

23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

The Tidings

6TH SEPTEMBER 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

Welcome to Spring & Happy Father's Day! I am missing you all very much as the sights around the Churches reminds me of what is normally happening during this time of year. If you drive past the sign out front of St Catherine of Siena Primary School, you will see a sign that will remind you just how much I miss you!

While we are still in Lockdown, it has not meant that we have not been working hard. So I thought this week, I would give you an update on few of the things that have been happening...

Bulmans Road... We have submitted our petition and our voice will be raised in the upcoming council meeting. The initial plans for the upgrade have been drawn and while a number of changes will need to be made as part of the planning process, the plans give a better solution to the current situation on Bulmans Road. We will keep you posted of the results.

Cuppa after Mass. We are slowly gaining momentum with our Cuppa After Mass. Many have joined our gatherings and have loved the time spent with those in the community. We invite you all to join in on our Zoom Cuppa. The link is posted a couple of times a week on our Facebook page and is also on our webpage. Come along and bring your cuppa!

Improvements around the Church... We have been working through a number of outstanding matters around St Catherine's. When you all return you will notice the hole in the roof of the gathering area has been fixed, some minor repairs have been done and the portico of the Church entry has been painted. We have also taken the opportunity to steam clean the carpets. It also looks like some of the technological 'norms' introduced during lockdown will stay with us. We are therefore looking at how we can livestream Masses and events such as Sacraments in the future using the equipment we have already installed in the Church.

As always...stay safe and stay connected—See you at 'Cuppa After Mass' —

Fr Michael Moody

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Maria Grech

ANNIVERSARIES:

5-11 September 2020

Joseph Antonius, Peter Corcoran, Charles Welsh, Anna Muscat, Tony Mercieca, Anna Puszkas, Kathleen Jephson, Ivor LaFontain, Lawrie Haber, Donato Vannuccini, Maryann Muscat, Henk Van Keulen, Oscar Caruana, Barbara Jeffries, Roy Panter, Donford Maiden, Veronica Smakman, Noel Hussey, Roserio Simbulan, Reno Chetcuti, Steve Dunn, Marnette Corera, Bill Nicholls, Anne Connell, Mary Gordon, Margaret Nuzzo, Justine Barnett, Rose Mercieca, Danny Frawley, Michael Cooke, Mary Haig, William Beekhof, Jarek Swercz, Teumega Teigoamalie, Fr Pete Sinnema, Teresa Vanuccini, Richard Goss, Michael Hrymek, Michael Dillon, James Cabrerros.

PRAYER OF THE SICK:

Tony Michael

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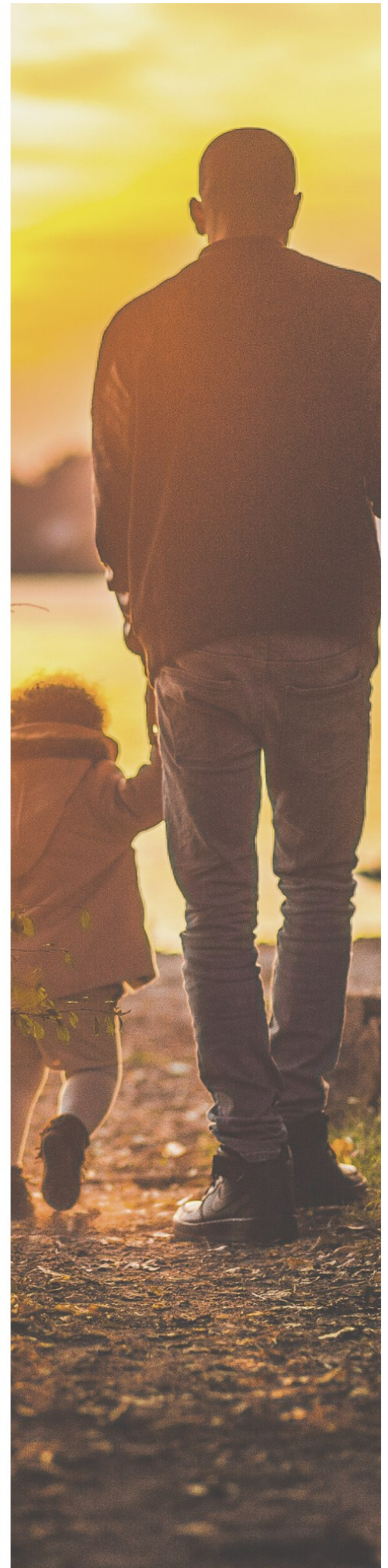
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A BLESSING FOR FATHER'S

Bless Our Fathers Heavenly Father,
Today we ask You to bless our earthly fathers for the many times they reflected the love, strength, generosity, wisdom and mercy that You exemplify in Your relationship with us, Your children. We honor our fathers for putting our needs above their own convenience and comfort; for teaching us to show courage and determination in the face of adversity; for challenging us to move beyond self-limiting boundaries; for modeling the qualities that would turn us into responsible, principled, caring adults. Not all our fathers lived up to these ideals. Give them the grace to acknowledge and learn from their mistakes. Give us the grace to extend to them the same forgiveness that you offer us all. Help us to resist the urge to stay stuck in past bitterness, instead, moving forward with humility and peace of heart.

