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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 EASTER — Year B | 21 April 2024

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/catholicparishmelton>

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 9.15am

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

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

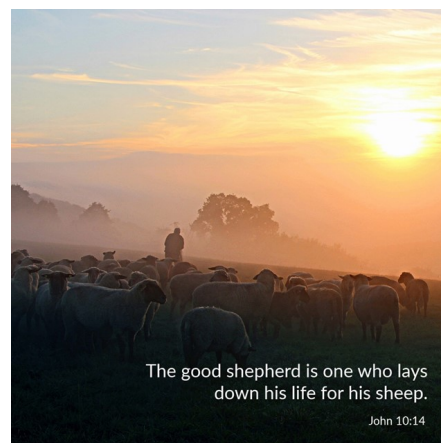
Phone: +61 3 8099 6000 | Email: info@sfc.vic.edu.au

Different View

The Australian Shepherd

AUSTRALIAN audiences can tend to struggle a bit with the image of Jesus as the good shepherd. The Australian image of sheep is one of huge flocks of sheep that number in their hundreds and thousands and roam freely over enormous open plains.

I guess we also tend to look on sheep as pretty stupid animals that will follow anything anywhere. It doesn't seem to work to put Jesus into this image of vast sheep stations. The idea of a shepherd knowing his sheep individually seems a bit ridiculous in this context.



The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

John 10:14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Acts 4:8-12; Ps 117 (118); 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Acts 9:26-31; Ps 21(22); 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

CHANGES TO WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS



Just a note that Wednesday Morning Masses will now be back at St Catherine of Siena Church at 9.15am NOT 9.30am at St Dominic's Church.



Thank You

Parish Stewardship Update

March Pledged: \$5,709.43

Actual: \$5,372.43

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



WHY WE DO THINGS IN THE MASS

An Unlit Paschal Candle

QUESTION: *Some churches here in the Easter season keep the paschal candle unlit from the start of the Mass up until the time when the priest proceeds to ambo to read the Gospel, at which point an altar server comes out to light the candle. I cannot find any such specific instruction in the Roman Missal or the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM). Can you comment on the validity of this practice? Also, we also noted the priest incensing the still-unlit paschal candle in the beginning of the Mass just after he venerated the altar. May an unlit paschal candle be incensed during Mass? -- M.S., Philippines*

ANSWER: Regarding the Easter candle the rubrics of the Missal for the conclusion of the Easter Vigil Mass state:

"70. The paschal candle is lit in all the more solemn liturgical celebrations of this period."

At the conclusion of the Mass of Pentecost the rubrics indicate:

"With Easter Time now concluded, the paschal candle is extinguished. It is desirable to keep the paschal candle in the baptistery with due honour so that it is lit at the celebration of Baptism and the candles of those baptized are lit from it."

With respect to incensing GIRM No. 277 says:

"Three swings of the thurible are used to incense: the Most Blessed Sacrament, a relic of the Holy Cross and images of the Lord exposed for public veneration, the offerings for the Sacrifice of the Mass, the altar cross, the Book of the Gospels, the paschal candle, the Priest, and the people."

To this may be added the orientations offered in the circular letter on the Easter celebrations, Paschale Solemnitatis.

"99. The paschal candle has its proper place either by the ambo or by the altar and should be lit at least in all the more solemn liturgical celebrations of the season until Pentecost Sunday, whether at Mass or at Morning and Evening Prayer. After the Easter season, the candle should be kept with honour in the baptistery, so that in the celebration of baptism, the candles of the baptized may be lit from them. In the celebration of funerals, the paschal candle should be placed near the coffin to indicate that the death of a Christian is his own passover. The paschal candle should not otherwise be lit nor placed in the sanctuary outside the Easter season."

From the above, there is nothing to deduce that the paschal candle is not lit from the very beginning along with, or rather before, the other candles, just before the liturgical service begins.

I could also mention a recent book by Monsignor Marc Caron, *Ceremonial for Priests*. In this work we find the following directions on Page 234 for the conclusion of the Easter Vigil Mass:

"The Easter candle is extinguished last among all the candles to be extinguished. On successive days of the Easter season, the Easter candle is always lit first at any significant liturgical celebration."

