

The Tidings

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The Parish Office is not open Weekends or Public Holidays

**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

All Masses have been suspended due to the COVID-19 measures.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

St Dominic's Church

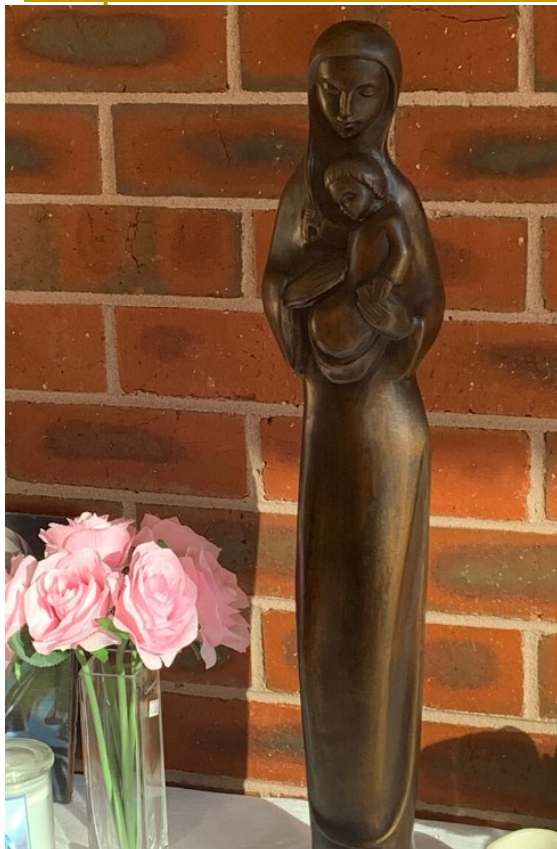
Church Street, Melton

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We remember all those that have died and who's anniversaries we celebrate at this time.

May God's love and peace be shared with all.

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK
All those affected with COVID-19 & those whose health is compromised at this time.**



Prayer to Our Lady Help of Christians

Dearest Mother Mary, you are the mother of the Church, Patron Saint of Melbourne & Australia. We ask for your grace and wisdom at this time. May you guide each one of us through our calling in this life. Prepare us as you prepared Jesus for his mission on this Earth. Teach us to be humble, kind and gentle as we welcome the will of God in our lives as you did. Wipe away the tears of sorrow in our families, our Church and our world. We ask Mother Mary that you replace those tears with tears of joy. Lead us to Christ the Lord, Our King, so we can give thanks for His sacrifice and ask for His forgiveness for our wrong doing. We know he gives us forgiveness eagerly, freely and selflessly. Lighten the darkest corners of the world with your light. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

**WEEKLY ENVELOPES
WILL BE SENT OUT
NEXT WEEK! YOU CAN
RETURN THESE TO THE
PARISH OFFICE OR
PARISH SCHOOLS.**

**THIS WEEKEND'S MASS
WILL BE POSTED IN
THE EVENING THIS
WEEK.
PLEASE JOIN US . DO
NOT WORRY IT STARTS
ANY TIME YOU ARE
READY!**

WEEKLY GIVING ON LINE

CDFPay for Parishes online payment portal allows you to make one-off or regular payments to either the **Presbytery** or the **Parish** (this is the second collection at Mass when you place your envelopes. This offering goes towards activities within the parish, the parish staff, maintenance and the expenses for the Churches in our Parish).

NOTE: *The link for this facility can be found on our website [pol.org.au/melton] and we will be posting a link to the Facebook page this weekend!*

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A MESSAGE FROM FR. MICHAEL

In the Parish this week we started our St Luke's Sacramental Program Eucharist Classes. We have been preparing for this since the beginning of the COVID-19 situation. While the first lesson had a rocky start, I really enjoyed sharing my time with our St Luke's families. It felt like the early Church - people gathering in their homes, sharing out of faith. Seeing family members pop in and out, parents and children relaxed and everyone sharing made the work we have undertaken worthwhile. We have started creating a series of short clips that will be shared with the St Luke's families and later on with our Parish Primary schools. While these have taken sometime to create, from our perspective, they are worthwhile. My intention for our online Masses and sacramental classes have been to start small, prepare the land, do the human steps to make it work, grow and sustain our community then turn it back to God, the source of ALL things.

I have also been learning a lot about Maltese culture and history this week! Malta has a long history. The first inhabitants were farmers and they degraded the soil until the islands became uninhabitable. It was later re-populated and as any Maltese person can tell you, the land has been constantly prized by different cultures, not because of the quality of the soil—that was ruined many moons ago, but the value was in the location. But even then, value is subjective. What one person values may not be what another thinks is worthwhile. See it does not matter what we do in life, its our intention that matters. Intention is the start of creation, we then take the human steps rightly and justly with a good heart and pray to God that it is in His plan. We then watch what grows. If the intention is good and the right and proper human steps are taken, then God willing, the results will grow into a bountiful harvest. If the intentions are not right and just then God will return it to its rightful place.

