

# The Tidings

17TH JULY 2022



Celebrating 50 years as a parish 1972-2022

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The Parish Office is not open Weekends or Public Holidays

**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**

Wednesday 9.30am

Saturday 6pm | Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:**

Please contact the Parish Office.

**St Dominic's Church**

**Church Street, Melton**

Thursday & Friday - 9.15am



**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Valda Tarleton, Paolo Borg,  
Norma Girardi.

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

David Sweeney, Alan

Raymond Stowe, Bernie

Breney, Dennis Drape, Adela

Taguines, Jennifer Simbulan,

Sandra Jane Alipud, Bol Agear,

Luxhman Thilakeratne, Stella

Rimmer, Agostino Inglesi,

Elsie Perera, Paul Spiteri, John

Spiteri, Hilda Callanan,

Cassandra Judd, Mary Garvey,

Daisy Riseley, Win Brosnan,

Josephine Sultana, Angela

Frazzetto, Josephine

Schembri, Les Rowbottom,

Alex Rizzo, Czeslaw Knencz,

Marie McKenzie, Fedencio

Ronguillo, Josephine

Schembri, Margaret Toth,

Jean Foley, Doris Grech, Mercy

Knight, Mary Gant, Stella

Britto, Violet Jeffkins, Dennis

Michael, Salvatore Mifsud,

Carmen Camilleri, Anthony

Xerri, Mercy Knight, Anusha

Fernandes.

## INTRODUCTION

‘THE BETTER PART’ Hospitality entails not only serving others but also listening attentively to them. Often, this is the better part. What people need most of all is to be heard and to hear. To grow in the Christian life, we need to combine the good works of Martha with the contemplative attitude of Mary.

## PRAYER AFTER A HARD WEEK

Jesus, I know that when you walked on the earth, you trod upon hard places, you felt the strain of this world and the pressures of mental torment. So I ask that you come beside me now and lead me through this time.

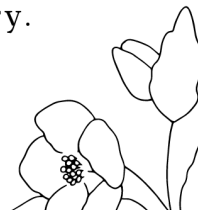
Strengthen me when life makes me weary.

Make me attentive to your voice.

Help me to find peace.

You hold me safe Lord, I trust in you.

Amen



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**BAPTISMS - 2022—BOOK EARLY**

The Parish Office is experiencing a post-COVID increase in Baptism bookings. While we have increased our session times to accommodate, 2022 sessions are filling quickly. If you or a family member are hoping to baptise a child in 2022, we strongly encourage you to book early. The dates for baptism are available from our website or by calling the Parish office during business hours.

**FUNERAL FOR VALDA TARLETON**

The funeral for Valda Tarleton will be held at St Catherine of Siena Church on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 11.30am.

**FUNERAL FOR PAOLO BORG**

A rosary will be recited for the soul of Paolo Borg at St Catherine of Siena Church on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 10.30am. The requiem Mass for Paolo will then commence at 11am. The burial will be held at 1pm at Altona Memorial Park. All those that know Paolo are welcome to the rosary, funeral and burial.

**ADORATION & PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH**

Adoration and prayers are held each Thursday following 9.15am Mass at St Dominic’s Church, Melton. Prayers conclude at 10.30am.

16 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C		SATURDAY 16/7/22 & SUNDAY 17/7/22		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Liza Fernandez	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tania Walters	Lawrence Camenzuli	Stephen Fernandes	Dunia McPhee
Responder	Trish McKenzie	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Josephine Xuereb	Bruna Tomassi	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Bill McGuinness	Richard Kealy	Liz Coustley	Dunia McPhee
PowerPoint Operator	Robert Obtinalla	Sanyata Creo	Costa Balebanga	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Veronica Milburn	Maureen Mohr	Blandina Lim-Clewer	Josephine Krajina
Counters	Leslie Gordon, Elaine Neely, John Woof			

17 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C		SATURDAY 23/7/22 & SUNDAY 24/7/22		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Bill McGuinness	Asther Creo	Lea Jacuta	Dunia McPhee
The Word	Daniel Walters	Regina Traczynski	Kate Swan	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tania Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Janet Estrada	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Dunia McPhee
Holy Communion	Veronica Milburn	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Michael Higgins
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Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			



# Prime Timers July Outing

Venue | Braybrook Hotel, 353 Ballarat Rd. Braybrook.

Date | Tuesday 26th July, 22 at noon.

International Buffet Lunch. Seniors lunch \$24.90.

