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

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – Year B (Laetare Sunday) | 10 March 2024

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 THIS WEEK

St Catherine of Siena Church, Melton West

108 Bulmans Road, Melton West, VIC 3337

- **Saturday** 6pm (Vigil Mass)
- **Sunday** 9am, 11am & 5pm
- **Wednesday & Thursday** 9am (joined by St Francis Catholic College for House Masses)

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

- **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@sdelton.catholic.edu.au

**ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL** (Prep-Year 6)

Principal: Mr Des Noack

Address: 108 Bulmans Road, Melton West, VIC 3337

Phone: +61 3 9743 2166 | *Email:* info@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au

SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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

formerly Catholic Regional College Melton

Principal: Ms Marlene Jorgensen

Address: 109-141 Bulmans Rd, Melton West, VIC 3337

Phone: +61 3 8099 6000 | *Email:* info@sfcc.vic.edu.au

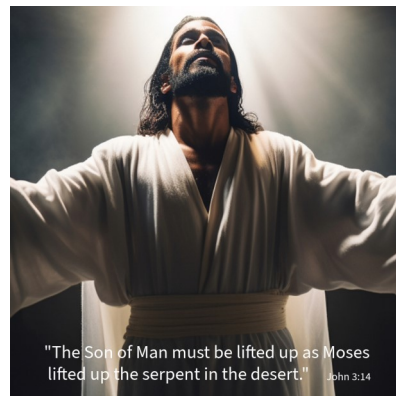
Gospel Focus

Not to Condemn...

THE GOSPEL passage tells us that God's Son was not sent into the world to condemn it, but rather, 'so that through him the world might be saved'. It also tells us that whoever refuses to believe 'is already condemned'.

God does not condemn the world, nor individuals within it. Indeed, God is absolutely determined to save the world. However, we do sometimes condemn ourselves.

When we turn our back on love; when we hide from relationships; when we wallow in selfishness – we shut ourselves off from relationship with God and condemn ourselves. We only have to open our eyes to see the alternative!



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*God loved the world so much, he gave his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.*

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Today's Scripture Readings

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 136 (137); Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 50 (51); Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

PALMS NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY



We are in need of palms for our Palm Sunday celebration. If you are able to assist with providing palm branches the week before Palm Sunday please contact Vivien at the Parish Office via email or during office hours on 9743 6515. Many thanks!



Thank You

Parish Stewardship Update

February Pledged: \$7,260.09

Actual: \$5,896.45

Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.



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



WHY WE DO THINGS IN THE MASS

A brief history and symbolism of feet washing on Holy Thursday

ONE of the signature parts of the liturgy during Holy Week is the traditional feet washing on Holy Thursday. During the middle of Mass, priests will wash the feet of parishioners, imitating the example of Jesus at the Last Supper.

The act of washing feet during the liturgy is very ancient and initially was not reserved to Holy Thursday.

Dom Prosper Gueranger explains in his *Liturgical Year* how it began in the early Church.

At the commencement it was almost a daily practice. St. Paul when mentioning the qualities which should adorn the Christian Widow, includes that washing the feet of the Saints, that is of the Faithful. We find this act of humble charity practiced in the Ages of Persecution and even later. The Acts of the Saints of the first six centuries and the Homilies and Writings of the Holy Fathers are filled with allusions to it.

St. Augustine mentions it in a letter to Januarius.

As to the feet-washing, since the Lord recommended



this because of its being an example of that humility which He came to teach, as He Himself afterwards explained, the question has arisen at what time it is best, by literal performance of this work, to give public instruction in the important duty which it illustrates, and this time [of Lent] was suggested in order that the lesson taught by it might make a deeper and more serious impression

By the Middle Ages the act of feet washing became a part of the liturgical celebration of Holy Thursday, where local

Corporal Works of Mercy

- Feeding the hungry
- Sheltering the homeless
- Clothing the naked
- Visiting the sick
- Visiting the imprisoned
- Giving drink to the thirsty
- Burying the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- Converting sinners
- Instructing the ignorant
- Advising the doubtful
- Comforting the sorrowful
- Bearing wrongs patiently
- Forgiving injuries
- Praying for the living & dead

We might take the spiritual and corporal works of mercy as a penitential model. Penitential practices express in visible signs and deeds the interior conversion of heart. Because we are called by Jesus to give our whole selves to the Father, conversion means a radical reorientation of our whole lives toward God's kingdom. We turn away from evil, resolve not to sin, and trust in God's amazing grace. There will be sadness for past wrongs but deep joy in the working of grace.

In the end, our life in Christ is about loving God with our whole heart, mind, and soul, and about sharing God's love with others. Penitential practices are essential to help us turn away from sin, believe in the Gospel, and share God's love with one another.

The traditional feet washing on Holy Thursday has a rich history, dating back to the earliest centuries of Christianity.

bishops and even the pope would wash the feet of 12 poor persons.

This was later refined and limited at the Vatican to 12 deacons, priests, or bishops. In turn, it was stated in the Roman Missal in 1955 that 12 men were to be chosen for this ceremonial feet washing on Holy Thursday, representing the 12 Apostles.

Then in 2016, Cardinal Sarah, the prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments at the time, issued a letter permitting the washing of women's feet on Holy Thursday.

This change was meant to allow "*pastors [to] choose a group of faithful representing the variety and unity of every part of the People of God. This group may consist of men and women, and ideally of the young*

and the old, healthy and sick, clerics, consecrated persons and laypeople."

The ceremony remains a beautiful part of Holy Thursday, reminding us that discipleship requires of us an imitation of Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us and showed us how to love one another.