As we begin to take the human steps to return to this new environment, let us take pause to value the land of our lives. What do we want to create from here? If you get it wrong the first time, you always have a chance to start again—it's called forgiveness. Next time you know to choose differently. If you are unsure, pray. Do not worry, next week the Holy Spirit will come down on us and teach us. I am not predicting the end of time, just giving you a teaser for next week's episode.

If you find value in this and would like to share it with another person that may find value in it—please do so. Just let me remind you some of what the Maltese already know—

- Value is subjective
- We are all connected and we never know who knows who and
- Remember to pray and work hard and give the rest to God.

The Maltese also may have some great advice that is applicable in this COVID-19 environment—Keep everything clean, wash your hands and eat properly. Those Maltesers, they are an ingenious lot!

Until next week remember...we are on a mission from God!— *Fr Michael Moody*

STEWARDSHIP: FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2020

Weekly Pledged:
\$7,781.89
Weekly Amount Given:
\$7,150.57

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WEEKEND MASS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Join the Melton Parish online for Mass during the weekend.
Mass is normally posted by 11am on Sunday.

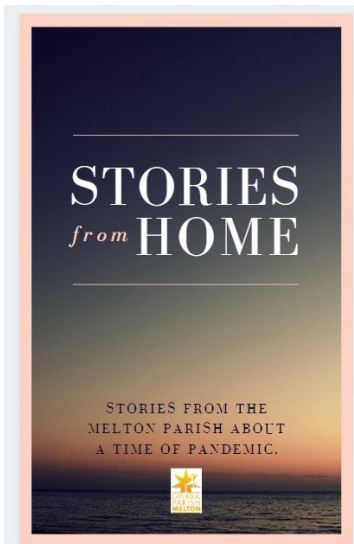


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Stories from Home

Stories from the Melton Parish about a time of pandemic.

Good stories capture our imaginations, inspire us to be better, teach us, define us and help us bear witness to our own humanity and those of our neighbors. We weave our stories with other people's stories on a common loom. Let's weave together and see our tapestry.

Jesus was not only a healer, a teacher and prophet—he was a storyteller. He used his stories to illuminate the minds and souls of those who heard his voice. His voice can still be heard in the written form through the scripture, through the Mass, through the art and music that artists across the world are inspired to create and our very own voices (if we allow it to be).

Pope Francis' 2020 Message for World Day of Social Communication is an inspirational piece about the value and need for our stories to be told. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed how we live in the short term and we are yet to see the changes that will occur in the future.

We would love to hear your story about staying home to stay safe. Some inspiration questions may include:

- What has changed in your outside world?
- What has changed in you?
- What new skills have you been required to learn?
- What have you grown to appreciate?
- What has died in you during this time?
- What time has been given life at this time?
- What has been your biggest challenge?
- What has been your biggest success?
- What do you want to remember from this?
- What lessons will you let live or let die?
- What made you see the humorous side of life
- What made you shed a tear or reevaluate your heart's desire?
- With all that you have learnt and gained and lost—Where do you want to go from here?

We would LOVE to hear your stories and anecdotes to collate into a book. This weekend think of what story you would like to pass on. Perhaps something you want others to know or perhaps your children, your grandchildren or even those who will walk the paths we walk now.

Say a prayer, muster your courage, get planning & write! Your piece does not need to be long—a paragraph or two or three, that is all. If you do complete this task, email it to us at melton@cam.org.au with your name, your age (if you are game enough) and a note giving us permission to publish your work.

**Submissions close on 30 June 2020. The collection of stories will be published in an e-book on the feast of St Dominic—
8 August 2020.**

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Direct Debit

Email the Parish Office or visit our website [pol.org.au/melton] to obtain the form.



Credit Card

Email the Parish Office or visit our website [pol.org.au/melton] to obtain the form.



Envelopes

Place your weekly envelopes in the No Contact drop off box at the Parish Office.



Having trouble or want to change the way you give?

If you have any questions or are having any issues, please contact the parish office on (03) 9743 6515 or email us at melton@cam.org.au

Contact us!

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CatholicCare Emergency Relief Program in Melton!

CatholicCare in partnership with the City of Melton have an Emergency Relief Program at the Melton Civic Centre.

The Emergency Relief program provides financial or material aid to help people experiencing financial hardship resulting from their current life situation or an unexpected crisis event.

Emergency Relief is a confidential service that provides financial or material aid to assist people experiencing financial hardship.

Details for this Service

Tuesday | 9:30am - 3:30pm

Wednesday | 9:30am - 3:30pm

Melton Civic Offices—
232 High St, Melton.

Appointments must be made on the day between 8:30am - 9:30am.

: 0409 810 104

CatholicCare also provide a Family Wellbeing Support Service from their Melton branch-195-209 Barries Rd, Melton West.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

Second reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

CRC MELTON—APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7 2022 NOW OPEN

Applications available by contacting the College. Application Close: Friday, 21st August 2020.

APPLICATIONS FOR ST DOMINIC'S & ST CATHERINE OF SIENA. PREP 2021 NOW OPEN

Applications for St Dominic's available by contacting office@sdmelton.catholic.edu.au
& St Catherine of Siena contacting office@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au

Application Close: Shortly

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