

20TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

# The Tidings

16TH 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**

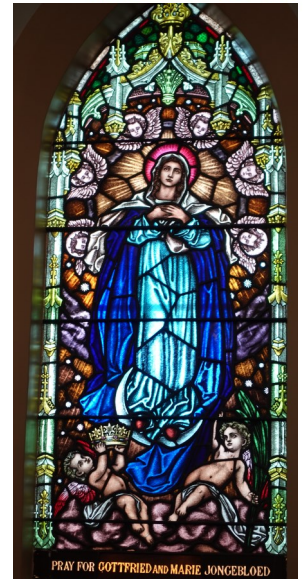
**108 Bulmans Road, Melton West**

All Masses have been suspended due to  
the COVID-19 measures.

**St Dominic's Church**

**Church Street, Melton**

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**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Lorrie Wong, Alban Vellozo

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

15 –21 August

Mel Dudley, Patrick O'Leary,

Tom Coburn, James

Hazewinkel, John Hogan,

Barbara Slimmon, Bernie

Milburn, Laurence Grech,

Gianta Sultana, Danilla

Sessarego, Lorenza Galea,

Peter Paul Borg, Christopher

Ryan Lane, Ivy Silva, Paul

D'Souza, Jose G Ty, Kevin

Nihill, Georgette Bazerghi,

Hilda Callanan, Lafaele Matul,

Mary Ann Zammit, Zaren

Aquinalla, Christine Curtain,

James Dempsey, James

Simpson, Helen Van Orsouw,

Luisa F Romea, Lois

McPhee, Joseph

Gerada, Rosario Machado,

Maurice Vassallo-Grant,

Alfred Formosa, Ester

Abraham, Lynette Paiva,

Dianne Curtin, Nicola D Sante

Marolli, Edna Verlander,

Robert Hislop.

**PRAYER OF THE SICK:**

Tony Michael

## A MESSAGE FROM FR. MICHAEL

Another week has passed. I have been thinking a lot about milestones this week. Last weekend I reached the milestone of being ordained for 39 years. As I have been reminded a few times now—next year is the BIG 40! Thank you to all the parishioners that wished me well—it is always so good to hear from you all even though we are not meeting in the same way we are used to!

Milestones are so necessary and in this time where life can become a blur, it is even more important to celebrate the small milestones as well as the big ones. It may not be in the usual way, but it can still bring meaning and structure to our current world. Defining one moment from another, brings texture and form to the events that make up our lives. Seeing this time from a perspective of 'different' and not necessarily 'bad because it is different' can help keep the definition in our lives and stop the blur. This week I have found myself saying you need a Monday and a Friday and a Sunday...in fact you need all the days of the week! Without them our world can be merely a haze of events that seamlessly combine into a cloud of smoke. Perhaps this coming week we can focus celebrating and defining even one moment. Perhaps taking a photo of it to keep as a 'proof of life' for the days that the blur sets in (can anyone tell that I have rediscovered photography again???)

In keeping with this idea of defining the days, we have decided to introduce 'Cuppa After Mass' via Zoom on Sunday. For those that are unfamiliar with what Zoom is— it is a video conferencing tool that allows groups of people to see and hear each other over the internet. For those that are old enough, think of it as like the old 'party line' only we can see and hear each other from our homes! Last weekend we had our first Cuppa and thought it was so good, we would give it another go! To join us simply download the zoom app on your mobile device or computer, select the link that is on the parish Facebook page or web site and allow the software to use your camera and mic to join in the conversation...BYO Cuppa! We hope over the coming lockdown weeks that we build a way of connecting with the people we see at Mass or who attend different services to the one we attend.

Please join us—we would love your company...Remember to Stay Safe and Stay Connected

— *Fr Michael Moody*

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## MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Mass for the Feast of The Assumption has been posted on YouTube and our parish Facebook page. Please join us in prayer on this special feast day!

## 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.

## 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

## NEW PRICIPAL VISITS ST DOMINIC'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

This week Mr Parker visited St Dominic's Primary school to begin to get to know the students and staff. The school also launched their Prep Tour video to the current students. This tour video will be made available shortly so keep and eye out on both the Parish and School website!

## ST DOMINIC'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



## MEETING MR PARKER

*August 2020*



## TRIVIA QUESTION

The Feast of the Assumption

How many images and statues of Mother Mary are in the 'Little Church'?

Phone Father Michael For the answer!

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# THIS WEEK'S READINGS

## First reading

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

## Responsorial Psalm

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**(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!**

1. O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

## Second reading

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

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

## Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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Parish of Melton presents

# Cuppa after Mass

ON ZOOM

Sunday 16 August 10.30m

Zoom details are on the parish web site &  
Facebook Page

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