



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

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B | 11 February 2024

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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 THIS WEEK

St Catherine of Siena Church, Melton West

108 Bulmans Road, Melton West, VIC 3337

- Saturday 6pm (Vigil Mass)
- Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm
- Tuesday 7pm (Ash Wednesday Vigil Mass)
- Wednesday 9.30am (Ash Wednesday Mass, joined by St Catherine's Primary School)
- Thursday 9.00am (joined by St Francis Catholic College)

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

- Wednesday 11.40am (Ash Wednesday Mass in the Parish Hall, joined by St Dominic's Primary School)
- 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: Mr Des Noack

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

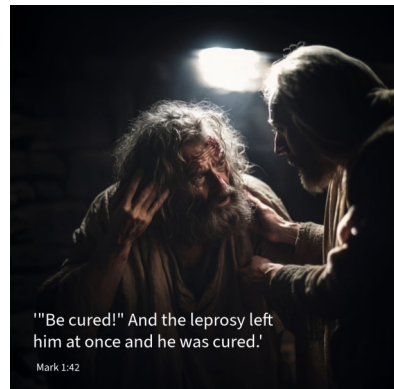
Living the Gospel

Who is Your Leper?

THERE is a story of Francis of Assisi in which he encountered a horribly disfigured leper.

Initially, Francis was repulsed by the man but remembered that this man too was a child of God and made in the image and likeness of God. Overcoming his fears, Francis ran forward and embraced the man. Rather than seeing the disease, Francis saw the person.

We can ask the question, Who is your leper? Who is the person in your life that you need to embrace rather than reject? Who would benefit from you viewing them with different eyes? Soft eyes! Eyes of compassion!



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.*

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 31 (32); 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Gen 9:8-15; Ps 24 (25); 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Prayer Requests

Recently deceased: Carlos Alberto Lobo and Mary Bradley

2024 ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

- 7.00pm Vigil Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church (Tuesday February 13th)
- 9.30am at St Catherine of Siena Church (February 14th) (joined by St Catherine of Siena Primary School)
- 11.40am at St Dominic's Parish Hall (February 14th) (joined by St Dominic's Primary School)



Thank You

Parish Stewardship Update

January Pledged: \$6,811.01

Actual: \$4,865.49



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



WHY WE DO THINGS IN THE MASS

Ash Wednesday

WEDNESDAY this week is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Church's 40-day season of Lent and of our annual journey to Easter with other Christians and with those who will be initiated into the Church at the Easter ceremonies.

Ash Wednesday is perhaps the one weekday other than Christmas when Catholics go to church in good numbers. Being marked with ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance is still important in Catholic liturgical spirituality.

The sacramentary states that the giving of ashes is not to be done apart from a service of the word. The context of scripture avoids the risk of conveying the impression that the sacraments and sacramentals of the church themselves are holy things that 'give grace' automatically without regard for the personal responsibility of being open to the presence of Christ in the scriptures and rituals of the day.

The readings for Ash Wednesday call all followers of Christ to undertake the discipline of Lent in a spirit of dependence on the Lord mindful of the grace that this season brings – 'This great season of grace is your gift to your family to renew us in spirit'. (Preface of Lent II)

The gospel teaching to do our Lenten works in secret warns against a spiritual pride that can destroy the good that we intend to do.

After the readings and homily, the ashes are blessed and sprinkled with holy water.

The faithful come forward to be signed with the ashes in the form of a cross. The ritual incorporates three symbols: the ashes, sign of death and repentance; the cross, the paradox of life through death; the water, reminder of our baptism into Christ.

These three together signify our willingness to embrace a way of life that will lead to Easter glory, to which we are committed through



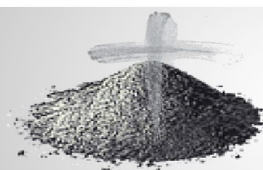
our baptism, and which demands dying to ourselves over and over again in order to live more deeply the new life offered by Christ.

