

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

The Tidings

27TH FEBRUARY 2022



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The Parish Office is not open Weekends or
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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

Ash Wed—Tuesday 7pm & Wed 9.30am

Saturday 6pm & Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

St Dominic's Church

Church Street, Melton

Thursday & Friday 9.15am



MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL—

This weekend we will be changing the colours in the ceiling of the Church to help us reflect and pray for the current situation in the Ukraine. This year we selected HOPE as our Parish theme for the year. Traditionally, most of us start the year with such hope, with plans and dreams of what is to transpire in the year ahead. As the year progresses these hopes and plans are challenged. Sometimes by circumstance, sometimes by our reactions, sometimes by our choices. We can never be 100% sure where life will take us. Sometimes we can be lucky, sometimes we make our luck and sometimes even with trying our very best and making what appears to be the best possible choice, things do not go as planned. It at this point our faith is challenged. This is when we are put to the real test. The test is not are we right or wrong but do we have faith. Where do we find our hope, our place of solitude? What is our action plan then? How do we react? As Catholics we strive to find God in all we do. To see Him in the details of our lives. He asks us to trust and hope in Him and know that he works in all things. This is the challenging thing, there is no 'proof' at this point—only FAITH. The first line in this week's 1st reading is *"In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man in his talk"*. In our current world crisis we hear much. But the final line in Today's Gospel perhaps summarises it best... *"For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart"*. We hope and we pray that in all our hearts, especially those called to show leadership at this time, have a change of heart—one that encompasses the LOVE we are called to show one another. We cannot all be right all of the time but we can LOVE and walk with God. We ask you to pray the prayer on Page 2 of The Tidings. It is simple but sometimes the best prayers are those from the heart—*Fr Michael*

**STEWARDSHIP: FOR THE MONTH OF
JANUARY 2022**

Weekly Pledged:

\$7,027.40

Weekly Amount Given:

\$5,437.40

The Parish of Melton is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults



First Aid is located in the Lay-Sacristy. The Defibrillator is located in the foyer of St Catherine of Siena Catholic Primary School.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

- 7.00PM—ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH, MELTON WEST
- 9.30AM—ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH, MELTON WEST
- 11.30AM—ST DOMINIC'S PARISH HALL

CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES 2022

This year's Project Compassion boxes are available from the Church foyer from this week. Pick up box or donate online at caritas.org.au.

POSITION AVAILABLE WITH COMBINED CHURCHES CARING MELTON INC.

The Melton Foodbank is looking for a part-time Reception & Administration Facilitator. The successful candidate will need to hold a satisfactory police & Working with Children Check (WWCC) and a food supervisors certificate. The hours are Tuesday-Thursday 10am—1pm and Friday 9am—1pm with some additional hours required. Time in lieu is available. A full job description is available from the Melton Foodbank or call Denise on 0401 038 102.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022

World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 4th March 2022 at 10 am at the Baptist Church, Coburns Road. All welcome.

PALM SUNDAY—PALMS NEEDED

With Lent fast approaching, we are preparing our Lent and Easter liturgies. On the week before Palm Sunday (Palm Sunday occurs on the weekend of the 9/10 April 2022), we require some palms to create crosses for the congregation. Unfortunately we are unable to obtain palms from our usual supplier and this small symbol has become a powerful tradition in our parish. If you are able to assist by providing palms the week before Palm Sunday please contact Margaret on (03) 9743 6515 during office hours. Thank you!

ST DOMINIC'S PRIMARY SCHOOL—EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST—FOR TEACHERS TO BE PART OF OUR CRT REGISTER FOR 2022.

We are currently experiencing low numbers of teachers on our CRT register and we invite teachers who are VIT registered, to be part of our register.

We welcome retired or other teachers to be part of our school community.

If you are interested please contact Mr Jeff Parker Principal—97436225 or email: principal@sdmelton.catholic.edu.au

Welcoming St Pope John Paul II

AS CO-PATRON OF OUR VICTORIAN MARION SHRINE

Come & join the Clergy & the faithful in this historic celebration at 'Ia Pinu Shrine (Aust)

**Saturday 30 April 2022
Starts 2.00pm**

INAUGURATION & BLESSING OF THE MONUMENT

BY MOST REVEREND BISHOP ASHE
AUX. BISHOP OF ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE (WESTERN REGION)
& OTHER CLERGY MEMBERS

*All Nations Marian Centre
15 Flanagan Drive, Merrimu (Bacchus Marsh) 3340*

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Totus Tuus - I'm Totally Yours

A Prayer of Hope



Dear God,
When I stand at the beginning
of a new day,
bless me with *vision* to see
the best of things to come...
Wisdom to make good decisions...
and most of all, *faith*
that you are walking with me
every step of the way.
Amen.

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