

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR B**

# The Tidings

20TH DECEMBER 2020



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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**

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

**St Dominic's Church  
Church Street, Melton**

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## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL.

In the words of John Lennon— “So this is Christmas and what have you done?” I can truly say that this year I have been one busy priest! Nothing has been like normal. This year more than ever, we can appreciate having somewhere to go and having people to see. In a year that has been unlike any other, perhaps we will really understand the Christmas Carol line “you’ll go down in history”...

I found a beautiful Christmas prayer that I would like to share with you all. Perhaps you can use this at your Christmas table this season...

### *A Grace before Christmas Dinner*

Before we share this Christmas meal together, let us take a moment of silent prayer to give God thanks for all the blessings we have received this year.

Let us remember those we have shared Christmas with in past years, those that have died, and those who are not able to be with us today because of distance and illness. Let us now share aloud the names of those we especially wish to remember.

May the light of this candle lead us to Christ who overcomes every darkness. And for what we receive in this meal, the food, drink and family and friendship, let us be deeply grateful.

Amen.

This is the last issue of The Tidings for 2020 so I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very blessed and sacred Christmas season. May you keep safe and I will see you all at Mass. Remember to check out the Summer Mass Timetable on the back.

*Happy Birthday Jesus—you are the reason for the season!*

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

19<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> December

James Milligan, Margaret Caffrey, Margaret Hilbert, Alan Cole, Nickolas Xerri, Maria Mc Intyre, Monsignor Francis, Mc Guire, Imelda Rolloda, Carmel McGuinness, Josephine Gray, Thomas Connor, Ryder Finn, Michael Schembri, Laurie Mc Knight, Joan Curtin, Cefferina Porcalla, Elina Jazz, Sonila Vage, Bill Winter, Patrick Conway, John Douglas Anderson, Catherine Hanrahan, Geoffrey Barker, Darren Frain, Charlu Sr., Chua, Teodorico Ventura, Franz Buttigieg, Mary O’Leary, Mary Hickie, Bishop Joe Grech, Ernesto Claneza Snr, Leah Abraham, Marcella Bacchilega, Maria Avellino, Veronica Lane, Mary Bugeja, Florence Byfieldt, Olive Hanney, Moussa Moussa, George Mencl, Jack Mc Callum, Michael Angelo Gatt, John Villarba, Maria Camilleri, Cecilio Bazar, Sandra Cooper.

**MASS AT ST CATHERINE OF SIENA —WEEKEND MASS BOOKINGS**

With the easing of restrictions last Sunday, we are able to fit more people in the Church. Bookings are therefore no longer required for Mass. You will still need to sign-in upon arrival using the QR Code or the registration book located in the gathering area.

**CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSURE**

The Parish Office will be closed from 12pm 24 December 2020 until 9 am on 12 January 2021. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed Christmas and new years season.

**COLUMBAN CALANDERS FOR 2021 NOW AVAILABLE**

Sick of 2020? Look forward to 2021 with next year’s Columban Calendar—only \$10. Available from the Piety stall or by contacting the Parish Office.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS MASSES**

We are calling for volunteers for all our Christmas Masses. We ask that those volunteers that are registered with the Parish please consider volunteering for the roles available.

# Summer Mass Timetable

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
21st Dec	22nd Dec	23rd Dec	24th Dec	25th Dec	26th Dec	27th Dec
No Mass	Communal Reconciliation 7 pm St Catherine of Siena Church	No Mass	6pm, 8pm & 10pm Mass St Catherine of Siena Church	9am & 11am St Catherine of Siena Church	6pm St Catherine of Siena Church	9am, 11am, 5pm St Catherine of Siena Church
28th Dec	29th Dec	30th Dec	31st Dec	1st Jan	2nd Jan	3rd Jan
No Mass	No Mass	No Mass	7pm Mass St Catherine of Siena Church	No Mass	6pm St Catherine of Siena Church	9am, 11am, 5pm St Catherine of Siena Church
4th Jan	5th Jan	6th Jan	7th Jan	8th Jan	9th Jan	10th Jan
No Mass	No Mass	No Mass	9.15am St Dominic's Church	9.15am St Dominic's Church	6pm St Catherine of Siena Church	9am, 11am, 5pm St Catherine of Siena Church
11th Jan	12th Jan	13th Jan	14th Jan	15th Jan	16th Jan	17th Jan
No Mass	No Mass	No Mass	9.15am St Dominic's Church	9.15am St Dominic's Church	6pm St Catherine of Siena Church	9am, 11am, 5pm St Catherine of Siena Church
18th Jan	19th Jan	20th Jan	21st Jan	22nd Jan	23rd Jan	24th Jan
No Mass	No Mass	No Mass	9.15am St Dominic's Church	9.15am St Dominic's Church	6pm St Catherine of Siena Church	9am, 11am, 5pm St Catherine of Siena Church

**STEWARDSHIP: FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2020**  
**Weekly Pledged: \$7,716.77**  
**Weekly Amount Given: \$4,546.79**

*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.