

19TH SUNDAY OF EASTER: YEAR A

The Tidings

9TH AUGUST 2020



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The Parish Office is not open during lockdown.

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

Are you OK?

This is a question we are encouraged to ask on 'Are you OK? Day'. But if the truth be told, it is a question that we need to ask often. Not just to those around us but to ourselves. A simple check of other's wellbeing as well as our own, is something that will be needed not just now in these 'lockdown days,' but in the weeks and months ahead. It seems fitting that this year's Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice statement focusses on mental health in Australia today. The link to the publication "To Live life to the Full" will be available to read on our website. The statement reminds us that *Jesus always draws near to those who are frail, sick, poor, disabled, suffering mental ill-health, limited, despised, marginalised, or shunned: the Incarnation is God's definitive statement of solidarity with all people*. In these days of lockdown, we are confronted with need to spur positive responses to protect ourselves and our communities.

This week's online mini-retreat has been in the planning for a few weeks. We decided August would be a good time to commence the retreat with the view of having an online catch-up at the end. Even as we put the finishing touches on the material for this retreat, word of stage 4 lockdown was announced. The slow and steady work of putting the mini-retreat together was over and the test of it in the 'real world' commenced. The scramble to ensure that our systems were in place so we were able to continue working in a whole new way started just as the ink on the retreat manual was drying. I know for myself that this week has been a frantic with finalising details for the lockdown. The offer of taking a few moments to take stock and connect to something greater than myself has been a much-needed reminder of the need to focus on my mental health. I hope you were able to join us for the retreat but even if you did not, please join us for Sunday morning's 'Cuppa after Mass'. The special community meet up on ZOOM will allow us to see each other face-to-face and commune as a group in a casual but hopefully meaningful way. I often hear or are asked how other members of our community are doing. This is an opportunity to see for yourself and to share and listen as we all have a cuppa after Mass! The details of the Zoom meeting are on the next page, on Facebook and our website – We hope you join us: we are looking forward to it! Also check out the blessing of St Catherine of Siena on our YouTube channel... Stay Safe and Stay Connected — *Fr Michael Moody*

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Lel Gerada

Jean Barnett

PRAYER OF THE SICK

Tony Michael

Jesus,
you invite us all into the fullness of life. May we support one another to flourish in body, mind and spirit. Strengthen our commitment to ensure that nobody falls through gaps in our systems of care. People called you mad. Help us to recognise you in those who suffer mental ill-health today. Show us how to eliminate stigmatisation of mental ill-health from our parishes, schools, communities and organisations. You drew near to those who were suffering in body or mind. May we too feel your nearness when we struggle with mental health challenges. May we be one as members of Your Body. You invite us to share in your ministry of love and true compassion. May we be empowered by your Spirit to reach out to all people in need. May we build communities of welcome and inclusion. Amen

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PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED DURING LOCKDOWN.

PLEASE NOTE—The Parish office will be closed during the Stage 4 lockdown period. The office will reopen when restrictions are lifted. If you wish to contact the office please do so by email—melton@cam.org.au

APPOINTMENT OF NEW PRINCIPAL FOR ST DOMINIC’S PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Jeffrey Parker as Principal for St Dominic’s Primary School Melton. Jeff joins us from Holy Eucharist Primary School, St Albans South and will commence the position at the beginning of Term 4. We congratulate Jeff on his new position and pray for him and the staff, students and community of St Dominic’s Primary School. We wish Jeff every success as principal—WELCOME!

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 ASAP. 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.



Blessing of
St Catherine of Siena
KIND HEART
FIERCE MIND
BRAVE SPIRIT



CUPPA AFTER MASS ON ZOOM
10.30AM SUNDAY 9 AUG



See Facebook & Website for ZOOM Link!

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First reading

A reading from the second book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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