



# THE TIDINGS

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

21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – Year A | 27 August 2023

## CLERGY

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## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday 9.00am–3.00pm

(The parish office is CLOSED on weekends and public holidays)

## MASS CENTRES & MASS TIMES

### St Catherine of Siena Church, Melton West

108 Bulmans Road, Melton West, VIC 3337

- Wednesday 9.30am
- Saturday 6pm (Vigil Mass)
- Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm

### St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

- Thursday & Friday 9.15am

## CONFESSIONS

St Catherine of Siena Church

Saturday: 5.45 pm | Sunday: 4.45pm

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & ROSARY

St Dominic's Church

- Thursday following the 9.15am Mass

## SCHOOLS IN OUR PARISH

### ST DOMINIC'S PRIMARY SCHOOL (Prep-Year 6)

**Principal:** Mr Jeffrey Parker

**Address:** Church Street, Melton, VIC 3337

**Phone:** +61 3 9743 6225

**Email:** [enquiries@sdmelton.catholic.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@sdmelton.catholic.edu.au)

### ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC

#### PRIMARY SCHOOL (Prep-Year 6)

**Principal:** Ms Carmel Marantelli

**Address:** 108 Bulmans Road, Melton West, VIC 3337

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### SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

**Melton West** (Year 7-12) | **Cobblebank** (Year 7)

formerly Catholic Regional College Melton

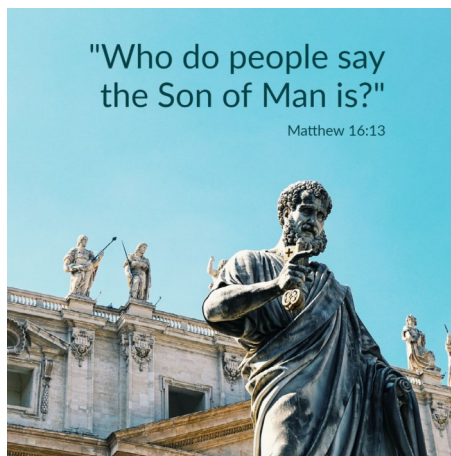
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## Living the Gospel ...Who do YOU say I am?



The question that Jesus asks the disciples is a question he asks of all of us. How we answer that question reflects our relationship with Jesus.

But more importantly, how we answer that question reflects the way we live our life in response to who we believe Jesus to be.

If we truly say that we believe in Jesus as the son of God, then how do we live our lives in such a way that we act on that belief? The gospel shows us that an inadequate answer to that question leads to missing the point of all that Jesus is.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Lord, your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work of your hands.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;  
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.*

*Alleluia!*

## Today's Scripture Readings

Is 22:19-23; Ps 137; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

## Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Jer 20:7-9; Ps 62; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

**Recently Deceased:** James (Larry) Murphy



## Parish Stewardship Update

July Pledge: \$7,057.70

Actual: \$5,390.81



Check out the new gifts available for  
purchase in the Piety Stall  
in the Gathering Area.  
Please note that purchases are cash only.



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



Catholic liturgy is rich with movement and expressive physical gestures; it is drenched in symbolism, so that even the smallest details, the smallest movements, carry deep meaning, pointing us towards the supernatural and the invisible.

As Professor Clare Johnson of the ACU Centre for Liturgy points out, Catholicism is a 'holistic' system of beliefs and rituals, and nowhere do we see this more clearly than in the liturgy. 'We have rites that speak to our bodies, our minds and our spirits, and we don't separate them out,' she says.

Throughout history, people have been tempted to see the human person as simply a soul imprisoned within a body, or a body without a soul. Within Catholic worship, however, we see a profound respect for the unity and reality of both.

'If we're going to speak to people's minds and their spirits, we also have to understand that those are only available to us because they're in bodies,' she explains. 'Our bodies are our primary means of interacting with the world, for interacting with each other, and for interacting with God.'

In this way, the human body is a 'sacramental' thing. Our bodies reveal and communicate something invisible—our own inner worlds, our attitudes, desires and dispositions. How we move in the liturgy, what we do and say, is meant to express the inner meaning of what's going on.

Catholicism's respect for the body also stems from the incarnation, Professor Johnson says. By taking on human nature in all of its physicality, Jesus both affirmed its goodness and redeemed it.

### The movements of the liturgy

This is why the liturgy is such an intensely physical experience, as well as a holy one. The culmination of the Mass is Holy Communion, where the faithful receive the consecrated host—no longer bread, but the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ.

But even beyond this, there are many other liturgical gestures and movements that have important symbolic resonance. Our participation in them is an integral part of the 'full, conscious and active participation' in the liturgy called for by the Second Vatican Council, Professor Johnson explains.

