

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: YEAR A

The Tidings

10TH MAY 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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the COVID-19 measures.



A MESSAGE FROM FR. MICHAEL

I have always joked that I should have kept a diary of what has gone on during my time as a priest. Perhaps in these times—this is it!

During the week I received a number of phone calls, emails and Facebook messages (still getting used to this one) from parishioners just checking in. It was so nice to connect with each person. The act of connecting at this time seems more deliberate, personal and meaningful. We have dispensed with connecting by habit and now seek out our natural need for connection. Thank you for thinking of me in the midst of your own life. This 'alternative' world has brought challenges but has also borne its own fruit. I hope that when we return to our 'new normal', we remember the lessons we have learnt at this time.

At the Parish Office we are putting our final touches on our 'online Sacramental Classes'. Margaret will be in touch with the families that have enrolled to explain the new format. We tested some ideas for videos that are to be used as part of the Parish and school's Sacrament Program for Eucharist. The photo above is a snapshot of us testing our ability to use the blue screen at St Dominic's Primary School. I really have my creative juices flowing now—**LOOK OUT!**

This weekend we also celebrate Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers (no matter what form it is in) and also to those that take on the role of mothering in another's life. I always say 'thank goodness that God gave us a mother'. Your role is so important in this world—do not forget that! Until next week, keep safe, keep connected and remember the fruit—*Fr Michael Moody*

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mary Portelli

ANNIVERSARIES:

9th – 15th May 2020

Joseph Stewart, Fr Leo
Curran, Nancy Williams, Ana
Flores, Consolacion de
Jesus, Greta Jongbloed,
Paul Spiteri, Victor
Speranza, Jessie Dalli, Fr
Herb Steele, Lawrence
Grima, Rae Bourke, Daisy
Rosser, Janina Hills, Martha
Farrugia, Anthony Portelli,
Tommy Hafey, Kevin Heap,
Victoria

Vassallo, Consolacion
Ramirez, Antonia Bazar,
Sonia Parker, Karlo Strinavic,
Salvador Dorosan,
Antonietta Tiberio, Frank
Grodzki, Emidia Buhagiar,
Mary Hoban, Bill Stokie,
Margaret Mc Kinley, Antonia
Sacco, Zenaida Pocalla, Zofia
& Zig Bockowski.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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

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GIVING TO THE MELTON PARISH



CDFPay for Parishes

Give online through the new payment portal. You can select a one-off payment or regular payment to either the Presbytery (1st collection) and/or the Parish (2nd Collection). The link is on our website.



Direct Debit

Email the Parish Office or visit our website [pol.org.au/melton] to obtain the form.



Credit Card

Email the Parish Office or visit our website [pol.org.au/melton] to obtain the form.



Envelopes

Place your weekly envelopes in the No Contact drop off box at the Parish Office.



Having trouble or want to change the way you give?

If you have any questions or are having any issues, please contact the parish office on (03) 9743 6515 or email us at melton@cam.org.au

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CatholicCare Emergency Relief Program in Melton!

CatholicCare in partnership with the City of Melton have an Emergency Relief Program at the Melton Civic Centre.

The Emergency Relief program provides financial or material aid to help people experiencing financial hardship resulting from their current life situation or an unexpected crisis event.

Emergency Relief is a confidential service that provides financial or material aid to assist people experiencing financial hardship.

Details for this Service

Tuesday | 9:30am - 3:30pm

Wednesday | 9:30am - 3:30pm

Melton Civic Offices—
232 High St, Melton.

Appointments must be made on the day between 8:30am - 9:30am.

: 0409 810 104

CatholicCare also provide a Family Wellbeing Support Service from their Melton branch-195-209 Barries Rd, Melton West.

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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!

PARISH SCHOOL ENROLMENT INFORMATION

| Catholic Regional College Melton (CRC) | St Dominic's Primary School, Melton | St Catherine of Siena Primary School, Melton West |
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| APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR7 2022 NOW OPEN | APPLICATIONS FOR PREP 2021 NOW OPEN | APPLICATIONS FOR PREP 2021 NOW OPEN |
| NO TOURS AVAILABLE DUE TO COVID-19 | | |
| Applications available by contacting the College | Applications available by contacting office@sdmelton.catholic.edu.au | Applications available by contacting office@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au |
| Application Close: Friday, 21st August 2020. | Applications Close: SHORTLY | Applications Close: SHORTLY |
| NOTE: All schools are zoned and an interview with Father Michael must be completed as part of the application process. | | |

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

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Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs **R.**

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Second reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus said:

‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.’

Philip said, ‘Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.’ ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip,’ said Jesus to him ‘and you still do not know me?’

‘To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, “Let us see the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.’

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

**Weekly Pledged:
\$7,793.12
Weekly Amount Given:
\$4,722.20**



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