

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR A

The Tidings

27TH NOVEMBER 2022



Celebrating 50 years as a parish 1972-2022

PARISH OF MELTON SERVING THE AREAS OF:

Melton, Melton West, Aintree, Boonie Brook, Harkness, Grangefields, Kurunjang, Plumpton, Rockbank, & Toolern Vale

PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Michael Moody

DEACON—Rev Chris Creo

PARISH OFFICE — 10 Unitt St Melton
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OFFICE HOURS — Tuesday - Friday 9am-3pm

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The Parish Office is not open Weekends or Public Holidays

MASS TIMES

St Catherine of Siena Church

108 Bulmans Road, Melton West

Wednesday | 9.30am

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

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

St Dominic's Church

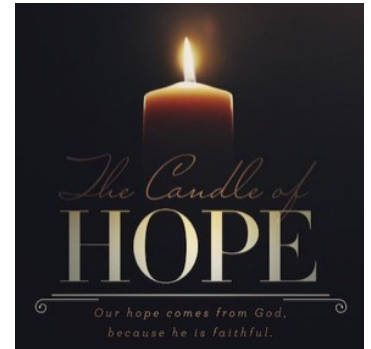
Church Street, Melton

Thursday & Friday | 9.15am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday following 9.15am Mass.

Concludes at 10.30am—Includes rosary and prayers for our Parish.



RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mario Azzopardi

ANNIVERSARIES: 26th

November – 2nd December

James Costello, Paul Gontier,

Jim Costello, Promode

Fernando, Austin Tully, Salvina

Muscat, William Stewart,

Francisco Miranda Jr., Paul

Farrugia, Phillip Hughes, Ann

Huerto, Veronica Dickie,

George Mc Guinness, Heidi

Batino, Evelyn Armeni, Stan

Lesnianski, Jeannie Wedekind,

Salvina Muscat, Kevin Woof,

Emanuel Xuereb, Sam

Micalleff, Matthew Ritchie,

Catherine O'Keefe, Florence

Tully, Ruby Santos, Sr Mesmin,

Shirley & Bob Brydson, Paul

Joseph Brick, Billy Airey,

Sofronio Sr Aguitong, Oliver

Hughes-Tobin, Depal Perera,

Vlastimil Mencl, Paul Grech,

Josephine Attard, Mary Vella,

John Motha, Jo Groot, Dot

Wilke, Jenny Sharman, Sam

Singobahu, Frances Sait, Molly

Ellis, Josephine Grima,

Zygmunt Kordus, Mario

Germano.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Jenny Brown,

Guy Tomassi

INTRODUCTION

WALK IN GOD'S LIGHT: We do not know when Christ will come again in glory. Nor do we know the day of our death. This should not worry us. What is important is to live this day well by being respectful and loving towards each other and seeking to walk in God's light. If we do this, we will be ready whenever God calls us to eternal life.

MESSAGE FROM FR. MICHAEL

Happy Catholic New Year! This weekend we start the new liturgical year. Advent is a time of waiting—a time 'to come to'. As we travel through the four themes of Advent—HOPE, PREPARATION, JOY & LOVE, we are reminded that we are not just preparing for Christ's coming, we are preparing our hearts to receive Him and each other with goodwill. Sometimes this can be challenging especially with busy-ness this Christmas season brings and the inevitable 'people factor' that comes with the season.

While the season promises much, we are often faced with grappling a variety of emotions such as excitement, anxiety and trepidation. Mix that in with a little COVID 'socially out of practice' and it is easy to lose our way. Instead we look to this weekend's readings to find our northern star. The 2nd reading from St Paul to the Romans starts with the words - 'You know the time has come, you must wake up now'. It encourages us to give way and release the ways of night and all that does not serve us in a positive way. It invites us to 'arm ourselves and appear in the light of day'. As we step into brightness, our Gospel encourages us to 'stay awake' and 'be ready' as we do not know the hour the Son of Man is coming. It is a call for us to wake up from our spiritual slumber, to step into the light that Christ offers—to arm ourselves with prayer. We symbolise this call by lighting the first Advent candle—the 'Prophet's Candle'. We are asked to be spiritually awake to the time Jesus arrives. Like Mary awaiting the birth of her son, we too start the journey towards being a family joined to the Holy Family—TOGETHER as a Catholic community! Keep Safe—Fr Michael

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The parish are calling for volunteers. We need people for the following ministries:

- ◆ Baptism Preparations Team (AKA Baptism Angels)
- ◆ Counters

If you are interested any of these ministries be sure to pick up a volunteer pack from the foyer of the church or speak to the Parish Office during the week. A reminder that Working with Children Checks are required for both ministries and a police check will be required for the counters ministry. Do you hear the call???

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK

Thanksgiving envelopes will be available next from the gathering area for those that use the envelope system. If you have changed your details, please be sure to let the Parish Office know by calling on 03 9743 6515 or email at melton@cam.org.au.

CHRISTMAS MASS ROSTERS

The Christmas Liturgy Rosters are in the foyer of the Church for ALL Christmas Masses. Please place your name where appropriate.

2022 CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Share the Christmas spirit with those less fortunate...The Knights of the Southern Cross & St Vincent de Paul are collecting Christmas treats for their annual Christmas Hampers. Remember to pick up a ticket and drop off your special purchase in the hampers provided in the foyer of the Church.

2023 PROVISIONAL BAPTISM SCHEDULE NOW AVAILABLE

Copies of the 2023 provisional baptism schedule is now available for those wishing to baptise their child in 2023. Please pick up a copy of the timetable from the Foyer.

1 st SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year A		SATURDAY 26/11/22 & SUNDAY 27/11/22		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Asther Creo	Liza Fernandes	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Lawrence Camenzuli	Janet Esandra	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Daniel Walters	Vickie Cassar	Liz Coustley	Michael Higgins
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Maureen Mohr	Stephen Fernandes	Michael Higgins
PowerPoint Operator	Dalene Jenkins	Sanyata Creo	Costa Balebanga	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			
2 nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year A		SATURDAY 03/12/22 & SUNDAY 04/12/22		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Daniel Walters	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Kate Swan	Michael Higgins
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Josephine Xuereb	Lea Jacuta	Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Veronica Milburn	Anne Stokie	Bruna Tomassi	Michael Higgins
PowerPoint Operator	Robert Obinalla	Sanyata Creo	Lalia Marinjira	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Dalene Jenkins	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			

We acknowledge that Catholic Parishes in the Archdiocese of Melbourne are situated on the lands of the five language groups that make up the Kulin Nations, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge their continued deep spiritual connection and relationship to Country. We pay respects to their Elders past, present & future.

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