

21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

# The Tidings

23RD 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**

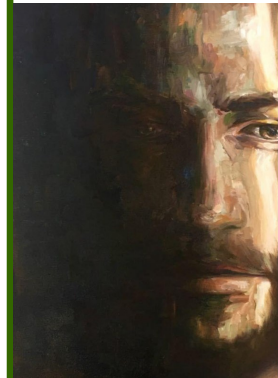
**108 Bulmans Road, Melton West**

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

**St Dominic's Church**

**Church Street, Melton**

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'But you,'  
he said  
'who do you  
say I am?'

MATTHEW 16:15

## A MESSAGE FROM FR. MICHAEL

Welcome to another week of lockdown! If this week had a theme for me, it would be 'LEARNING'. Learning new skills, new norms and new ways around challenges. It probably should not be but as each week passes I have continually surprised me how the readings of the week are so appropriate for these times. This week's Gospel sees Jesus asking the disciples '...but you, who do you say I am?' A big question that requires much and make us retreat. It is also a big question in a big time. A time that has called us to re-evaluate our beliefs, and our behaviours. It has asked us to let go of many of our familiar habits and customs and asked that we that we take steps in unfamiliar territory. Sometimes this process is comfortable and other times not so much.

The Archbishop's YouTube clip this week touches on compassion. He notes that the Latin meaning of compassion is to 'suffer with' or 'co-suffering'. Compassion is also the precursor to empathy and it is this drives connection and trust. Our need for compassion is great. In our world, in our families and in ourselves. This week as I have become a 'student' again, I have had the need to have compassion for those that I am learning with as well as myself. As we hear each day—'we are all in this together'. May we co-suffer or 'suffer with' so our empathy, connection and trust grows along with our love.

Thank you to those that have been joining us for 'Cuppa after Mass'. This week we are urging you to show us your homemade masks. If you would like to display your homemade mask, be sure to join us this Sunday at 10.30am on Zoom. We are producing a short 'how to connect with Zoom' video. This should be posted to our Facebook page and website on Saturday.

On Saturday 15 August, the Feast of the Assumption, Lorraine Wong made her journey to Christ. Lorrie was a longtime parishioner and she will be sadly missed by the many that knew her. We extend our deepest condolences to Ray and their children—Rae, Denra and Grant and their families. Lorrie's funeral will be held on Tuesday and livestreamed on the internet. The details are in The Tidings and will be posted on Facebook on Monday for those wanting to join the service 'virtually'.

We also said goodbye to Beverley Mae Pickett who passed away last week. We thank Fr Tony Callahan for looking after her pastoral needs while at Providence Homes in Bacchus Marsh. May God look over Beverley's family now and forever. As always...stay safe and stay connected—See you at 'Cuppa After Mass' Connected — *Fr Michael Moody*

## RECENTLY DECEASED:

**Lorrie Wong,  
Beverley Mae Pickett**

## ANNIVERSARIES:

**22 –28 August**

**Albert Scott, Anthony  
Buhagiar, Mark Vassallo-Grant,  
Melissa Smith, Jim Hoctor, Pat  
McGrath, Jessie Stewart,  
Eunice Cole, Edmund Manuel,  
Angelina de Guzman,  
Evangeline Oropesa, Noel  
Daniells, Sammy Agius, Priscila  
Rodriguez, Estelle Pereira,  
Ravi Gunasekera, Evangeline  
Cordova, Paul Spiteri, Axie  
Machado, Ian Robbins, Kath  
Smith, Carmen Magri, Rocco  
Guzzeppi, Damien Cauchi,  
Joyce Patterson, Frank  
Camenzuli, John Reed, Rita  
Muscat, Santiago Sobredo,  
Vincent Ashby, Jim Williams,  
Edith Jausz, Brinelle Lewis,  
Rita Miranda, Stephen Reed,  
Corera, Denb Hester.**

## PRAYER OF THE SICK:

**Tony Michael**

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## FUNERAL FOR LORRIE WONG—DETAILS FOR LIVESTREAM

Lorrie Wong's funeral will be livestreamed. For those wishing to take part in this the link is as follows—

<https://www.belindajanevideo.com/client-video/lorraine-wong/>

## CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE MELTON—YEAR 7 2022

Enrolment applications for Year 7 2022 are due on Friday.9 October 2020. To obtain or submit an application form email: [enrolments@crcmelton.com.au](mailto:enrolments@crcmelton.com.au). We invite you to take a Virtual Tour of the College led by our Year 12 student leaders, which includes a live Q&A session with our Principal, Mrs Marlene Jorgensen. To reserve your place visit: [www.crcmelton.com.au/join-us/college-tours](http://www.crcmelton.com.au/join-us/college-tours)

## 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](mailto:melton@cam.org.au)

## Prayer for Bushfire & Coronavirus

Father,

We keep in our prayers those communities that that have been touched by the fires this year and again by coronavirus.

Bless the many volunteers who support these communities. Send out your Spirit and renew the face of our injured and wounded land and all her people.

May our gathering in prayer strengthen these communities. In your boundless love, watch over us all and keep us safe. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son,  
Amen.



Parish of Melton presents

## Cuppa after Mass

ON ZOOM

Sunday 23 August 10.30m

Zoom details are on the parish web site & Facebook Page

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# THIS WEEK'S READINGS

## First reading

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

## Responsorial Psalm

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**(R.) Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

## Second reading

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

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

## Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

**STEWARDSHIP:  
FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2020**

**Weekly Pledged:**

**\$7,785.00**

**Weekly Amount Given:**

**\$5,043.10**

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