Theme | Christmas in July.      RSVP | Friday 22nd July

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**STEWARDSHIP: FOR  
THE MONTH OF  
MAY 2022**

**Weekly Pledged:  
\$7,057.37**

**Weekly Amount Given:  
\$5,472.69**

*We acknowledge that Catholic Parishes in the Archdiocese of Melbourne are situated on the lands of the five language groups that make up the Kulin Nations, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge their continued deep spiritual connection and relationship to Country. We pay respects to their Elders past, present & future.*

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*We proclaim a crucified Christ*

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15 July 2022

### **To all of Christ's Faithful in the Archdiocese of Melbourne**

Dear friends in Christ Jesus,

Last week, the second and final Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia took place. A week-long gathering of nearly three hundred faithful – laity, religious, clergy and bishops, it was the culmination of a nation-wide process of listening, discernment and dialogue that began over twenty years ago when the Australian Bishops first considered how to take up the call of St John Paul II to “put out into the deep” (*Novo Millennio Ineunte*). Closer to our own time, our Holy Father Pope Francis has also urged us to live more radically the Christian life of closeness with the Lord, the poor and each other, drawing on his call for a more synodal Church.

The Assembly was the fruit of these many years of prayer, reflection, conversation and consideration which took place in small groups and large, among the diverse members of the Church in Australia. At the Second Assembly, members of the Plenary Council were presented with a summary of this discernment – in the form of eight themes and 37 motions to consider. The process of the Assembly followed a very specific format, involving two forms of voting on motions: a vote taken by consultative members and a deliberative vote by the Bishop-members. Motions were passed after achieving at least a two-thirds majority.

I write these words only a short time after the conclusion of the Assembly. My experiences are still very fresh, and they are still very much centred on the week itself. Nevertheless, I wish to share with you some initial and personal thoughts on the Plenary Council.

The first thing I want to share is that the Assembly was not like a sitting week of the Australian Parliament. Rather, it was a week where the Catholic Church in Australia sought to put aside agendas, to strive for unity of purpose, where a representative group of the Body of Christ grappled to find a shared vision, and where a determined effort was made to speak to the Church in Australia.

A recurring word of Scripture was spoken throughout much of the week: “*Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together.*” (Ephesians 4:3) And a single question was repeatedly posed to the members: *How does this help the Church in Australia to be more missionary and Christ-centred?* While each member will remember certain things heard during the week, these common words, perhaps more than any others, were the collective words we all grappled with, and by which we were shaped. May they shape us all!

Perhaps you have heard of news from within the Assembly of what occurred on the third day. This was when the motions around the theme on witnessing to the equal dignity of women and men did not initially reach a two-third's majority. The reasons for this were manifold, but it is fair to say that it was a moment of serious and confronting contention, and for many, a moment of great pain and distress. But it was never a moment bereft of hope. The Holy Spirit accompanied us, and grace abounded. As a result, reform – our ecclesial word for conversion – was able to emerge as a revised and improved text was commonly discerned and approved.



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So, what did happen? Might I encourage you to read and reflect on two documents. Firstly, there are the Decrees that set out all the motions that were passed with a two-third's majority. You can find them here as a combined document: [www.bit.ly/PlenaryCouncilDecrees](http://www.bit.ly/PlenaryCouncilDecrees). This is the work that we now take forward in the life of our local Church, the fruits of these past several years and a pathway for the years to come.

Secondly, please see the final summary statement from the Assembly of what occurred during the week. This is a document that those present agreed to as a final summation of the Assembly and can be found at: [www.bit.ly/PlenaryCouncilSummary](http://www.bit.ly/PlenaryCouncilSummary). These two documents, as distinct from anything else you may have heard about, contain the fruits of the second and final Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia.

You may ask, where to from here? May I encourage you to read the documents, not just on your own, but together as Christ's faithful in your local settings: parish forums, faith communities, clergy gatherings, religious houses, lay organisations, leadership groups, family settings, and anywhere where our local Church in Melbourne gathers. They are not the 'be all and end all' of all that is to be said and done in Melbourne, but they set a direction for us all. These are some of the fruits of the Assembly.

Did the Assembly say all that is needed? No. Is it a perfect outcome? No. Is there more to say and do? Certainly. But the second Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia has given to us all a grace upon which we can step forward in confidence in Christ Jesus. This will unfold over an extended period of time, commencing with the regathering of the Bishops of Australia in November this year to confirm what is to be presented to Pope Francis for his recognition and approval. Then begins the work of 'embodying' the fruits of the Council into the life of our local Church. I think especially of how the work of the Council is placed into our own changing COVID realities, and how it might best inform our missionary initiatives in Take the Way of the Gospel.

These are my initial, personal thoughts. Much is still to be absorbed, considered and acted upon. And I was but one member among 17 other members from Melbourne, and 277 members in total – bishops, priests, religious and laity. Gradually, may its fruits be something for all of us. As St. Paul said to the Church in Rome, so may we hear for our local Church in Melbourne: "*Just as we have many members in one body, and the members do not have the same function, so we, though many, form one body in Christ, each individually members one of another, having different gifts according to the grace given to us.*" (Romans 12:4-6)

Please be assured of my prayers for you all, Christ's faithful in Melbourne.

And may I humbly ask for your prayers for each other, and for the ongoing flourishing of our communities of faith.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,

Yours in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'P' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end. A small cross symbol is visible to the left of the signature.

**Most Rev Peter A Comensoli**  
Archbishop of Melbourne