

13TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

# The Tidings

28TH JUNE 2020



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The Parish Office is not open Weekends or  
Public Holidays

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:**

Please contact the Parish Office.

**PARISH OF MELTON  
SERVING THE AREAS OF:**

Melton, Melton West, Aintree, Boonie Brook,  
Harkness, Grangefields, Kurunjang, Plumpton,  
Rockbank, & Toolern Vale

**MASS TIMES**

**St Catherine of Siena Church**

**108 Bulmans Road, Melton West**

All Masses have been suspended due to  
the COVID-19 measures.

**St Dominic's Church**

**Church Street, Melton**

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## A MESSAGE FROM FR. MICHAEL

Welcome back to The Tidings! We apologise for the sudden break in transmission as we endeavoured to keep afloat with the many changes we have been experiencing at this time. So much has happened in the past 3 weeks, I am not sure where to start...Perhaps it would be a good time to update you all on the changes to the current COVID-19 restrictions and how these changes affect our community.

As of **22 June 2020**, the following directives have been given by the Victorian State Government and the Archdiocese of Melbourne for places of worship -

- **Only 20 people** will be able to be present at any one time for private devotion. Social distancing will be observed. ***The Melton Parish weekly private devotion session is held at St Catherine of Siena Church on Sunday between 10am - 12pm. Contact details are taken as per the Melbourne Archdiocese directive.***
- Sanitisation will be available at the Church and regular cleaning will also be performed.
- All other ceremonies are by arrangement only. Numbers are capped as per Government guidelines.

We have decided to continue with online Masses, at least for the foreseeable future. This has given our community an opportunity to spend time with God in a meaningful way. It is said that the Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life and by setting aside this sacred time, it has given so many an opportunity to share this important part of Christian life in the privacy and safety of their own home.

We are accepting Baptisms once more. If you or a friend /family member would like to book in a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office during business hours. With the restrictions, we are extending the times and also the days for Baptisms. Baptism will be available in July on both Saturday and Sunday. We will be publishing a full revised timetable for 2020 on Tuesday 30 June—so keep an eye on the new revamped website!

### Remember to stay connected to the Parish through

- **Our Website** | [www.pol.org.au/melton](http://www.pol.org.au/melton)
- **Our Facebook Page** | [www.facebook.com/catholicparishmelton](http://www.facebook.com/catholicparishmelton)
- **Our YouTube Channel: PARISH MELTON** | <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC51NP-Z4aSc43NtsZo9kN2A>

Stay Safe and Stay Connected to each other and your Parish: we miss you! — *Fr Michael Moody*

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## RECENTLY DECEASED:

Emily Kay, Angela (Vicki) Woodruff, Warren Walit, Juana Delia Rosic, Machar Kot .

## ANNIVERSARIES:

27th June – 3rd July 2020

Anne Dalziel, Michael Dalziel, Grazio Psaila, Raymond Mercieca, Walter Foster, Alexander Attard, Spiro Sultana, Jo Franken, Veronica Jones, Frank Krajina, Maximus Perera, Midry Resuello, Anastazia Sliwa, Frank Robbins, Freda Vella, Anthony Enriquez, Ingrid Shockman, Frank Richards, Sam Wilson, Gina Toth, Dean Stephens, Michael Lane, Paris Walker, Chantale Soobrydoo, Denzil Tallent, Deng Ring Chan, Santino Wur, Kuche Deng, Bol Mayom, Emily Debono, Anthony Caruana, Phil Walsh, Doris Zerafa, Frank P Kosik Snr, Laurina Murphy, Angelo Pace, Alan Watson.

**THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC? YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AN ENQUIRY MEETING ON TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST 2020.**

*Due to the Corona virus crisis this will be a Zoom meeting.*

The Catholic Church welcomes those who are searching for God and for spiritual meaning in their lives. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process by which adults are welcomed into the Catholic Church. Contact Fr Michael Moody, Parish of Melton, St Catherine of Siena Church and St Dominic's Church, on 9743 6515.

## ST LUKE'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM—CONFIRMATION

*Due to the Corona virus crisis classes will be done via Zoom.*

There are a couple of places available in our St Luke's Sacramental program for Confirmation this year. The Sacrament will be celebrated in October 2020. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

## WEBSITE HOMEPAGE REVAMP

We have done some work on our webpage home screen. This will hopefully allow people to find what they are searching for in an easy to access manner. Please let us know what you think!



**Vinnies**  
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**Help us support those IMPACTED BY COVID-19**

**TO DONATE**  
GO TO [VINNIES.ORG.AU](http://VINNIES.ORG.AU) OR CALL 13 18 12

Your donation will help keep those hardest hit safe, fed and supported through the pandemic.



## CHANGES TO CRC MELTON YR 7, 2022 APPLICATION DATES.

### Enrolment dates extended

Due to COVID-19, Catholic Education Melbourne have changed Enrolment application dates for Year 7, 2022. Applications are now due on **Friday 9 October 2020.**

Application forms can be returned to the College reception or via email [enrolment@crcmelton.com.au](mailto:enrolment@crcmelton.com.au).