Two forms of words are provided for the giving of the ashes: the old formula 'Remember you are dust...' and 'Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel'. The first is a clear reminder of our mortality; the second an unambiguous call to conversion and gospel living. The latter form is more likely to resonate with today's spirituality. It also resonates with the challenge to pattern one's life on the model of the gospel that is central to the catechumenate.

Following the giving of the ashes, the rite concludes with the general intercessions. The sample intercessions for Lent given in the appendix of the sacramentary are a good choice.

The text of the prayer over the gifts on Ash Wednesday brings together the works of Lent, the celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ the Lord, the cleansing from sin and the renewal of spirit. Relating Lent to Easter is an important element of the entire Lenten observance.

A prayerful Ash Wednesday observance goes a long way in helping believers to enter the season in the spirit of the church's Lenten observance. The communal prayer experience, the ritual of the ashes, the familiar Lenten readings and hymns provide the context out of which the journey of renewal and continuing conversion proceeds.



ASH WEDNESDAY
Behold, now is a very acceptable time;
behold, now is the day of salvation
2 Corinthians 6:2

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ASH WEDNESDAY

LENT BEGINS

WHAT IS LENT?

The 40-day period from Ash Wednesday and before Easter Sunday. It is marked by prayer, fasting, abstinence, and other acts of penance.



WHAT IS FASTING?



One meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal.

DAYS OF FAST?

Ash Wednesday

Good Friday

WHO ARE REQUIRED?

Catholics from age
< 18 to 59 >



The sick and expectant mothers are excused from fasting.

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?



Abstinence is refraining from eating meat. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE?

Ash Wednesday

All Fridays of Lent

Good Friday

WHO ARE REQUIRED?

Mandatory for everyone



older than 14 years old

The article originally published in **LITURGY LINES** (06 February 2005)
by Elizabeth Harrington

DAILY MASS UPDATES

Our schools will be joining us for several weekday Masses throughout the year. Some weekday Masses will be at St Catherine of Siena Church or St Dominic's Parish Hall so please keep an eye on the Tidings and our website for any changes to the schedule. **Morning Mass is at 9.30am on Wednesday February 14th and 9am on Thursday February 15th—both masses will be at St Catherine of Siena Church (NOT St Dominic's).**

THE LENTEN SEASON APPROACHES

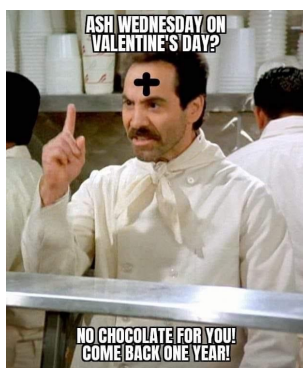
This coming Wednesday February 14th, apart from being St Valentine's Feast Day, is also Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent — a season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving that concludes at sundown on Holy Thursday.

Although penance is a calling of every Catholic throughout his or her life, Lent is a season specially marked out for the Church to be 'united among themselves by common observance' of it (Code of Canon Law, §1249) — a way of growing in the faith together.

Penance is about turning ourselves back to God when we might have turned away. As a penitential season, Lent is the time for us to experience true conversion and repentance.

This conversion, however, is primarily the work of grace, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (§1432). Lent should not be approached simply as a season of self-denial, then, but welcomed as a season of grace, in which our hearts can be softened.

Source: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/lent-a-guide-for-the-perplexed>



PLEASE RING THE MASS MANAGERS IF UNABLE TO ATTEND:

6 pm	Tania Walters	0492 952 478
9 am	Theo Franken	0411 040 897
11am	Bruna Tomassi	9743 0341
5 pm	Josephine Krajina	0407 042 133



Term 1, 2024

eSafety parent and carer webinars

The following live webinars give parents and carers the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe online experiences.

ESAFETY 101: HOW ESAFETY CAN HELP

This webinar provides an overview of the eSafety Commissioner, and supporting programs and resources for parents and carers, children and young people. It's suitable for parents and carers of children and young people in primary and secondary school.