We ask your blessing on those men who served as father figures in our lives when our biological fathers weren't able to do so. May the love and selflessness they showed us be returned to them in all their relationships, and help them to know that their influence has changed us for the better. Give new and future fathers the guidance they need to raise happy and holy children, grounded in a love for God and other people -and remind these fathers that treating their wives with dignity, compassion and respect is one of the greatest gifts they can give their children. We pray that our fathers who have passed into the next life have been welcomed into Your loving embrace, and that our family will one day be reunited in your heavenly kingdom. In union with St. Joseph, whom you entrusted with Your Son, we ask Your generous blessings today and every day.

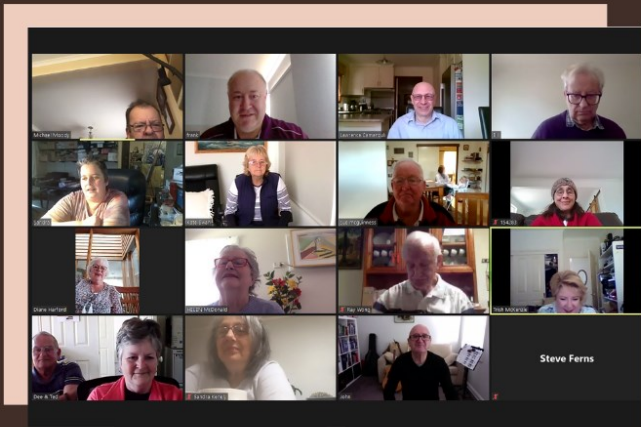
Amen.



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JOIN US ON SUNDAY
AT 10.30AM FOR...

Cuppa After Mass

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Facing the issue

It can be very difficult when we feel that someone has hurt us to actually go and speak to them about how we are feeling. It is so much easier to revel in our hurt or seek payback for the hurt. Sometimes we feel that we might ruin a friendship by speaking to our friend about a way in which they have hurt us. But a hurt that goes unaddressed will continue to hurt and will probably be repeated. This week's gospel reminds us of the need to challenge our friends when they hurt us but it also reminds us that when we have hurt others we need to be challenged about it and called to account for our actions.

CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE MELTON— YEAR 7 2022

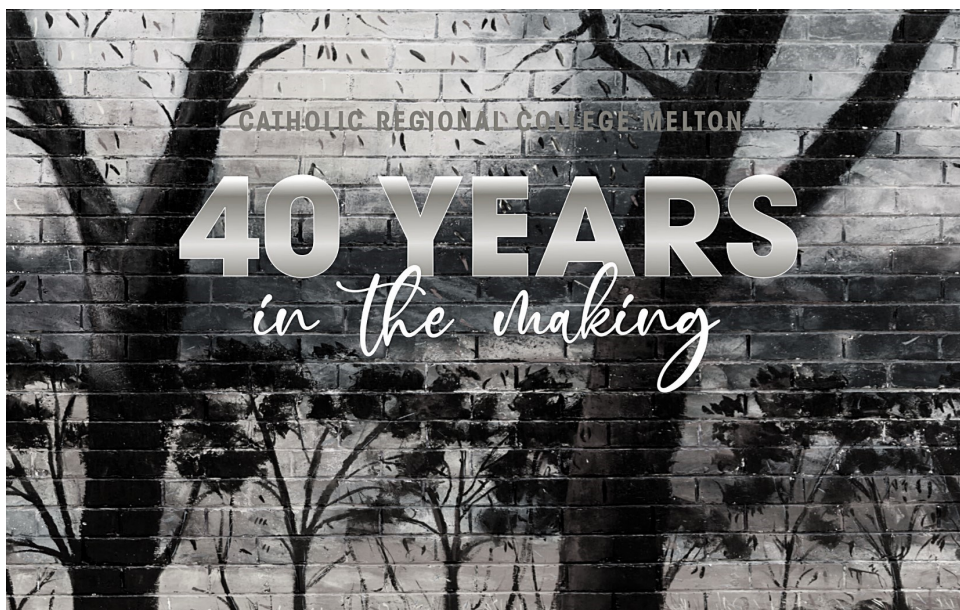
Enrolment applications for Year 7 2022 are due on Friday, 9 October 2020. To obtain or submit an application form email: enrolments@crcmelton.com.au. We invite you to take a Virtual Tour of the College led by our Year 12 student leaders, which includes a live Q&A session with our Principal, Mrs Marlene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

www.crcmelton.com.au/join-us/college-tours

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

**Weekly Pledged:
\$7,696.38**

**Weekly Amount Given:
\$5,028.60**



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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Brendan Byrne SJ

The theme uniting today's readings seems to be the responsibility members of a community have for the moral wellbeing of others. It gives some charter for what would subsequently be called 'fraternal correction' – something clearly requiring much sensitivity. Religious history is rife with examples of institutionalised violence in the name of establishing and preserving righteousness.

The prophet who speaks in the **First Reading**, Ezekiel 33:7-9, sees himself set as 'a sentry to the House of Israel', with a grave responsibility to correct the wrongdoer. Rather than setting the direction for the remaining two readings, this harsh prophetic text has perhaps been chosen to act as a contrastive foil against which the very different approach they recommend stands out. Nonetheless, for all its grim tone, the prophet's overall aim is to bring the wrongdoer to life, rather than to the punishment of (premature) death.

The **Gospel**, Matthew 18:15-20, is a brief extract from the Fourth Discourse of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel, the one regulating life within the community of the Church. In a way that is perhaps particularly comforting at the present time, the discourse recognises that the Church is not a community of the perfect. Allowance has to be made – and structures set in place – for dealing with moral lapses, dissensions and other failings that inevitably occur in a community still 'on the way' to the perfection of the Kingdom.