If you return your application via email, you will be contacted regarding the payment of the \$50 enrolment fee when the application is processed

ALL MELTON PARISH APPLICANTS NEED TO SEE FATHER MICHAEL MOODY. TO ARRANGE A TIME PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ON (03) 9743 6515.

APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MAIL OF THE RESULT OF THEIR APPLICATION BY TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2020.

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## WEEKEND MASS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Join the Melton Parish online for Mass during the weekend. Mass is normally posted by 11am on Sunday.



Parish Melton  
1 subscriber

Subscribe to our YouTube channel for the Sunday Reflections & the online celebrations. Simply hit the subscribe button and maybe even give us a like or two!

### HOLY WATER

Holy water available out the front of the Parish Office for parishioners. We ask that you provide your own bottle and decant the water from the dispenser. Please use hand sanitizer beforehand.

### STEWARDSHIP: FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2020

**Weekly Pledged:**

**\$7,753.00**

**Weekly Amount Given:**

**\$4,450.43**

## Loving God,

We place into your care all our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers. Give them courage of heart and strength of mind and body. Keep them safe from harm. May they know our deep gratitude for all they are doing to heal and help those affected by the coronavirus.

God of all consolation may they know your protection and peace. Bless them in these challenging days and bless their families.

AMEN.



## GIVING TO THE MELTON PARISH

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Give online through the new payment portal. You can select a one-off payment or regular payment to either the Presbytery (1st collection) and/or the Parish (2nd Collection). The link is on our website.



Direct Debit

Email the Parish Office or visit our website [pol.org.au/melton] to obtain the form.



Credit Card

Email the Parish Office or visit our website [pol.org.au/melton] to obtain the form.



Envelopes

Place your weekly envelopes in the No Contact drop off box at the Parish Office.



Having trouble or want to change the way you give?

If you have any questions or are having any issues, please contact the parish office on (03) 9743 6515 or email us at melton@cam.org.au

Contact us!

Web | [www.pol.org.au/melton](http://www.pol.org.au/melton)

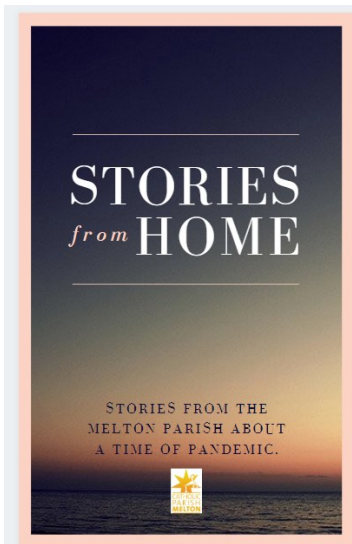
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# Stories from Home

Stories from the Melton Parish about a time of pandemic.

**Good stories capture our imaginations, inspire us to be better, teach us, define us and help us bear witness to our own humanity and those of our neighbors. We weave our stories with other people's stories on a common loom. Let's weave together and see our tapestry.**

Jesus was not only a healer, a teacher and prophet—he was a storyteller. He used his stories to illuminate the minds and souls of those who heard his voice. His voice can still be heard in the written form through the scripture, through the Mass, through the art and music that artists across the world are inspired to create and our very own voices (if we allow it to be).

Pope Francis' 2020 Message for World Day of Social Communication is an inspirational piece about the value and need for our stories to be told. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed how we live in the short term and we are yet to see the changes that will occur in the future.

We would love to hear your story about staying home to stay safe. Some inspiration questions may include:

- What has changed in your outside world?
- What has changed in you?
- What new skills have you been required to learn?
- What have you grown to appreciate?
- What has died in you during this time?
- What time has been given life at this time?
- What has been your biggest challenge?
- What has been your biggest success?
- What do you want to remember from this?
- What lessons will you let live or let die?
- What made you see the humorous side of life
- What made you shed a tear or reevaluate your heart's desire?
- With all that you have learnt and gained and lost—Where do you want to go from here?

We would LOVE to hear your stories and anecdotes to collate into a book. This weekend think of what story you would like to pass on. Perhaps something you want others to know or perhaps your children, your grandchildren or even those who will walk the paths we walk now.

Say a prayer, muster your courage, get planning & write! Your piece does not need to be long—a paragraph or two or three, that is all. If you do complete this task, email it to us at [melton@cam.org.au](mailto:melton@cam.org.au) with your name, your age (if you are game enough) and a note giving us permission to publish your work.

**\*\*\* Submission time extended! \*\*\***

**Submissions close on 31 July 2020. The collection of stories will be published in an e-book on the feast of St Dominic—8 August 2020.**

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# THIS WEEK'S READINGS

## First reading

*A reading from the second book of the Kings*

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**R.** Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel **R.**

## Second reading

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

## Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

