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

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — Year B | 17 November 2024

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MASS CENTRES & MASS TIMES

St Catherine of Siena Church, Melton West

108 Bulmans Road, Melton West, VIC 3337

- Saturday 6pm (Vigil Mass)
- Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm
- Wednesday 9.15am

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

- Thursday & Friday 9.15am

CONFESSION

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

Address: Church Street, Melton, VIC 3337

+61 3 9743 6225 | enquiries@sdmelton.catholic.edu.au

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Address: 108 Bulmans Road, Melton West, VIC 3337

+61 3 9743 2166 | info@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au

ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Melton West Campus (Year 7-12): 109-141 Bulmans Rd, Melton West

Cobblebank Campus (Year 7-8): Bridge Rd, Cobblebank

+61 3 8099 6000 | info@sfcc.vic.edu.au

Living the Gospel

People of Hope

WHILST the community who were the intended audience of the Gospel of Mark were expecting the return of Jesus and the



end times to occur during their lifetimes, nearly two thousand years later we realise that wasn't the case.

Today, as in Mark's time, many people approach the future and change with fear and apprehension. As Christian people we are called to be

optimistic and hopeful as we approach the future.

We know that God is good, that God loves us unconditionally and that God has a dream for us.

That is the simple basis of Christian hope.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Happy are the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.*

Alleluia!

Today's Readings: Dan 12:1-3; Ps 15 (16); Heb 10:11-14,18; Mk 13:24-32

Next Week's Readings: Dan 7:13-14; Ps 92 (93); Rev 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37

Prayer Requests

Recently died: Richard Kealy (5 November 2024)

Death Anniversaries: Charles Camilleri, Gordon Vanspall, Robert Gant, Vincenzo Marotta, Lily O'Connel, Nancy Colovitto, Elia Harford, Cattina Dimech, Virginia Fronda Bonaga, Pearl Grero, Peter Derksen, Rod Gray, Stanley Fernando, Rob Lynch, Joshep Fernando, John & Margaret Pace, Miriam Borg, Roy Riseley, John Mc Glahan, Peg Sullivan, Pasquale Care, Wynn Onell, Petronio Huerto, Rev. Sr Priyani Perera, Dolores S Paguio, Kevin Hanrahan, Domenica Bulik, Joyce Smith, Dulce Buckingham, Marie Camilleri, Crisostomo Santos, Kevin Hanrahan, Kingsley Gomezes

Parish Offertory Giving October Update

Pledged: \$6,582.85

Actual: \$4,868.81



Message from Fr Alex

Many of you may be wondering what the future holds for the parishioners in the Catholic Parish of Melton now that Fr Michael has retired.

I, as Parish Priest of St Anthony of Padua, Melton South, have been appointed a second parish, that of St Dominic's, Melton. This is called a 'Partnering of Parishes'.

What Is A Partnered Parish?

This is where two or more parishes share a Parish Priest and:

- are connected in some areas of administration,
- coordination in many pastoral areas and the sharing of resources;

while at the same time remaining canonically and financially independent.

The identity of the Catholic Parish of Melton is maintained and respected.

Partnership of churches is part of a broader long-term viability of the Catholic communities by enhancing collaboration among them. It aims to serve the needs of our parishioners better and create a unified approach to ministry and worship.

It is my wish that this may answer some of your questions and, as we move forward together, may our communities continue to be life-giving and welcoming places of worship, love and living the Gospel.

God bless, Fr Alex

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS MASS INTENTIONS

During November, we have the opportunity to honour our departed loved ones in a special way by:

- **Using dedicated envelopes to inscribe the names of our cherished departed family and friends**
- Showing your support in offering Mass intentions with a donation into the envelope which will concretely show our participation in the celebration
- Placing the envelope in the basket on the pedestal in front of the font
- Masses will be offered for their souls throughout the entire month of November.
- Envelopes will be blessed with holy water, symbolizing our baptism and our connection to the Church.
- the proceeds of the donations through the November envelopes will go to the Rogationist Mission in Kigali, Rwanda for the construction of a school for underprivileged children in the countryside.

We believe that the use of holy water is a powerful representation of our love for the Trinity and our commitment to living according to Christ's teachings. This tradition provides a beautiful way to honour our departed loved ones and deepen our connection to the Sacraments and to God.

We understand that there may be special occasions during November, such as death anniversaries or birthdays of loved ones, and we will still accept separate Mass intentions for them. These special occasions will be mentioned in the bulletin and prayers of the faithful. However, for all other intentions for our departed loved ones, we kindly request that they be channelled through the November envelopes.

Let us come together as a community to remember and honour our departed loved ones and to support a noble cause.

With gratitude, Fr Alex Clemente RCJ

Hope

DOES NOT DISAPPOINT

A retreat night of reflection, prayer & songs on the real value of the sacrament of reconciliation in this 'Year of Hope' as we usher the Jubilee Year



3rd
DECEMBER
2024

7:15-9.30pm
at St Anthony's Church, Melton South

SEE YOU THERE

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Deacon Dave Reaves is from the Diocese of Richmond, Virginia in the United States. He has been serving as a deacon for over six years. He is the President of the Philipians 2 Foundation which runs the Saint Clare of Assisi Retreat Center in Hampton, Virginia. Deacon Dave has a passion for retreats and missions.

