

# The Tidings

19TH JUNE 2022



Celebrating 50 years as a parish 1972-2022



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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**

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**Laurie Marantelli**

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

**18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Barry Rooney, Carmelina**

**Busittle, Paddy Curtin,**

**Josephine Sacco, Richard**

**Lodders, Jerry Kano Sim,**

**John Henry Clark, Salvina**

**Pace, May Fenlon, Jacob**

**Joseph, Maryann Freer,**

**Margherita Grech, Anthony**

**Giacomotto, Shauna**

**Stewart, Paul Kennedy,**

**Sam Folkard, Salvina Pace,**

**Bertnam Sundaran,**

**Michele Tulipano, Mary**

**Ann Williams, Emanuel**

**Micallef, Joan Quinsee,**

**Fairy Bellman. Margaret**

**Donovan, Edna Folkard,**

**Tony Farrugia, Keneth**

**Browne, Cos Donovan,**

**Joan Hester, Nancy Rowley,**

**Jan Chojnowski, Ceferina**

**Porcalla, Kenneth Muni**

**Deo.**

## INTRODUCTION

**FOOD FOR THE MULTITUDES.** After feeding the crowds with the loaves and fishes blessed by Jesus, his disciples gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. Jesus, the generous giver, always provides too much, a sign that his gifts are never meant to be hoarded but to be shared with others. Seeing the poor and hungry of our world, he says to us what he said to his disciples, 'give them something to eat yourselves.' Nourished by his body and blood in the Eucharist, let us go out and generously share our gifts with others.

## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST – POPE FRANCIS

*Jesus sends his disciples to prepare the place where they will celebrate the Passover meal. As we contemplate and worship the Lord's presence in the Eucharistic Bread, we too should ask where, in what "place", we want to prepare the Lord's Passover. What are the "places" in our own lives that God is asking to be our guest? The image of the man carrying a pitcher of water (cf. v. 13). This might seem like a superfluous detail. Yet that nameless man became the guide who would bring the disciples to the place later known as the Upper Room. The pitcher of water is the sign by which they recognize him. It is a sign that makes us think of our human family, athirst, constantly seeking a source of water to slake its thirst and to bring refreshment. All of us walk through life with pitcher in hand: all of us thirst for love, for joy, for a fulfilling life in a more humane world. To sate this thirst, the water of worldly things is of no avail. For ours is a deeper thirst, a thirst that God alone can satisfy. Jesus tells his disciples that the Passover meal can be eaten wherever a man carrying a pitcher of water leads them. To celebrate the Eucharist, we need first to recognize our thirst for God, to sense our need for him, to long for his presence and love, to realize that we cannot go it alone, but need the Food and Drink of eternal life to sustain us on our journey. The tragedy of the present time – we can say – is that this thirst is felt less and less. Questions about God are no longer asked, desire for God has faded, seekers of God have become increasingly rare. God no longer attracts us because we no longer acknowledge our deep thirst for him. Yet wherever there is a man or a woman with a pitcher for water – like the Samaritan woman (cf. Jn 4:5-30) – there the Lord can reveal himself as the One who bestows new life, nurtures our dreams and aspirations with sure hope, a loving presence to give meaning and direction to our earthly pilgrimage. The man carrying a pitcher of water led the disciples to the room where Jesus would institute the Eucharist. Our thirst for God brings us to the altar. Where that thirst is lacking, our celebrations become dry and lifeless. As Church, it is not enough that the usual little group meets to celebrate the Eucharist; we need to go out into the city, to encounter people and to learn how to recognize and revive their thirst for God and their desire for the Gospel.*

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



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

## FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Just a reminder that the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is on Friday 24 June 2022. 9.15am Mass will be held in the Parish Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

## THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES NOW AVAILBALE IN THE GATHERING AREA

For those using the envelope system for giving, please pick up your envelopes from the gathering area of the church. Have you updated your address? Email us on melton@cam.org.au to let us know your new details.

## PRIME TIMERS JUNE OUTING

Our June outing will be Tuesday 28th June at noon to Back to Bacchus. 178 Main st Bacchus Marsh. Senior meal is \$12.00. RSVP 24th June to confirm numbers. Email ineke49@yahoo.com or 0400120401.

# GIVE TO VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

Please give to the this year's Vinnies Winter Appeal. Envelopes are available from the gathering area of the church or give online at [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au) or call 13 181 2 or scan the QR Code on the poster at the back of the Church.

## Parish Demographics

ABS 2016 Census

Catholic Population	11,214
Catholic % of Total Population	29.6%
Median Age of Catholics	35
TOTAL CATHOLIC FAMILIES	4,119

### THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST SATURDAY 18/6/22 & SUNDAY 19/6/22

MINISTER OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuiness	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Liza Fernandez	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Tania Walters	Jennifer Peters	Cira Cleary	Michael Higgins
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Josephine Xuereb	Bruna Tomassi	Dunia McPhee
Holy Communion	Daniel Walters	Anne Stokie	Stephen Fernandes	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	Robert Obtinalla	Sanghaya Creo	Costa Balebanga	HELP NEEDED
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			

### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SATURDAY 25/6/22 & SUNDAY 26/6/22

MINISTER OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Josephine Xuereb	Liza Fernandez	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Alzira Mascarenhas	Janet Estrada	Michael Higgins
Responder	Trish McKenzie	Anne Stokie	Stephen Fernandes	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Tania Walters	Karl Metha	Bruna Tomassi	Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Asther Creo	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Dalene Jenkins	Sanyata Creo	Adela Marinjira	Dunia McPhee
Gift Shop	Veronica Milburn	Graham Dempsey	Blandina Lim-Clewer	Josephine Krajina
Counters	Leslie Gordon, Elaine Neely, John Woof			

**STEWARDSHIP: FOR  
THE MONTH OF  
MAY 2022**  
Weekly Pledged:  
\$7,057.37  
Weekly Amount Given:  
\$5,472.69

*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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