

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: YEAR A

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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

This week has been another big week (I think it is becoming a habit). On Wednesday we celebrated the Feast Day of St Catherine of Siena. For the first time as a priest, I celebrated it with an online Mass! We have been building our knowledge over the past month or so, learning to adapt to this new format and all it entails. My goal was to share Mass with our community and especially the students & Staff of St Catherine of Siena Primary School. We tried to make it simple and meaningful and something the children could celebrate from home and enjoy with their families. The teachers at the school prepared a day of online activities centered around St Catherine. I thank the staff for taking the time to adapt their activities so the children do not miss out.

On Thursday we posted a virtual unveiling of the new St Catherine of Siena statue on YouTube and Facebook. We will be posting a link of the video on our website shortly. Please take the time to watch the whole video because your invitation to the blessing is included.

This weekend at Mass, we will hear the reading of the Good Shepherd & it is also vocation Sunday. After a short 'inspiration meeting' over coffee at the Parish Office, we had the seeds of this weekend's online Mass worked out. My favourite quote from Pope Francis can be found on the next page. It speaks of reaching out and getting amongst the flock. Enter Bill, the sheep whisperer, and the visuals for this weekend's Mass came together! We hope you join us.

Until next week, keep safe and keep connected—

Fr Michael Moody

ANNIVERSARIES:

2nd – 8th May 2020

Steve Moore, Margaret
Dobson, Florence Oakley,
Grace Baldwin, Joy Jenkins,
Paul Spiteri, Mary Peters,
Tony Carberry, Sarah
Larkin, Joseph
Cordio, Joseph Grixti,
Michael Madden, Phyllis
Michael, Thomas Spillman,
Kathleen Coburn, Lt Col
Michael McDermott, Mary
Derksen, Walter German,
Salvina Cassar, Elizabeth
Houlder, Flossie Baillon,
Annie Fernandes, Sandy
Fernandez, Sam Meilak,
Angela & Arthur Pace,
Annie Fernandes, Rev Ian
Cundy, Marlene Turner, Bill
Francis, Ann Kosik, Francis
Gomez, Hugh Litchfield,
Grace Camilleri, Vince
Camilleri, Leli Grima, Mara
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PRAYER FOR THE SICK
All those affected with
COVID-19 & those whose
health is compromised at
this time.

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“The priest who seldom goes out of himself ... misses out on the best of our people, on what can stir the depths of his priestly heart. ... This is precisely the reason why some priests grow dissatisfied, lose heart and become in a sense collectors of antiquities or novelties — instead of being shepherds living with ‘the smell of the sheep.’ This is what I am asking you — be shepherds with the smell of sheep.”

—Pope Francis’ address to the world’s priests at the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday March 28

AN OLD IRISH POEM FULL OF WISDOM FOR 2020

”And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and grew gardens full of fresh food, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.”

~Kitty O'Meara 1839 – 1888

Irish-French Catholic Author

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

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

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



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WEEKEND MASS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Join the Melton Parish online for Mass during the weekend. Mass is normally posted by 11am on Sunday.

HOLY WATER

We have had a number of requests for Holy Water. In the current environment, we have had a number of restrictions placed upon us in regards to how we provide Holy Water. We have decided that from Tuesday 5 May we will have Holy water available out the front of the Parish Office for parishioners. We ask that you provide your own bottle and decant the water from the dispenser.

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 Siena 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*.

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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 with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, o revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

Second reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