As we enter into the Jubilee 2025 'Year of Hope', Deacon Dave will share with us the power and importance of the sacrament of reconciliation.

Please join him as he takes us deeper into the sacrament through story and song.



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
18 DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF STS PETER & PAUL	19	20 9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church Vinnies Meeting Contact Neil 0403 165 414 7.30pm Baptism Info Night @ St Catherine of Siena Church	21 PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	22 ST CECILIA 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	23 Baptisms 11am 6pm Vigil Mass	24 SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses Youth Sunday
25	26	27 9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church	28 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	29 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	30 ST ANDREW Baptisms 11am 6pm Vigil Mass	1 1st Sunday of Advent 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses DEC

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
VOLUNTEERING AT A WEEKEND MASS?

Pick up a 'Volunteer Information Pack' in the Gathering Area of the church for detailed information on each ministry and an application form.

Christ the King: Samoan Feast Day

Taefu Alex Silao and our Samoan Community invite parishioners to celebrate the special Samoan Feast Day 'Sulufaga o Iesu Tupu' at the 9am Mass next Sunday November 24th on the Solemnity of Christ the King.

Hymns will be sung in Samoan and traditional Samoan customs will be done during the mass, including honouring and welcoming someone with flowers — including Christ on the altar where a large lei is placed at the altar after the consecration.

Similarly, before the Scriptures are announced, the Bible is "enthroned" in the sanctuary and surrounded by leis where the King of Kings speaks through the readings.

PLEASE RING THE MASS MANAGER IF UNABLE TO ATTEND:

6 pm	Tania Walters	0492 952 478
9 am	Theo Franken	0411 040 897
11am	Bruna Tomassi	9743 0341
5 pm	Josephine Krajina	0407 042 133

Two new Auxiliary Bishops appointed
for Melbourne

Our partner churches Melton and Melton South would like to congratulate our two Auxiliary Bishops-elect in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne: Fr Tinh Nguyen whose current position is Ministry to the Clergy in the Archdiocese and Fr Rene Ramirez RCJ who is currently Parish Priest in Shepparton, in the Sandhurst Diocese.



Fr Rene is a member of the Congregation of the Rogationists, the same Congregation that Fr Alex and Fr Wilford belong to. We wish them fruitful ministry ahead as Auxiliary Bishops.

St Catherine of Siena Student Art
Work: Open Walk through

Parishioners are invited over to St Catherine of Siena Primary School after the 9am Mass to see the art displays throughout the school.

St Catherine's Principal Des Noack will open the school for half an hour to walk through the school to view artwork created throughout the year by the students.

33 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday November 16&17, 2024	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuiness	Asther Creo	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Sanghaya Creo	Cira Cleary	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Janet Estrada
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Vickie Cassar		Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe		Saturday & Sunday November 23&24, 2024		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Kate Mulholland	Graham Dempsey	Chelsea Amato	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Lawrence Camenzuli	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Bruna Tomassi	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Maureen Mohr	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
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Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir



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Prayer for All Faithful Departed for the month of November

God our Father, Your power brings us to birth,
Your providence guides our lives,
and by Your command, we return to dust.
Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,
their lives change but do not end.

We pray in hope for our families, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone. In company with Christ, Who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away. Unite us together again to sing Your praise in the company of Your elect, forever and ever. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Christmas Tree Hampers

This weekend marks the beginning of our Christmas hamper collection! Our goal is to gather enough items to fill 20 hampers, each of which will be given to a family in our community to help them celebrate Christmas.

In the gathering area, you'll find a tree with tags listing different needed items. Please take one or more tags, purchase the listed items, and place them in the hamper under the tree with the tag.

All items are requested by December 8th.

Thank you for your generosity!



Engaging Your Faith Online October Series



CATHOLIC
THEOLOGICAL
COLLEGE



A series of short, online presentations from experienced lecturers from CTC present on a variety of topics such as Theology, Scripture, Meditation, Science and Religion, Science, and Faith

From \$25 per session.

For more information and to register: ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/



LEBANON CRISIS APPEAL

Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability. Please help provide families with food, water, and medical care.



DONATE NOW

caritas.org.au/lebanon
1800 024 413

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.

MISSED OUT ON THE TIDINGS?

Back issues of The Tidings are available on our parish website: www.melbcatholic.org/melton

CLICK to VIEW
PREVIOUS BULLETINS



Would you like to receive

The Tidings before the weekend?



Head to our website to subscribe to The Tidings or simply scan the QR code to enter your email to receive a digital copy. You will then receive a verification link via email to confirm your subscription.

Parish Offertory Giving

If you would like to make either a one-off donation or to set up recurring donations to the parish, please scan the QR code or head to our website: TINYURL.COM/GIVEMELTON



You may also like to use the Smart Terminal at the welcome desk to contribute to the Parish.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, the safety and wellbeing of all persons is of highest priority.

HOME VISITATION & BLESSING REQUESTS

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

TINYURL.COM/HBLESSING

PARISH BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Announcements & Notices: Please submit your announcement or notices no 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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