

18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

# The Tidings

2ND AUGUST 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

*"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."* This is the quote that is displayed on the 'hope flowers' created by the students of St Dominic's. I have been thinking a lot about hope during this time of pandemic - wondering what is being revealed and uncovered. Daily figures of those infected and those that have died can chip away at our hope. I often think of our frontline workers that see the true face of these figures. They know all too well what the knock-on effect will be and yet they still need to keep going - to find hope and courage to persevere. We too often feel uncertain, unequipped and unfamiliar in these times. Yet this week in the weekend's readings, we are challenged to remember God's words. In the first reading we are implored to listen and listen again. In the responsorial psalm we are reminded of God's loving kindness that feeds us and answers our needs. The second reading opens with "Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ..." and the Gospel tells the story of the feeding of the crowd with five loaves and two fishes. In this story, we are redirected to remember God's love materialized in our life, the way he sees our hunger and feeds us regardless our situation or outlook.

On Wednesday, Bishop Terry Curtin came to St Catherine of Siena Church to bless the new St Catherine of Siena Statue. Bishop Curtin spoke eloquently and simply of St Catherine of Siena and her life. His Homily showed his great fondness for St Catherine and his admiration of all she was able to achieve in her 33 years. His telling of the quiet acts of grace and charity St Catherine performed during her life was wonderfully united to this time of COVID-19. We also were able to be part of Maria Forde's launch of her new song "St Catherine of Siena" which weaves many of St Catherine's writings into song. The video of the full blessing and 'virtual unveiling' that explains this unique work of art can be found on our Facebook page and YouTube channel. Finally Bishop Curtin spoke of St Catherine as a role model. Her strength, tenacity and caring were highlighted. May we always remember our connection to God and each other in the way St Catherine did...or in the way Bishop Curtin expressed it..."glorifying the Lord by our life".

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

*Fr Michael Moody*

## RECENTLY DECEASED:

Gino Savio

## ANNIVERSARIES:

1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020

John Tolhurst, Mary Hague, Marcella Nash, Sr Kath Gaffy, Valeri Sandra, Mario Guisti, Roberta May Wiener, Mary Muscat, Fred Levett, Veronica Butler, Nella Caruana, Mira Bec, Jack Jenkins, Betty Arnell, Rita Rayner, Salvatore Sammut, Vincent Sebastin, Domenica Dahan, Lawrence, Montebello, Wayne Bradshaw, Rick Debski, Grace Ciantar, Victor Zerafa, Mary Chamber, Fortunato Zammit, Victor J Rizzo, Corazon Moore, Godofredo Lastra Jnr, Alice Jongbloed, Timothy O'Keeffe, Corinna, Vannuccini, Ivan Kuric, Ellen Sullivan, Dolores Bartolo, Joseph Debono, Mayen Makuac Mayen, Madelyn Farrugia, Pauline Bartolo

## PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Tony Michael

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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](mailto:bmrichards@ozemail.com.au) or 0418 813 550.

## FACEBOOK SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Join us on our Facebook page [[facebook.com/catholicparishmelton](https://facebook.com/catholicparishmelton)] for are online spiritual retreat this coming week. Starting on **Monday 3rd of August** we will explore a concept, tip or exercise to assist you to reconnect to God. This mini retreat will come together at

**10.30AM on Sunday 9 August for a "Parish Cuppa" via zoom!**

Like us and share our posts on Facebook so we can reach all those just waiting to connect to God and others.

Spread The Word!

## 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!**



Dear God,

We ask in Your Name to heal those with the Coronavirus. To protect and cover our families from getting infected by this devastating illness. To give wisdom and guidance to our Healthcare workers and leaders. Bring comfort, peace and strength to those who are ill and to all those who have lost a loved one.

**Amen**

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# THIS WEEK'S READINGS

## First reading

*A reading from the first book of the Kings*

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;  
though you have no money, come!  
Buy corn without money, and eat,  
and, at no cost, wine and milk.  
Why spend money on what is not bread,  
your wages on what fails to satisfy?  
Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat  
and rich food to enjoy.  
Pay attention, come to me;  
listen, and your soul will live.  
With you I will make an everlasting covenant  
out of the favours promised to David.

## Responsorial Psalm

**(R.)** The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

## Second reading

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

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

**STEWARDSHIP:  
FOR THE MONTH  
OF JUNE 2020  
Weekly Pledged:  
\$7,785.00  
Weekly Amount**

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