

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR A

The Tidings

4TH DECEMBER 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 Crea

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:

Brett Bowman

ANNIVERSARIES:

3rd – 9th December 2022

Maureen Stojanovic,

Margaret Frawley, Jim

Sullivan, Lawrence Micallef,

Tilly Matheson, Liz Watt,

Alice Coburn, Claire Dillon,

Upati Ramanayake, Mick

Dalli, Lawrence Brown,

Louis Sundanum, Jason

Frigo, Katherine Spillman,

Phillip Galea, Phil Wright,

Yan Nowicki, Eileen Waller,

Antonio Biviano, Tony

Vella, Clarence De Beaufort,

Myra O'Leary, Albert

Muscat, Michael Dalli,

Kazimierz Wroblowski, Fr

John Williams, Trixie

Rayner, Peter Donnelly,

Attilio De Nardin, Julie

Anne Smith, Antonius

Bambang, Karina Benjamin,

Nesta Muthukrishna,

Ramon & Elma Villarente,

Kathleen Hishon, Joseph

Vella.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Jenny Brown,

Guy Tomassi

MESSAGE FROM FR. MICHAEL

This week we light the 'Bethlehem candle'. The Candle that symbolizes faith and the peace it brings. Like most journeys we embark upon in our lives, we often start with the destination in mind. Our destination in this 2nd week of Advent is Bethlehem—the birth place of our faith as Christians. We listen to our 1st reading that heralds the journey to our Jewish ancestors in a wonderful yet symbolic way. *'On that day (of the birth of the Messiah) a shoot will sprout from the stump of Jesse and from His roots a bud blossom'*. This message of faith is repeated in our Christian Gospels and the Catholic Church's teaching of our need to 'graft' ourselves to Christ because that is where we will find our peace. This 1st reading outlines the Gifts of the Holy Spirit which we as Catholics affirm during the Sacrament of Confirmation. In gardening terms, the gifts of the Holy Spirit could be described as our 'faith fertilizer' - the food of our faith. The Responsorial Psalm carries on the theme of Justice—a true justice that flourishes in God's time and fullness of peace for ever. The 2nd reading underlines the need for endurance on the journey. The Gospel goes on to talk of John the Baptist, the child that recognised Jesus as the Messiah even when he was in the womb of his mother, Elizabeth. John implores those around him of the immediate need to repent—to take stock of their lives and clear the grove to the door of our heart for the Messiah's coming. So this week we focus on faith as a passage to peace. The need to ask ourselves, if God was in our midst today, if he was to show his face to us personally, knowing that he can see us in our purest form, warts and all—could we say 'I am doing your will. I have grafted myself to you and have peace'. If we could enter the destination of our lives as it stands today in a 'Spiritual Google Maps' would we arrive in good faith to Bethlehem and ultimately the foot of the Cross? Are we at peace with ourselves and our faith? Let us sprout peace through our faith. Let us forge ahead for the one that gave His all for us. The one that shows us the way forward —Keep Safe—

Fr Michael

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



First Aid & Defibrillator is located in the Lay-Sacristy.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The parish is 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 NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO SYSTEM ISSUES

Thanksgiving envelopes WILL NOT be available from the gathering area for those that use the envelope system as the parish is having some issues with the new computer system. We are working with the Archdiocese to rectify the issues but we are unable to ascertain how long this may take—Thank you for your continued patience and your support of the parish.

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS ROSTERS

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



SIMBANG GABI (NA ULIT) SA MELTON

(CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES)

15-23 DECEMBER 2022

8 - 9PM EACH EVENING.

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH, MELTON WEST



2nd 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				
3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year A		SATURDAY 10/12/22 & SUNDAY 11/12/22			
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM	
Welcome	Tania Walters	Josephine Xuereb	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina	
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Michael Higgins	
Responder	Daniel Walters	Anne Stokie	Janet Esandra	Frank Unferdorben	
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Bruna Tomassi	Brian Dean	
Holy Communion	Robert Obinalla	Maureen Jongbloed	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina	
PowerPoint Operator	Dalene Jenkins	Sanyata Creo	Theo Balebanga	Daniella Ahmet	
Gift Shop	Veronica Milburn	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben	
Counters	Leslie Gordon, Elaine Neely, John Woof				



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