

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR B

The Tidings

21ST FEBRUARY 2021



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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

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

Wednesday 9.15am

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm.

St Dominic's Church
Church Street, Melton

Thursday & Friday 9.15am



INTRODUCTION

DRIVEN INTO THE WILDERNESS. The Spirit of God, who descended on Jesus at his Baptism, drove him into the wilderness. In the Jewish Scriptures the wilderness is both the place where Israel meets God and the place where it is tempted to worship idols made of stone. The season of Lent is a good time to examine whether we are responding to the Spirit of God in our lives or succumbing to the allurements of false idols.

WELCOME PENANCE CANDIDATES

We welcome the Penance candidates from St Catherine of Siena Primary School, St Dominic's Primary school and St Luke's Sacramental program. We ask the parishioners of this parish to pray for these children as they commence their journey to this Sacrament.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ian Hermence

ANNIVERSARIES:
20th – 26th February
Kathleen Twomey,
Helen Luetzgau, Jesus
Sarmiento, Francesca
Barton, Jean
White, Leon
Jongebloed, Teodora G
Ty, Richard Zielinski,
Carlo Girardi, Leo
McGuire, Una Donovan,
Gwenda Bishop, Emil
Jongebloed, Nellie
Breslin, Anthony Jarvis,
Lanza Piscopo, Paul
Piscopo, Joe Larkin,
Aileen Lacey, Edil
Huerto, Joyce
Dias, Salvina Borg, Sr.
Bernadette, Joseph
FC, Nancy Poulton,
Renee Williams, Leslie
Simmons, Josephine
Camilleri, Les Simmons,
Abby Rogers.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Jenny Brown

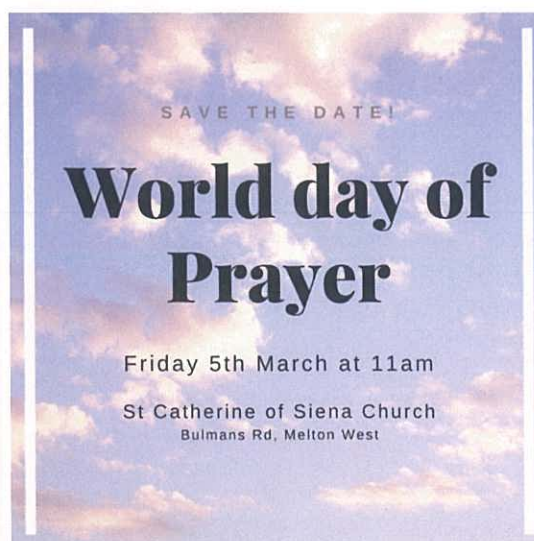
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First Aid is located in the Lay-Sacristy. The Defibrillator is located in the foyer of St Catherine of Siena Catholic Primary School.

DISTRIBUTION OF ASH WEDNESDAY ASHES

Ashes from Ash Wednesday will be distributed this weekend during Mass.

PLAQUES FOR THE MEMORIAL WALL

If you would like to add a plaque to our memorial wall at St Dominic's Church to remember your loved one, we are taking orders for plaques. The form is in the gathering area of St Catherine of Siena Church or phone the Parish Office on (03) 9743 6515.

HELP WANTED—ST DOMINIC'S SCHOOL ST VINNIES BREAKFAST CLUB

Volunteers are needed for St Dominic's School Breakfast Club. Wednesday and Fridays at St Dominic's. You will be needed to make toast and serve the children toast and milk. Start time at the school 7.30 am and you will be finished by 9am. For more information please contact Maureen 0437463449

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE POLICY

Our Parish Policy was updated last September and has been available on our Parish website. If you have not read the new policy, or would like a hard copy, it is available in the Gathering Area of the church. A number of documents/information sheets have been uploaded to our Parish website in the 'Policies' section.

VOLUNTEERING IN THE PARISH OF MELTON

Thank you to the many parishioners who help out in so many ways to make our Parish a vital community - from gardening, music/choir, RCIA, Baptism preparation to the various tasks at weekend Masses. Your assistance has been very much appreciated. We are beginning all our rosters anew and forms for volunteering in our Parish are available from today in the Gathering Area of the church and on the Parish website. Even if you have always been involved, we ask that you still complete a form. All parishioners are invited to 'help out' - but you must have a current Working With Children Check card and you are asked to sign the Safeguarding Code of Conduct Declaration as set down by the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Please place your completed forms and signed Code of Conduct Declarations in the box provided on the table in the gathering area of the church.

GET THE TIDINGS EMAILED

Get The Tidings emailed to your inbox each week. Send an email to melton@cam.org.au with your details so can add you to our email list. Don't be shy to pass on the news!

STEWARDSHIP: FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2020

Weekly Pledged:
\$7,597.00

Weekly Amount Given:
\$6454.00

ST VINNIES BREAKFAST PROGRAM

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR ST DOMINIC'S SCHOOL

VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED FOR ST VINNIES BREAKFAST PROGRAM AT ST DOMINIC'S PRIMARY SCHOOL. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE REQUIREMENTS AND COMMITMENT, PLEASE CALL MAUREEN ON 0437 463 449.

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We proclaim a crucified Christ

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Tuesday 16 February, 2021

*To the Laity, Religious and Clergy
of the Archdiocese of Melbourne*

Vaccine Program

Dear Friends,

It is welcome news that the first batches of the Pfizer vaccine have arrived in Australia.

Soon the most vulnerable people in our country – our frontline workers and those at greatest risk – will receive their first dose against the COVID-19 virus.

I will be grateful to receive a vaccination when my turn in the staged roll-out comes around.

None of the vaccines are a cure for COVID-19, but indications are that they provide a significant measure of protection from the worst effects of the virus, for the time being.

For the common good, it is appropriate that our governments work together to roll out a nationwide process of vaccination for all residents.

Likewise, for the common good, everyone should respect the decisions of individuals who, for medical, safety or moral reasons, are not ready to receive a vaccination immediately.

At this early stage in measuring the longer-term effectiveness and safety of each of the COVID-19 vaccines, calls for a 'No jab, no service' policy would be unjust.

The Catholic Bishops have already endorsed efforts to offer a vaccination as soon as possible to all who can safely receive one.

<https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/a-letter-to-the-faithful-regarding-development-of-a-covid-19-vaccine/#more-8597>

However, the Government has indicated that there is likely to be little, if any, choice as to which vaccine will be available to individuals in the shorter term.

This means that you can receive any one of the three vaccines to be made available, without moral complicity in the processes of its development. On balance, it is a good thing to do.

For anyone with health and safety concerns, please speak with your family doctor.

For anyone with ethical questions, please read the statement issued by the Vatican or speak with your Pastor.

https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html

I encourage the Australian government to do all it can to make a vaccine choice available to all residents in Australia as soon as possible, and offer the same care to our poorer neighbouring countries.

Please continue to pray for those impacted by this pandemic, and to work in whatever way you can to support your neighbour in need. The God of mercy and compassion is present to us all, through the tender heads, hearts and hands we offer to one another.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter A. Comensoli', with a small cross symbol to the left of the first letter.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne