

16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

The Tidings

19TH JULY 2020



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The Parish Office is not open Weekends or
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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

Hello, how is lockdown going for you all? Thank you for all those that took the time to reply to my email 'welfare check'. Your responses have been wonderful no matter what method they were received—email, phone and handwritten notes through the no contact letter drop off! It was so wonderful to receive so much feedback. For those that have not registered their email address with us and missed out, we have placed my letter on our Facebook page and website because it is never too late for a 'welfare check from the Parish Priest!'

This week at the Parish office we commenced interviewing families for St Dominic's Prep 2021 class. Seeing people in the context of their life was both heartwarming and at times hilarious! Many times the whole family were online so watching everybody answer the questions and enter into the discussion produced some unexpected insights. Sometimes the ones that were most excited about starting school are the ones yet to be enrolled! Seeing families in THEIR surroundings has really added a new dimension to these 'at home' pastoral visits. Families have different ways of approaching the same medium—each with their varying dynamics. We speak about their lockdown experiences and discuss their thoughts on this phase of life. What strikes me about the responses though some are unique and all are spoken from a place where the children and family's wellbeing is considered—it really is worthwhile taking the time to connect. The honesty, rawness and beauty of it all really does remind me that this is a special moment in each family's trajectory. Seeing the diversity of life, the gifts and beauty of the 'messiness' is perfectly imperfect!

This week's readings are about judging others and forgiveness. Sitting here reflecting on the week's happenings, I really begin to think about the REAL COST of judgment. I wonder sometimes if the greatest cost of judging others prematurely or unjustly is not borne by the judged but by the one doing the judging. Perhaps in that moment their actual cost is not seeing the true value of the breadth of that moment. Or in the Gospel's imagery...neglecting to see what the seed can or did produce if let flourish in fertile soil or how the birds can shelter in the shrub's branches. This is really food for thought for us all.

As always...stay safe and stay connected and please stay home unless needed-

Fr Michael Moody

RECENTLY DECEASED

Matilda Kozina

ANNIVERSARIES:

18th – 24th July 2020

Cassandra Judd, Mary Garvey, Daisy Riseley,

Win Brosnan,

Josephine Sultana,

Angela Frazzetto,

Josephine Schembri,

Les Rowbottom, Alex

Rizzo, Ozeslaw Knez,

Marie McKenzie,

Fedencio Ronguillo,

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,

Carmen Cassar,

Charles Bartolo,

Michael Cassar,

Giovanni Divola, Mary

Mifsud.

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NEWS ABOUT THE NEW CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN MELTON

Planning for the new Catholic High School has commenced with fortnightly meetings being held to facilitate the process. The school is set to open in 2023. We will provide updates of the progress at each milestone.

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 or 0418 813 550.

MATILDA KOZINA

This week we said goodbye to Matilda Kozina, a parishioner in our community. We give our sincere thoughts and prayers to Matilda's family and friends during this time.



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!



A SNAPSHOT OF YOUR PARISH (2016)

Total Population: 37,892

Catholic Population: 11,214

Catholics make up 29.6 per cent of the total population

Median age of Catholics is 35 years

Total Catholic families: 4,119

774 Catholics live alone

2,649 Catholics were born overseas

253 Catholics do not speak English well

767 Catholics need assistance with core activities

3,391 Catholics have changed address since 2011

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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

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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!

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. (R.)
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. (R.)

Second reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

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

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