



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

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year A | 3 September 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

- 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

Have you got what it takes?

For some people,
to be a Christian
is a 'soft option'
– they see being
Christian as being a
bit 'fluffy'.

This week's
gospel is a reminder
of the real challenge
of being a Christian.
Jesus reminds us that
to be one of his
followers we must be
prepared to pick up
our cross – whatever
our particular cross
might be – and still follow his example.

To be a Christian means that we don't fall in a heap when
difficulty comes our way; we take up the burden – our cross – and
continue to look forward with hope. To live like Jesus is no easy
option.

"Whoever wishes
to come after
me must deny
himself, take up
his cross, and
follow me."

Matthew 16:24



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation
he has entrusted to us.*

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Jer 20:7-9; Ps 62; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Ez 33:7-9; Ps 94; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Recently Deceased: Margaret Cassar



Parish Stewardship Update

July Pledge: \$7,057.70

Actual: \$5,390.81



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Did You Know?

WHY WE DO THINGS IN THE MASS

A time to keep silence and a time to speak (Eccl 3:7)



In recent days, I have heard expressions of concern about two related issues – the disturbing noise level in some churches before and after Mass and the absence of the opportunity for personal prayer during Communion.

With regards to people talking in church before and after Mass, it is important to keep in mind that the church building serves a variety of functions. The main body of the church, the worship space, is where key celebrations of the community such as Mass take place while other spaces are used for reconciliation, baptism, private devotions, and so on.

Conflict arises when one area has to serve several functions, as happens when there are not separate spaces for gathering and private prayer within a church building. Where that is the case, understanding and tolerance are called for on all sides.

Hospitality and interaction as we gather for Mass help build a sense of community and an understanding that we worship as the Body of Christ. On the other hand, all members of the assembly need to respect the fact that the

church is not simply a meeting hall but a sacred space for celebrating the rites of the Church.

Strategies for encouraging people to keep noise levels to a minimum immediately before and after Mass include placing notices in the parish bulletin requesting everyone to respect those who are praying in the church and announcing before Mass begins that the next few minutes will be spent in silent preparation for the liturgy. Parishes might even consider asking those who arrive during this period to wait until the entrance hymn begins before taking their seats.

What about singing and silence during the Communion Rite? According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, the communion song begins while the priest is receiving the Sacrament, and continues for as long as the Sacrament is being administered to the faithful (# 86). We sing as we process to the table because the distribution and reception of Holy Communion is a communal, not an individual, act.

The time for individual quiet reflection is after the Communion procession. The period of silence that follows Communion is intended for people “to praise and pray to God in their hearts” (General Instruction # 45). Too often this time is taken up by a communion hymn or a so-called ‘thanksgiving hymn’.

This silence must be respected by everyone – collectors, special ministers, musicians included - and modelled by the presider and others on the sanctuary. Again it might help, especially if the practice is new, to inform the assembly that a time of silence will be observed after Communion and to suggest that it be used for giving thanks to God and asking for the strength to be Christ in our world of family, work and community in the days ahead.

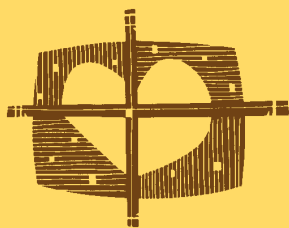
*The article was originally written by Elizabeth Harrington, published in **Liturgy Lines** on 8 June 2017*

The Perspective of Justice

My Ways Are Not Your Ways

by Gerald Darring

Peter knew that Jesus was the messiah awaited by God’s people, but he did not understand that Jesus would be a suffering messiah.



God forbid that any such thing ever happen to you!

But it did happen to Jesus, and it happens to those who follow him: “If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self (and) take up his cross.”

Jeremiah had foretold the

suffering of those who work for the coming of the kingdom: “All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me ... The word of the Lord has brought me derision and reproach all the day.”

It is not easy, this business of following Christ.

You work for peace, and people accuse you of being unpatriotic. You stand up for the poor, and people write you off as a naive dreamer. You work for nonviolent change, like Martin Luther King, or Ita Ford, or Archbishop Oscar Romero, and they shoot you. Meanwhile, you calmly go about your life, praying that God *fill our hearts with love and increase our faith*.