The article originally published in **ALETEIA** (14 April 2022)
by Philip Kosloski

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
4	5	6 9am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church (joined by St Francis College for Lawrence House Mass)	7 9am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church (joined by St Francis College for Dominic House Mass) St Luke's Sacrament of Penance Classes	8 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church (joined by St Dominic's Primary Grade 6 classes)	9 6pm Vigil Mass	10 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses Presentation of RCIA Catechumens at 11am mass
11 LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	12 7pm St Catherine's Primary School Sacrament of Penance (over 3 nights)	13 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	14 9am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church (joined by St Francis College for Bernard House Mass) St Luke's Sacrament of Penance Classes	15 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	16 Baptisms: 11am & 12.15pm 6pm Vigil Mass	17 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses
18 FEAST OF ST PATRICK Patron of the Diocese	19 FEAST OF ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY 7pm St Dominic's Primary School Sacrament of Penance	20 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church 7.30pm Baptism Information Night @ St Catherine of Siena Church	21 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church St Luke's Sacrament of Penance	22 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church (joined by St Dominic's Primary Grade 4 classes)	23 Baptisms: 11am & 12.15pm 6pm Vigil Mass	24 PALM SUNDAY 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses
25	26	27 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	28 MAUNDY THURSDAY 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church 7.30pm Mass of the Supper of the Lord Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm	29 GOOD FRIDAY 10.30am Stations of the Cross 11am Individual Reconciliation 3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	30 HOLY SATURDAY 10.30am Blessing of the Food 10.45am Individual Reconciliation 7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass	31 EASTER SUNDAY 9am & 11am Sunday Masses Please note: there is no 5pm Mass

UPDATE: BULMANS ROAD UPGRADE PROJECT

Road works continue on Bulmans Road — we want to thank parishioners for their patience with the ever changing points of access during this project. Our usual gate should be available moving forward to enter and exit. Please also note that we have been advised that a full road closure during the Easter school holidays is being planned from Tuesday April 2nd to Saturday April 13th before 6pm Vigil Mass.

As a result, Masses on April 6 & 7 will be at St Dominic's Parish Hall on cnr Unitt St & Smith St.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Couples from Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) will be speaking at Sunday morning masses this weekend and next to invite you to a **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend on 12-14 April 2024 at St Paul's Retreat Centre in Wantirna to "Live Your Best Married Life in Love."**

This weekend gives married couples time to nurture your relationship and some tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, supportive environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details at: WWME.ORG.AU, email vicbooking@wwme.org.au or call Mercy & James on 0409 183 676.

PLEASE RING THE MASS MANAGERS 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

4 th Sunday of Lent			Saturday & Sunday March 9 & 10, 2024	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Daniel Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Michael Higgins
Responder	Tania Walters	Vickie Cassar	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Bill McGuinness	Richard Kealy	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Theo Balebanga	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Veneration Choir		St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			

5 th Sunday of Lent			Saturday & Sunday March 16 & 17, 2024	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Vickie Cassar	Liza Fernandes	Janet Estradra
Responder	Manoj D'Silva	Jennifer Peters	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Bruna Tomassi	Janet Estradra
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Asther Creo	Lea Jacuta	Michael Higgins
PowerPoint Operator	Help needed	Sanyata Creo		Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			



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A note from the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Vocations Team

Dear friends,

I would like to thank you for your prayers for Vocations over the years. We were delighted to accept eight men to the Seminary for Melbourne this year:

Chinh Tran, Rohan Prince, Luke Kennedy, Luke Emslie, Tung Phan, Joseph Maae, Patrick Harris and Mathews Noble.

Many of you have personally helped and encouraged these men along their journey to apply to join the Seminary; it truly is a team effort! Please continue to pray for them!

Part of the work of the Vocations Office is to promote Vocations throughout our Archdiocese. Please feel free to contact us if you have any thoughts/plans of how we can do so better.

In Christ,
Fr Dishan and the Vocations Team

Catholic Vocations
Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002 Australia
PO Box 146, East Melbourne VIC 8002 Australia
Telephone: (03) 9926 5733 Email: vocations@cam.org.au
www.vocationsmelbourne.org



Parish Thanksgiving

If you would like to make either a one-off donation or to set up recurring donations to the parish, especially during this Lenten season, please scan the QR code below or head directly to the Donate page on our website:



TINYURL.COM/GIVEMELTON

You may also like to use the Smart Terminal at the welcome desk to tap & give with your card or smart device to contribute to the Parish.

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 parish Tidings are available on our parish website: www.melbocatholic.org/melton



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PREVIOUS BULLETINS



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

Email melton@cam.org.au requesting to join the mailing list for The Tidings or scan the QR code to subscribe on our website.

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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COUPLES/SPOUSES/PRIESTS



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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF WWME IN AUSTRALIA

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*Love & Respect: The Love She Most Desires;
the Respect He Desperately Longs for*

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ST JOHN'S PARISH, MITCHAM
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AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION
STARTING 6PM
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Details & registration: www.trybooking.com/COSSN

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS— MELTON BRANCH



WE are inviting all men of the parish to a breakfast on **Saturday March 16th** at **St Dominic's Parish Hall** on Unitt St.

The team shall commence cooking at 7.00am with breakfast ready at 8.00am.



Bill McGuinness is the guest speaker who shall talk about his career maintaining aircraft from little to big over 48 and half years.

Gold coin donation.

BAPTISM INFORMATION EVENING

The next Baptism Information Night will be held on

Wednesday March 20 at 7.30pm
St Catherine of Siena Church

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 safter Mass or fill out the online request form:

<https://tinyurl.com/HBlessing>