

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER: YEAR A

The Tidings

19TH APRIL 2020



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**The Parish Office is not open Weekends or
Public Holidays**

**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.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

St Dominic's Church

Church Street, Melton

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A MESSAGE FROM FR. MICHAEL

It is the weekend after the Grand Final. We have celebrated the Resurrection but there is still more to ponder. For those of you that have been following our Facebook page, you would have seen the videos of the Stations of the Cross as well as the Easter Triduum services. This weekend we will post this week's Gospel reading and a reflection. In it we ponder Thomas, the disciple that refused to believe that Lord had returned until he saw him and was able to put his hand into his side.

Like the early Christian community, we are isolated, yet we believe. The early Christian community was founded on the teachings of the Apostles, fellowship, the breaking of bread and prayer. The National Council of Churches has invited us all to pray at 7pm each day. The prayer that we also invite you pray can be found on page 2 of The Tidings. We ask that you join all those across the world in prayer so that despite being in isolation, we can be joined as one Christian community.

This week in the parish, the children of our Parish schools returned to class. Once again the theme of doing familiar things in unfamiliar ways returns for reflection with the commencement of the new remote learning arrangements. We thank our families, teaching staff and administrators for the work they are doing to facilitate the implementation of this safety measure for our community.

We also bid farewell Jessica Hall. For all those at St Dominic's Primary school, that have been affected by Jessica's passing, we keep you in our thoughts and prayers. We ask that we all pray for Rhondda during this difficult time. Please keep safe and keep connected—*Fr Michael Moody*

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Damian Di Martin

ANNIVERSARIES:

18th – 24th April 2020

**Bill Coburn, Porfirio Alea,
Thomas Dillon, Olympia
Agcang, David Nauer,
Annette Cutajar, W Van
Orsouw, Anne Stewart,
Barbara Hoenig, Jane
Spillman, Gerard Coupe,
Br. Charles Hennessy,
Margery McComb, Charlie
Cassar, Tim Gomez,
Ronald Perez, Andrew
Caruana, Jeff Micallef, Sig
Hoenig, Ludwik
Zwolanski, Charlie Ellis,
Elizabeth Bloomfield,
Emerenciana Bulan,
Jennifer Barrow.**

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

**All those affected with
COVID-19 & those whose
health is compromised at
this time.**

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PARISH OFFICE & COVID-19

At this stage, the Parish Office remains open and our normal office hours apply. Due to COVID19 we ask that you make an appointment before coming to the office so we are able to regulate traffic and effectively implement social distancing measures. Our telephone may divert to the answering machine at times while we deal with the implementation of various measures that are required at this time. Please leave a message and we will contact you—the answering machine is monitored regularly.

ENROLMENTS FOR PREP 2021—ST CATHERINE OF SIENA & ST DOMINIC'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Due to COVID19 there is no Enrolment Information Evening at this stage for Prep 2021 at either of the Parish primary schools. For all enrolment enquiries and to have a pack sent to you, please email the primary school you are zoned to -

- ◆ *St Catherine of Sienna Primary School*—office@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au
- ◆ *St Dominics Primary School*—office@sdmelton.catholic.edu.au

CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE MELTON YEAR 7, 2022—NOW OPEN

CRC Melton Year 7, 2022 enrolment applications are now open. Applications close on *Friday, 21st August 2020*.

COMBINED PARISHES CATHOLIC RAFFLE—PLEASE RETURN TICKETS!

Please return your tickets for Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle 2020 ! Tickets can be returned to the Parish Office. If you are having difficulties returning your tickets, please contact the Parish office on 9743 6515 or email on melton@cam.org.au.

Prayer for this time.

Almighty and all-merciful God, lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds, in whom there is no shadow of death, save us in this time of crisis; grant wisdom and courage to our leaders; watch over all medical people as they tend the sick and work for a cure; stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation; if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.

By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear, that hope may never die and the light of Easter, the triumph of life, may shine upon us and the whole world. Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.

St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.

(Most Rev. Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane)

Ecumenical Prayer

National Council of Churches.

You are invited to pray this prayer at 7pm each day.

Gracious God, We give thanks anew for your providence and presence. We prayerfully seek your grace, amidst COVID-19 here and overseas. We pray for those in need of healing. We pray for your peace with those who are anxious or grieving. We pray you will continue to strengthen and sustain all those who are serving in response. We pray for your Holy Spirit's discernment amidst the many choices and decisions facing our national, community and medical leaders. We pray we each might see quickly what more we can do to help those who are vulnerable. This prayer for our nation in the family of nations, with all that is on our hearts, we gather now and pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

**Weekly Pledged:
\$7,781.89**

**Weekly Amount Given:
\$7,150.57**



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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **R.**

I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

Second reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name .

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