

15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

# The Tidings

12TH JULY 2020



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**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

This week I write to you from the 'HOT ZONE'! During these constant changing times, we have had to not only adapt to the changes presented, but learn a new vocabulary. "HOT ZONE" is this week's new phrase. But we always knew we were hot – didn't we? Isn't that why so many people are moving here to join us? We are so hot, we are Melton!

We have produced a small graphic of the changes for the new announcements on the next page. The most important is that there is **NO PRIVATE DEVOTION AT ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH** on Sundays. We eagerly await the time that we can resume these sessions and more importantly, Mass (with the usual crowds)!

This week we have continued to conduct Catholic Regional College Year 7, 2022 interviews. Instead of meeting in person, we have conducted these online – another first for me! Even with a few technology challenges, it has been worthwhile to at least see and hear those wanting to enroll their child into the college. We hope to do this for the upcoming Prep 2021 interviews at both of our Parish primary schools.

This week's Gospel is about the sower that went out to sow. It speaks of how we see, hear and perceive. It also speaks of the ways we may miss the mark. It is a rich story spoken in a simple parable. But for those that take the time to relate to the message, it also speaks to this time in our 'Hot Zone'. It is a reminder that even during these times, we can still hear God's word, see it in our lives and in those around us. But most of all, we can let God's ways take deep roots in our heart and produce a bountiful harvest. Sow well (from your home) and keep safe.

Until next week ...

*- Fr Michael Moody*

## ANNIVERSARIES:

11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Charlotte Adams, Joseph  
Cassar, Adrian Gaffy,  
Teodisio Sison, Rufina Fidel  
Magtibay, Jim  
Ritchie, Catherine  
Masterson, Mabel Mc Shane,  
Joe Fenech, William Mullins,  
Rita Psaila, Mary Doris Rizzo,  
Godwin Grero, Valentin  
Sepe, Trieu Lunasin,  
Zygmunt Nowak, Dawn  
Freeman, Jean Bugden, Ellen  
Fitzgerald, Gracie Bonnici,  
Ellen Fitzgerald, Ludwick  
Madej, Michael Muscat, Les  
Freney, Margaret  
Whitehand, Rosalia Castro,  
Margaret Dagge, David  
Sweeney, Alan Raymond  
Stowe, Bernie Breney,  
Dennis Drape, Adela  
Taguines, Jennifer Simbulan,  
Sandra Jane Alipud, Bol  
Agear, Stella Rimmer,  
Agostino Inglesi, Elsie  
Perera, Paul Spiteri, John  
Spiteri, Hilda Callanan.

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## NEWS ABOUT THE PLENARY COUNCIL.

The launch of the Plenary Council encouraged 220,000 people to speak out on much needed change in our Church. While not everyone was in agreement, there was a considerable number calling for change in governance, male dominated clericalism, climate change, language in the liturgy to name just 4 areas. 26 Melbourne parishes came together and sent a joint statement to all the bishops and the executive of Catholic religious Australia. The same group of parishes has established a website called "senseofthefaithful.org.au" to facilitate discussions between parishes all over Australia. The current delay of the Plenary Council process for 12 months is both a blessing and a curse. It gives us more time to consider the written material that will be the basis of the Council discussions; however, there is some scepticism the delay will slow the momentum for change. We invite you to sign up to become a subscriber (no cost involved) to the Sense of the Faithful website; and to get involved in the conversations about the need for change in your Church. And so we invite you to add your name as a subscriber at the bottom of the home page of the "senseofthefaithful.org.au" webpage, to receive the regular newsletter. We hope you enjoy it's content and that it inspires you to respond.

## 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.

## 2020 CAR RAFFLE –URGENT

"Because of Corona 19 Virus ,draw date for the prizes has been extended to 26/09/2020 from 06/06/2020.

We now require all sold and unsold books/tickets to be returned to the Presbytery at 10 Unitt Street Melton by 15/07/2020. Tickets, sold and unsold, and cash, to be placed in an envelope and placed in the slot to the right hand side of the front door. Your co-operation in attending to this would be most appreciated as it will reduce follow up telephone calls." Any queries please contact Brendan Richards on [bmrichards@ozemail.com.au](mailto:bmrichards@ozemail.com.au) or 0418 813 550.

# Change to Private Devotion due to COVID-19

**As of 11.59pm Wednesday 08 July 2020 the following will apply for places of worship for 6 weeks, or otherwise directed.**

**\*\* No Private Devotion at St Catherine of Siena Church \*\***

Weddings in a restricted zones will be limited to 5 people (the couple, two witnesses and the celebrant).

Funerals held in a restricted zone will be restricted to 10 people plus those required to conduct the funeral.

Mass will continue to be posted to our YouTube Channel and Facebook Page.

Baptisms will be postponed where possible, unless there is an urgent and grave pastoral need. (Can. 857; 860). Numbers will be limited to 5 people (the child, couple and 2 godparents within the total of 5 limitations) + celebrant.

**Please note - Our Parish falls into a 'HOT ZONE'**

**We are so HOT we are MELTON!**



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# CONNECTING ONLINE

Connect to the Catholic Parish of Melton

Connect with your Parish online in one of the following ways -

## FACEBOOK

facebook.com/  
catholicparishmelton



## WEBSITE

www.pol.org.au/melton



## EMAIL

melton@cam.org.au



## YouTube

Channel name -  
Parish Melton



www.pol.org.au/melton



# GIVING TO THE MELTON PARISH

## CDF pay for Parishes

### CDFPay for Parishes

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!

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# THIS WEEK'S READINGS

## First reading

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**(R.)** The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **(R.)**
2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. **(R.)**
3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **(R.)**
4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **(R.)**

## Second reading

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

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free .

## Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

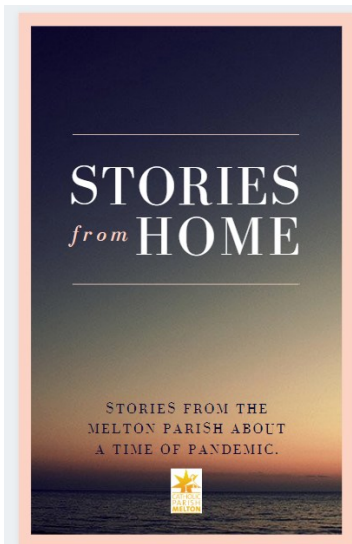
**STEWARDSHIP:  
FOR THE MONTH OF  
MAY 2020  
Weekly Pledged:  
\$7,753.00  
Weekly Amount Given:  
\$4,450.43**

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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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