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

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — Year A | 19 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 until 1st December 2023.

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

Different View

'To everyone who has will be given more'

THE PARABLE of the talents is sometimes misused to validate an overemphasis on material wealth in many Western societies. There can be an attitude that says 'more is better'; that possessions are a sign of success.

Such advocates point to the favour bestowed on the servants who doubled their money and the punishment dealt to the lazy servant who simply returned to his master what he was given.

Proponents of the increasingly popular 'gospel of prosperity' hold that God wants Christians to be materially and financially rich and that their wealth is proof of God's love. This stands in stark contrast to Jesus' vision of the Kingdom.



"Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater."

Matthew 25:23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.*

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 127 (128);

1 Thess 5:1-16; Mt 25:25-30

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Ezek 34:11-12, 15-1; Ps 22 (23); 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Prayer Requests

Pray for the sick: Antoinette Gatt

Recently deceased: Allan Johnson, Mulivai Tovio & Raphael D'Costa

NOTICE TO PARISHIONERS

Morning weekday Masses will not be on for another
two weeks until December 1st.



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



WHY WE DO THINGS IN THE MASS

Did You Know?

Liturgy of the Eucharist: The Preface

AFTER the procession and preparation of gifts comes the centre and summit of the entire celebration - the Eucharistic Prayer. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal explains that in the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest associates the people with himself in the prayer that he addresses in the name of the entire community to God the Father through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit, and the entire congregation of the faithful joins with Christ in confessing the great deeds of God and in the offering of Sacrifice. (GIRM #78)

The first part of the Eucharistic Prayer is called the Preface. I suspect that most people seldom bother to read the Preface of a book but skip over it to begin at Chapter One. We often do the same with the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass because we get distracted or our thoughts wander and the Preface is over before we're aware of it.

This is unfortunate because it is an integral part of the Eucharistic Prayer. Anyone wanting to understand the purpose of liturgical seasons and feasts could do no better than to listen carefully to the Prefaces that are used on these occasions.

In the introductory dialogue between the presider and the assembly that follows the Prayer over the Offerings, the priest says "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God" and the people respond "It is right and just".

Almost every Preface picks up the phrase 'right and just' and begins: "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God." This makes it clear that the Eucharistic Prayer is prayed by the entire assembly, not just the presider.

A common 'theme' of all Prefaces is thanksgiving, expressing gratitude for the whole work of salvation or for some special aspect of it. The Preface concludes with the 'Holy, Holy', the text of which comes entirely from scripture:

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest."

The Roman Missal contains over 90 prefaces for feasts, seasons, votive Masses and special occasions. There are guidelines to follow in deciding which Preface is to be used for a particular Mass. Sometimes – usually for feasts and seasons – a proper preface is set down for the day.

On these days, Eucharistic Prayer IV cannot be used because it has a fixed preface that can never be replaced by another. Eucharistic Prayer II also has a proper preface but another may be substituted. Eucharistic Prayers I and III do not have a fixed preface and one is chosen for the feast, season or celebration.

The Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs and Occasions and the Eucharistic Prayers for Masses of Reconciliation have their own prefaces so are not suitable when a proper preface is set down for the day.

The article originally published in LITURGY LINES (28 Sept 2017) by Elizabeth Harrington.

November: The Month of Remembrance

This month is dedicated to the Holy Souls where we remember and pray for all the 'great cloud of witnesses around us' (Heb 12:1), who are also praying for us on this journey.

Parishioners are invited to write the names of relatives and friends who have died in the last year on their death anniversary in the parish Bereavement Book located near the baptismal font.



ST. ANUARITE CHOIR INVITES
TO CELEBRATE THE MASS OF
CHRIST THE KING

AT ST. CATHERINE
OF SIENA

NOVEMBER

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SUNDAY

AT 1PM

2023

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR

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CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES

DECEMBER **15-23** 8-9PM

St Catherine of Siena Church, Melton West

Enjoy some supper afterwards!



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

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:

eso.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.

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



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.

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



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

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.

Rotary



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

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!



33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday, November 18 & 19, 2023

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuiness	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Regina Traczynski	Cira Cleary	Michael Higgins
Responder	Tania Walters	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa -Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Mario Cassar	Bruna Tomassi	Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Sally Grero	Vickie Cassar	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator		Sanyata Creo	Adela Marinjira	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy Choir	Samoan Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

Saturday & Sunday November 25 & 26, 2023

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Asther Creo	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Alzira Mascarenhas	Janet Estradra	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken	Cira Cleary	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Bruna Tomassi	
Holy Communion	Sally Grero	Anne Stokie	Bruna Tomassi	Ismael Sosa -Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Liz Coustley	
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir		Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			



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Prime Timers Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 28th November at 12pm

Stoney's
59 Grant St, Bacchus Marsh

Feel free to wear something festive!

RSVP by Friday 24th November to confirm booking numbers. Enquiries Ineke 0400120401 or ineke49@yahoo.com



Global Gifts Christmas cards are a great way to spread joy and hope this Christmas season and to make a life-changing impact.

www.globalgifts.org.au

Give a gift card that represents a donation



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



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PREVIOUS BULLETINS



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.



BULMANS ROAD UPGRADE PROJECT

As part of the upgrade of Bulmans Road, the southbound lane between

Sovereign Boulevard and Piccolotto Drive, heading to High St, will be closed to all traffic until the end of January as part of Stage 1A works by Melton Council.

You can travel from High Street along Bulmans Road to enter St Catherine's Church as usual but will need to detour via Sovereign Blvd or West Melton Dve if you need to return to High Street.

If you approach the Church from the north, you will be detoured at Sovereign Boulevard as Bulmans Road will be closed to traffic in this direction from this point.

Please see the Staging Plan for 1A works area and traffic flows in the Gathering Space for details or the website <https://conversations.melton.vic.gov.au/bulmansroad>.

For your safety and that of all pedestrians, construction workers and road users, please ensure you abide by all traffic safety signs as you travel through the area.

St Francis Catholic College and St Catherine's Primary School generate significant traffic volumes along Bulmans Rd that have resulted in safety and congestion concerns. This project will help address these concerns for all users, including pedestrians.

We appreciate your patience during this time!

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.

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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