Children's Week

Children's Week is happening from 21 to 29 October 2023, here are some resources to help bring play to online safety conversations:

Read – Online safety picture book and song. <https://tinyurl.com/esafetybooksong>

Do – Story puzzles with Swoosh and Glide. <https://tinyurl.com/esafetystorypuzzles>

Play – Activities to introduce basic online safety concepts. <https://tinyurl.com/esafetybasics>

Free webinar: Wellbeing and Digital Technologies

Designed for parents and carers of secondary school students, register at <https://tinyurl.com/esafetywebinars> to learn how games, apps and social media can influence young people's wellbeing, including topics:

- the latest research on young people & time online
- steps to take if your child is exposed to distressing or harmful content
- the strategies young people can use to support friends online.



Grandparents in the digital world

With grandparents often watching, sharing and playing with them on devices while providing care to young people, eSafety's online safety guide for grandparents provides advice and practical tips about online safety issues affecting young people. Read the guide here: <https://tinyurl.com/grandparentsafetyguide>

Human Rights [Children Born Alive Protection] Bill 2023

At the March for the Babies rally there was a request to sign an online petition to support Australian Federal Senator Matt Canavan's Human Rights [Children Born Alive Protection] Bill 2023 which will be put to Federal Parliament shortly for their consideration. This bill is aiming to protect babies born alive after a failed abortion and provide basic potentially life saving treatment. If the above Bill could become law it would add to the recent Queensland state law concerning this issue and perhaps be a start to roll back all the other anti-life legislation in other states in the country.

If you would like to sign the petition, please go to: www.drjoannahowe.com/birthequality.

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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