“Do not conform yourselves to this age,” Paul wrote to the Romans. We pay a price for such an approach, but we do so willingly because of our faith in the “promise of salvation.”



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Background For 2023 Fathers' Day Appeal

- Some 50 years ago with the introduction of the 'new' canon law, Archbishop Knox introduced the practice of priests retiring at age 75. Until then, priests literally 'died with their boots on' because an elderly diocesan priest had nowhere to live, apart from his presbytery.
- In 1990 Archbishop Little established the Priests Retirement Fund with the motto 'caring for those who cared'.
- Priests are not employees of the Archdiocese or the Parish so they are not eligible for Superannuation.
- Like everyone else in the workplace, priests provide for their retirement by contributing 12.5% of the weekly presbytery collection to the Foundation.



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

THIS WEEKEND - FATHERS' DAY APPEAL PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

This weekend, Fathers' Day, there will be a special leaving collection for the Priests Retirement Fund. You can also donate using the envelopes available in the Gathering Area for direct posting to the Appeal Foundation, or electronically by logging on to: www.melbournecatholic.org.au/foundation and make your donation through PayPal.

Thank you for your generous support of the Retired Priests.

- Last financial year the Foundation spent \$4.7 million 'caring for those who cared' - our retired and sick priests by providing suitable accommodation, medical assistance and a comfortable standard of living.

For your information:

- Priests generally retire at 75 according to Canon (Church) Law
- 95 Melbourne priests are currently retired
- They have ministered in most Melbourne Parishes
- 10 retired priests are aged in their 90s
- 48 retired priests are aged in their 80s
- 27 retired priests are aged between 75 - 80
- The Retirement Foundation meets their needs. Most have served 50 years in parish ministry before retiring
- They are grateful for your support now and in the future
- There will be an average of 6-8 retirements per year
- Donations of 42 or more are tax deductible
- Receipts are issued early July, 2024, for donations of \$5 or more.



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

22 nd Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday September 2 & 3, 2023		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Asther Creo	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Sanghaya Creo	Kate Swan	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tania Walters	Karl Metha	Janet Estrada	Michael Higgins
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Theo Franken	Bruna Tomassi	Corrie Family
Holy Communion	Bill McGuinness	Maureen Mohr	Liz Coustley	Brian Dean
PowerPoint Operator		Sanyata Creo	Chelsea Amato	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Veronica Milburn	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy Choir	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Family Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			

23 rd Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday September 9 & 10, 2023		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Graham Dempsey	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Lawrence Camenzuli	Cira Cleary	Josephine Krajina
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Bruna Tomassi	Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Asther Creo	Bruna Tomassi	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	Tania Walters	Sanyata Creo	Adela Marinjira	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Maureen Mohr	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
Choir		Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, Elaine Neely, John Woof			



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NAPCAN PREVENT CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT
www.napcan.org.au

Starting first Sunday in September

The Parish of Melton and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to build and support safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 10, 2023



Offer Extended for a Limited Time

5.55% p.a.

12-month term investment with CDF Community Fund

By opening an account with CDF Community Fund, you are saving for a greater reward than money alone. Help build classrooms for students, churches for growing communities, hospital wings for the sick, aged care homes for the elderly and social service facilities for the most vulnerable.

It's a way to save while doing good.

Call 1800 134 135
or visit catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer
to open an account and for disclosure details, or scan the QR code.



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

We are sad to share the news that Margaret Cassar, previously our Parish Secretary for five years, passed away last weekend.

Our prayers and thoughts are with Margaret's family at this difficult time.



**JESUS SAID TO HER,
"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE.
THE ONE WHO BELIEVES IN ME WILL LIVE,
EVEN THOUGH THEY DIE.**

JOHN 11:25

Margaret, may the angels lead you into paradise.
Margaret, may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.

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.



Leaving Collections raised:

- For St Vincent de Paul - \$895
- For Catholic Care - \$197.35

Thank you for your support.

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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