'We physicalise that which our minds and bodies are about to engage in,' she says. For example, we make the sign of the cross and genuflect when we enter a church; we kneel at the pew; we stand for the gospel, acknowledging Christ's presence in the Word; we exchange signs of peace; the priest kisses the altar and the gospel; we walk out of our pew to the threshold of the sanctuary to receive Christ, who has come out to meet us; the priest processes in and out.

None of it is accidental; all of it means something, and all of it is helping us go deeper into what's happening in the Mass.

Another important form of movement in the liturgy is processions. 'When we're engaging in processions physically, by standing and watching some people process, or processing ourselves, we are symbolically moving from one place to another,' she says. 'We're physically but also symbolically representing a shift, a shift in



## Moving through the liturgy: why what we do matters

our mentality, in our attitude ... We're moving from everyday life into something holy.'

One particular procession that Professor Johnson loves talking about is the entrance procession for the order of matrimony. Although the rite of marriage allows for different ways of doing things, the first way it describes the procession is that 'the bride and groom enter the church together as the final members of the entrance procession,' she says. 'The bride and the groom together process last, which gives them a point of honour, and actually recognises that these two are the ministers of this sacrament. The priest doesn't marry them; they marry each other.'

In a post-COVID world, when some people may still be nervous about returning to Mass in person, understanding the significance of what's going on can help connect us more deeply to the experience.

'There's something very different about our engagement when we're actually physically with each other to celebrate,' Professor Johnson says. 'If it's just me and my computer, it's not the same.'

This is partly because the liturgy is about learning to practise our faith. 'We practise our faith—as in rehearse our faith—until we embody our faith,' Professor Johnson says. The more we do it, the better we'll get, like a golfer trying to learn a good swing.

This is why 'it's not a small thing to change the choreography of the Mass,' she says. 'You've got to really think it through, otherwise you can change the symbolic meaning of what's going on as well.'

### Relearning the language of symbols

In his apostolic letter *Desiderio desideravi*, Pope Francis reflects on the importance of symbology in the liturgy.

'Every symbol is at the same time both powerful and fragile,' he writes. 'If it is not respected, if it is not treated for what it is, it shatters, loses its force, becomes insignificant.' He even expresses concern that our 'modern mentality' does not understand the language of symbols; we fail to recognise their necessity. Unlike St Francis, who could look at the sun and call it 'brother', we fail to see the world in a symbolic light. As a result, the liturgy of the Church becomes 'inaccessible' (§44).

Pope Francis continues:

*So, the question I want to pose is how can we become once again capable of symbols? How can we again know how to read them and be able to live them? (§45)*

Professor Johnson agrees with Pope Francis' assessment. 'It's one of those challenges that the Church faces today: that we have a whole generation or two who really don't understand the symbolism that's going on in the liturgy.'

'It's centuries of the Church's wisdom enacted, and we're the inheritors of this marvellous tradition, and the ones who are called to explain it, to explore it, to pass it on.'

We feed the body with the body and blood of Christ ... We ingest that. It becomes part of us ... You can't get much more physical than that!



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## FROM THIS -> TO THIS ANOTHER FIRST FOR OUR COMMUNITY

On Wednesday, August 23, approximately 140 Year 7 students arrived with staff to begin their first day at the new second campus of St Francis Catholic College in Cobblebank - a new milestone for Catholic life in Melton! After many months of challenges, and a few more to overcome e.g. completion of Bridge Road extension to the campus, the buildings are now occupied with excited students and staff.



*Congratulations!*



Original concept of the campus was based on a painting by Jeffrey Smart called Container 'Train in the Landscape 1983-84' travelling through the western plains.

| 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time |                                       | Saturday & Sunday August 26 & 27, 2023 |               |                     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| MINISTERS OF:                         | 6 PM                                  | 9 AM                                   | 11 AM         | 5 PM                |
| Welcome                               | Bill McGuinness                       | Anne Stokie                            | Liz Coustley  | Frank Unferdorben   |
| The Word                              | Tania Walters                         | Karl Metha                             | Lea Jacuta    | Michael Higgins     |
| Responder                             | Tetchie Hadfield                      | Jennifer Peters                        | Cira Cleary   | Josephine Krajina   |
| Presentation of Gifts                 | Leny Obtinalla                        | Theo Franken                           | Chelsea Amato | Brian Dean          |
| Holy Communion                        | Sally Grero                           | Richard Kealy                          | Bruna Tomassi | Lesley Sosa-Ritchie |
| PowerPoint Operator                   | Robert Obtinalla                      | Sanyata Creo                           |               | Daniella Ahmet      |
| Gift Shop                             | Margaret Richards                     | Maureen Mohr                           | Lea Jacuta    | Josephine Krajina   |
| Choir                                 |                                       | Veneration Choir                       | Veritas Choir | Filipino Choir      |
| Counters                              | Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr |                                        |               |                     |

| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time |                                     | Saturday & Sunday September 2&3, 2023 |               |                     |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| MINISTERS OF:                         | 6 PM                                | 9 AM                                  | 11 AM         | 5 PM                |
| Welcome                               | Margaret Richards                   | Asther Creo                           | Lea Jacuta    | Josephine Krajina   |
| The Word                              | Tetchie Hadfield                    | Sanghaya Creo                         | Kate Swan     | Ismael Sosa-Sanchez |
| Responder                             | Tania Walters                       | Karl Metha                            | Janet Estrada | Michael Higgins     |
| Presentation of Gifts                 | Leny Obtinalla                      | Theo Franken                          | Bruna Tomassi | Corrie Family       |
| Holy Communion                        | Bill McGuinness                     | Maureen Mohr                          | Liz Coustley  | Brian Dean          |
| PowerPoint Operator                   |                                     | Sanyata Creo                          | Chelsea Amato | Daniella Ahmet      |
| Gift Shop                             | Veronica Milburn                    | Graham Dempsey                        | Lea Jacuta    | Frank Unferdorben   |
| Choir                                 | Divine Mercy Choir                  | Veneration Choir                      | Veritas Choir | Tongan Family Choir |
| Counters                              | Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters |                                       |               |                     |



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## Prime Timers

As Eynesbury not available on Tuesdays, the August outing will be at Melton Country Club

Tuesday 29th August at 12.30.  
Seniors menu \$16/\$18.

Please RSVP 25th August to confirm.  
Enquiries :Mary 0421778126  
maryco2@bigpond.com



### Enneagram Day

Saturday, 9 September 2023,  
9 am – 4.30 pm (in-person event)

A one-day practical workshop offers a transformational experience where you will gain invaluable insight into the unique way in which we relate and respond to the people with whom we share our lives, and the world around us.

Facilitated by our Program Director Dr Lynn Moresi, she will dwell into topics of discovering your Enneagram Type; identifying your pathways of strength and challenge; understanding/interacting with other Types; handling conflict; and effective communication. Join this small group setting for a day of fun, laughter, challenge and insight.

#### Places limited.

Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/enneagram-day/> or email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne). Cost: \$80 including notes (BYO lunch)

### FATHERS' DAY APPEAL: PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

Next weekend, Fathers' Day, there will be a special leaving collection for the Priests Retirement Fund. Envelopes will also be available for direct posting to the Appeal Foundation.

More information in next week's Tidings.

### NEW TO OUR PARISH?

### WELCOME!

Please collect a Welcome Pack from the Gathering Area of the church. Once census form is completed place it in the white return box in the Gathering Area.



Mailing List

Would you like to receive  
The Tidings  
prior to the weekend Masses?

Send an email to [melton@cam.org.au](mailto:melton@cam.org.au) requesting The Tidings be emailed to you. There is also a clip board in the Gathering Area to register your email.



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**Information Session:  
Graduate Certificate  
in  
Teaching Meditation**

**Online Information Session**  
Monday 4 September at 7.30pm (AEST)

**The Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation:**

- teaches processes for leading groups effectively
- helps participants navigate the interface between mindfulness, wellbeing and Christian meditation
- fulfils the membership requirements for Meditation Australia
- complete 3 units within 2 years

Units will be taught online via Zoom on Saturdays.

**Course Structure**

3 postgraduate units:

- DS8600C Meditation: The Evolving Tradition
- DS9611C Teaching Meditation and Prayer
- DS9620C Meditation and Wellbeing

For more information see the GCTM timetable on our website.

**Presenters**

**Registration Essential** [Click here to register](#)

*This session will be recorded and available on our website.*



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[Dr Christopher Morris](#)



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### ROSARY BEADS



On August 8 we celebrated the feast day of Mary of the Cross MacKillop. We have purchased a limited supply of Rosary Beads for \$32 each. They are Italian made Ghirelli rosaries. They will be available in the Piety Stall after each Mass.

### 2024 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

#### Now Available

The Columban Calendars are a great gift idea for family and friends and the right size to fit on your fridge.

We have purchased these calendars early this year so they can be posted to our loved ones overseas. These will be available after each Mass in the Piety Stall. The cost is \$10 each.



### Leaving Collections raised:

- For St Vincent de Paul - \$895
- For Catholic Care - \$197.35

Thank you for your support.

*Thank You*

### HOME VISITATION & BLESSING REQUESTS

For Home Visitation & Blessing requests, please speak to Deacon Chris after Mass or fill out the online request form:

<https://tinyurl.com/HBlessing>.

### PARISH BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

**Announcements & Notices:** Please submit your announcement or notices not later than 5pm every Wednesday. Bulletin notices are normally retained in **The Tidings** for two weekends. Notices and announcements submitted after the deadline will be considered for publication on the following weekend.



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