22 February: 12:30 pm & 20 March: 12:30 pm

UNDERSTANDING PARENTAL CONTROLS TO SAFEGUARD YOUR CHILD

This webinar provides an overview of different types of parental controls and how to set them on smart devices and computers, in apps and on gaming platforms for your child's safety. It's suitable for parents and carers of children and young people in primary school.

20 February: 12:30 pm & 14 March: 12:30 pm

ONLINE SAFETY AND SOCIAL MEDIA: TIKTOK, YOUTUBE AND INSTAGRAM

This webinar provides an overview of managing different functions of social media, including chat and privacy settings, as well as positive conversations about social media use, managing content and reporting negative online experiences. It's suitable for parents and carers of children and young people in primary and early secondary school.

29 February: 12:30 pm & 26 March: 12:30 pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER NOW:

[eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)



THE NEW LITURGY ROSTER HAS BEEN EMAILED TO ALL VOLUNTEERS - COPIES AVAILABLE IN THE LAY SACRISTY

6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday February 10 & 11, 2024		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Asther Creo	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Daniel Walters	Anne Stokie	Liza Fernandez	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Cira Cleary	Brian Dean
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Maureen Mohr	Bruna Tomassi	Michael Higgins: Mass Manager
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Theo Balebanga	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Filipino Choir	Himig Pilipino Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			
1st Sunday of Lent		Saturday & Sunday February, 17 & 18, 2024		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Graham Dempsey	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Sanghaya Creo	Cira Cleary	Michael Higgins
Responder	Daniel Walters	Cira Cleary	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Bruna Tomassi	Brain Dean
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa -Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator		Sanyata Creo		Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Help Needed	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			



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THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

Dear Parishioners,
Next weekend, we will commence our Offertory Giving Campaign in our parish community, which will run over the next three weeks. Please pray for our community as we enter into this time of discernment. Our offering is a powerful witness and a personal prayer. You are encouraged to engage prayerfully with the content presented and provided over this time and we look forward to growing and going deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- We are needing help with picking up 6 wooden seats with kneelers attached to go in the Adoration Chapel. They are located at St Benedict's Church in Burwood. If you have the time, energy and/or vehicle to assist please contact the Parish Office.
- We are looking for volunteers for Wednesday & Friday mornings to help the team with the Breakfast Program at St Dominic's Primary School. Start 7.30 am finish around 8.45 with duties including making toast and serving the children. Need to have current Working with children check. Please contact Maureen on 0437463449 for further details.

TAP & GIVE SMART TERMINAL NOW AVAILABLE

We now have a Smart Terminal located at the front desk as you enter and leave that will allow you to tap & give with your debit/credit card or phone to support the work of the 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.



Order of Malta Australia
In collaboration with
Mercy Palliative Care

VOLUNTEERING TO HELP WITH MERCY PALLIATIVE CARE

A meeting of willing parishioners will be held at **7.30pm on Tuesday February 13th 2024** at St Catherine of Siena Church to learn about the **Order of Malta-Mercy Palliative Care volunteering program**. **Jim Creamer, Mercy Volunteer Coordinator**, will discuss the range of roles, training and supervision that is possible for parish groups. Learn more about how to help the sick with respite support, accompaniment, biography and legacy activities, communion for the sick and bereavement support. All welcome!



Mercy Health
Care first

BAPTISM INFORMATION EVENING

The next Baptism Information Evening will be held on

baptism



Wednesday, February 14

at 7.30 pm

at St Catherine of Siena Church

Prime Timers

Our February outing will be on Tuesday 27th February at the Deer Park Club (780 Ballarat Rd)

Seniors menu available. We will meet at the OLD Bunnings car park at 11.30am. If you require a lift, that can be arranged. Hope to see you there!

Enquiries: Ineke 0400120401 or ineke49@yahoo.com

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Meetings of the Melton Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society are held at the Parish Meeting Room (next to the St Dominic's Presbytery) every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Visitors are welcome!



HOME VISITATION & BLESSING REQUESTS

For Home Visitation & Blessing requests, please speak to Deacon Chris safter 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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