

17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

The Tidings

26TH JULY 2020



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**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

Greetings from the parish office! Another week has flown by as we continue to work with the limitations and opportunities presented by our current COVID-19 situation. Our Prep 2021 interviews for St Dominic's and St Catherine of Siena Primary schools have almost been completed. It was a big week of video and phone conferencing as well as connecting with those in the parish. Many new families expressed their disappointment of not being able to tour around the schools. This has prompted us to work with St Dominic's to create a 'virtual tour' of the school...so watch this space! It is sure to interest those looking to start at St Dominic's and bring back memories and a refreshed view to those that attended years ago!

This weekend commemorates the 7-year anniversary of celebrating our first Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church. We have developed and grown so much in the 7 years since Trevor Tully revealed the crucifix in the Church. In the words of Kevin Costner in the movie 'Field of Dreams' - we built it and you came. THANK YOU for supporting our churches with your time, your commitment and your financial contributions. Join us for online Mass this weekend and check out our 'Then & Now' feature in this week's Tidings.

For those watching the progress of the St Catherine of Siena statue—the Bishop is booked and the statue will be erected this weekend (weather permitting). We will blessing the statue this week as part of the online Feast of St Dominic's celebrations. Join us online and to see her revealed.

This weekend's Gospel throws down the gauntlet to us and asks that we reappraise what really matters. The Gospel's first two parables emphasise the need to choose the one thing that does really matter—the kingdom of heaven. Finding God in all things is a sort of 'deliberate act of faith' and something we are urged to do every day. It is easy to lose focus when so much of what we know and do is being challenged at this time. Perhaps what we truly need is to develop what Solomon asks for in our first reading—a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil and what St Paul invites the Romans to do in the second reading—trust God's loving purpose. Perhaps in each small act we do this week, we can re-evaluate the small things—looking to understand what is good and what matters. Perhaps in doing so, we will realise they really are the big things. As always...stay safe and stay connected and please stay home unless needed- *Fr Michael Moody*

ANNIVERSARIES:

25th – 31st July 2020

Angelina "Helen" Silva
Perez, Francisca Silva,
Cornelio Perez Sr.,
Vicente Perez,
Policarpio Perez,
Marcella Drago, Mary
Mc Kane, Terry Hishon,
Maria-Antonia Cassar,
Morris Dafey, Marie
Kathleen
Fitzgerald, Bill Parker,
Joseph Kelly, Denzil
Tallent Jr, Alex Rizzo,
Linda Todd, Janet
Adamson-
Tuimavave, Coral Mary
Manuel, Anna Jacuta,
Stanley Calvao, Mary
Kenny, Rudolf Bajzek,
Mark Vassallo-Grant,
Arianda Smella, Joe
Sacco, Leonito ,
Arellano Snr, Joe
Spiteri, Laurence
Roberts, Sr Marie
Joseph, James Mc
Knight, Patricia Fenlon,
Joyce Demech, Ethel
Trethalan

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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.

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!



ON THE FEAST OF ST JOACHIM & ST ANNE:
26 JULY

Prayer for Grandparents

Lord,

Bless all the grandparents. Thank you for all that they have done for us, for giving us our parents, for sharing their wisdom and their love.

Keep them strong in mind and body and guide them from harm as they grow older. Lord, keep them in your care so that they can love, guide and help us for many years to come. Amen

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Then & Now

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, MELTON WEST | 7-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Parish Prayer

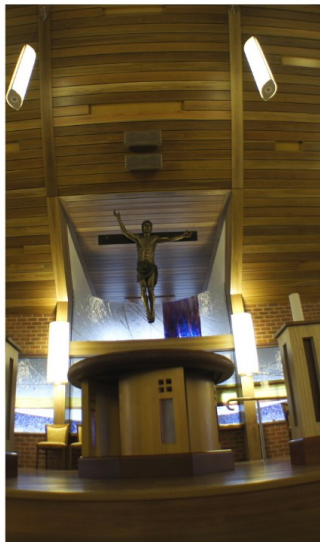
O God, builder-like, assemble us!

Potter-like, shape us!

Baker-like, knead us!

Make us a house open to all, A vessel of water for every thirst, Make us bread for the world.
We gather here in Your name acknowledging the loving labour of those who came before us in faith.
In this place we cling to Your Word. Here we call on Your mercy, and here We lift up our hearts to give
thanks, To give praise which enables us to say -

AMEN



Celebrating 7 Years

ST CATHERINE OF
SIENA CHURCH

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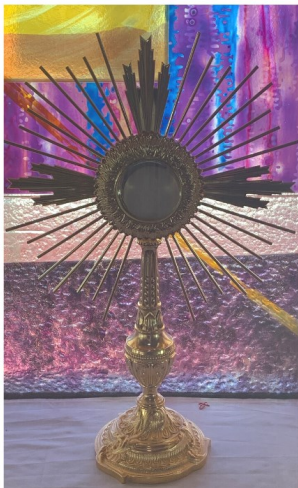
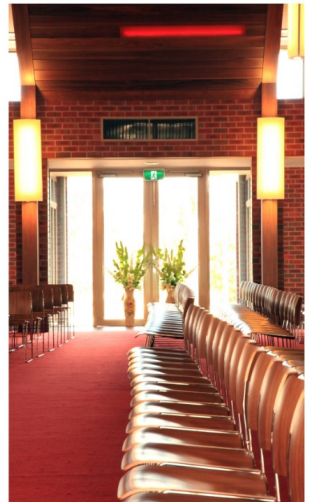


Building

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURH

Celebrating the 1st Mass

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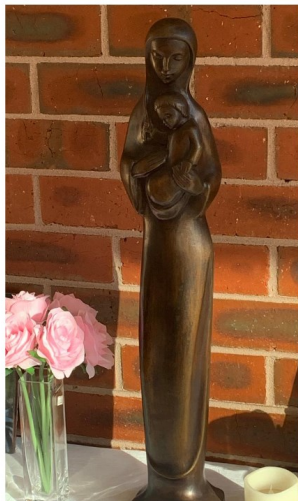


Through the years

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURH

7-Years On...

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURH



"Do not despair,
one of the thieves was saved."
"Do not presume;
one of the thieves was damned."
St Augustine

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Artist: Alex Szolomiak - Created 1966
Gifted by St John of God Brothers
Blessed on the Feast of the Assumption 2014
In Memory of Jim and Pauline Williams



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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First reading

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. (R.)
2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. (R.)
3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. (R.)
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. (R.)

Second reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

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

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