

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: YEAR A

# The Tidings

26TH APRIL 2020



CATHOLIC  
PARISH  
MELTON



ANZAC DAY  
LEST WE FORGET

*Grant, we pray, eternal rest to those who gave themselves in service and sacrifice for their country.*

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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**

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

## A MESSAGE FROM FR. MICHAEL

In this current COVID-19 environment we are all learning to do things differently. A lot of the assumptions we make each day are now being challenged. I described it this way— 'we get up each morning and put on our socks and shoes without even thinking twice. But now we look down and we realise we have no feet!' The days seem to blur when the usual routines are not there. This can be very disorientating!

I keep hearing from those that I speak to, about how they miss seeing friends, relatives, work colleagues and others they hold dear. I have also missed seeing the familiar faces as well the new faces that come to Mass or the Parish office. When we finally join again it will be a wonderful celebration that we will all enjoy!

While at the Parish office we have still remained very busy, it is a different busy. Learning new skills, learning new ways of communicating with others while they are at home and catching up on tasks that we know need to be done but for one reason or another are not completed. We have not only spent this time planning and implementing new ways of doing things but have spent a lot of time connecting with others on devising new ways to do some of the familiar tasks we do in common. For the regulars at St Catherine of Siena Church that have complained about the broken monitor in the front of the Church—IT HAS BEEN FIXED! We have also given St Dominic's Church a much needed deep clean. We are still working with various trades to get some of the much needed maintenance and fixes completed. We are hoping that when we are able to open again the needed fixes will be done—Pray for us! Until next week, keep safe and keep connected—*Fr Michael Moody*

## ANNIVERSARIES:

25<sup>th</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> May

**Dianne Henderson, Sr  
Jane Oldman,  
Nicholas Proffitt,  
Lushman Candappa,  
Aaron Vella, Malcolm  
Smith, Mary  
Giacomotto, Terence  
Hunniford, Bernie  
Lavery, Jose Simbulan  
Snr, Mark Ruthven,  
Tilly Rovers, Bertie  
Roche, Fr John  
Murphy SDB, John  
Zahra.**

## PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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

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## ONLINE CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA— WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL

The Melton Parish will be celebrating the Feast of St Catherine of Siena online this Wednesday 29 April. Mass will be made available on our YouTube channel [*Melton Parish*] with a link also placed on our website [*pol.org.au/melton*] & Facebook page [*facebook.com/catholicparishmelton*]. Keep an eye on our online presence to keep in touch with everything that is happening. We invite the entire community to join us as we celebrate the life of this remarkable saint.

## WEEKLY GIVING ON LINE

We have had a number of enquiries about giving electronically during this time. **We have always offered a Direct Debit & credit card facility** but we are now pleased to offer **CDFPay for Parishes** online payment portal. This portal allows you to make one-off or regular payments to either the **Presbytery** (this is the first collection at Mass which goes towards the running & maintenance of the Presbytery, the priest and Archdiocese of Melbourne) or the **Parish** (this is the second collection at Mass when you place your envelopes. This offering goes towards activities within the parish, the parish staff, maintenance and the expenses for the Churches in our Parish).

When giving to the **Parish** we ask that you place your **Envelope Number & Surname in the notes field** [*example - SG123SMITH*]. This assists us to match your contribution to your account.

**NOTE:** *The link for this facility can be found on our website [*pol.org.au/melton*] and we will be posting a link to the Facebook page this weekend!*

## NO CONTACT METHOD OF DROPPING YOUR ENVELOPES TO THE PARISH OFFICE

We have had a number of enquiries about the possibility for non-contact envelope drop offs. Parishioners that wish to drop off their envelopes but not come in contact with staff, can do so by placing their envelopes in the slot at the front of the Parish office door (facing Unitt Street). We will be periodically sanitising the slot for the safety of all. A sign has been placed on the window for your convenience.

## 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](mailto:office@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au)
- ◆ **St Dominics Primary School**—[office@sdmelton.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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

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# THIS WEEK'S READINGS

## First reading

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

*I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.*

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.**

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' **R.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

## Second reading

*A reading from the first letter of St Peter*

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

## Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

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Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.



### *ANZAC DAY PRAYER*

God of love and liberty, we give thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war. We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come. That the liberty, truth and justice which they sought to preserve may be seen and known in all the nations upon earth. This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*



We are getting  
ready for your  
return!



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

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

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



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