If priests were to follow this indication, then the situation presented by our reader would never arise. Nor would there be any case in which an unlit candle be incensed, as indeed this would make no liturgical sense whatsoever.

Perhaps the cause of these puzzling initiatives is a confusion with the custom of accompanying the proclamation of the Gospel with lighted



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Applications close on Friday 16 August 2024.



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candles and the fact that the Easter candle is frequently located beside the ambo.

Since the processional candles are brought forward at the time of the Gospel it may have appeared logical to some, especially if there are no candles, to light the Easter candle at this moment. I would respectfully call into question the soundness of such liturgical reasoning.

While the Easter candle is often placed near the ambo, this is not always the case. It may be legitimately placed in other locations such as at the centre of the sanctuary or next to the altar. Hence the symbol of lighting the paschal candle is not necessarily or primarily associated with the Liturgy of the Word and even less with the proclamation of the Gospel.

The primary symbolic function of the Easter candle is to represent the light of the risen Christ. This Resurrection symbol should be present throughout Eastertide and not just from a certain moment of the celebration. The risen Christ is, hence, symbolically present during the penitential rites and the first readings. After all, the risen Christ is the source of our forgiveness.

It would also be somewhat incongruous that the light of the Easter candle be absent during the first part of the Liturgy of the Word precisely during the season in which the readings are taken mostly from the New Testament, especially the Acts of the Apostles which continually proclaim the message of the Resurrection.

The symbol of the paschal candle is quite different from that of the optional candles that accompany the Gospel procession. These latter are a means of honouring and emphasizing the centrality of the Gospel in salvation history and as the high point of the Liturgy of the Word.

Answered by: FR. EDWARD MCNAMARA, LC, April 14, 2024

LiturgY Q&A – EPRIEST.COM

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
22	23	24 9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church	25 ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY (no daily mass)	26 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	27 Baptisms: 11am & 12.15pm 6pm Vigil Mass	28 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses
29 FEAST OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA 2.15pm St Catherine of Siena Feast Day Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church (joined by St Catherine of Siena Primary School)	30	1 9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church (joined by St Catherine's Primary Grade 4 classes) MAY	2 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	3 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	4 6pm Vigil Mass	5 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses
6	7	8 9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church (joined by St Catherine's Primary Grade 4 classes)	9 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church St Luke's: Sacrament of Eucharist Classes	10 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	11 6pm Vigil Mass Presentation Masses for Candidates (St Luke's & St Dominic's Primary School)	12 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses

Liam & Emily's Convalidation

We just wanted to share a couple of photos from Liam & Emily's convalidation ceremony during 6pm mass last Saturday—congratulations to the happy couple!



INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

10-11.45am on Saturday 4 May 2024

Catholic Theological College (278 Victorian Pde, East Melb)

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

Read More: Brochure cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate

Visit: Archdiocese of Melbourne permanent diaconate site tinyurl.com/MelbCathPermanentDiaconate

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0

Watch: Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for Deacons and video youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate— Ph: 9412 3357 or Email: diaconate@cam.org.au

The next Liturgy Roster for May, June and July has been emailed to all liturgical ministers this week.

A hard copy is on the notice board in the Gathering Area and hard copies are available in the Lay Sacristy.

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 Easter		Saturday & Sunday April 20 & 21, 2024		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Maureen Mohr	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Regina Traczynski	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Daniel Walters	Jennifer Peters	Janet Estradra	Ismael Sosa -Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Tania Walters	Karl Metha	Bruna Tomassi	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Richard Kealy	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Adela Marinjira	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir		Samoan Choir	St Anuarite Choir	
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			

5 th Sunday of Easter		Saturday & Sunday April 27 & 28, 2024		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Kate Mulholland	Karl Metha	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Daniel Walters	Jennifer Peters	Liza Fernandez	Janet Estradra
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Cira Cleary	Cira Cleary	Michael Higgins
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Bruna Tomassi	Janet Estradra
Holy Communion	Tania Walters	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Chelsea Amato	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			



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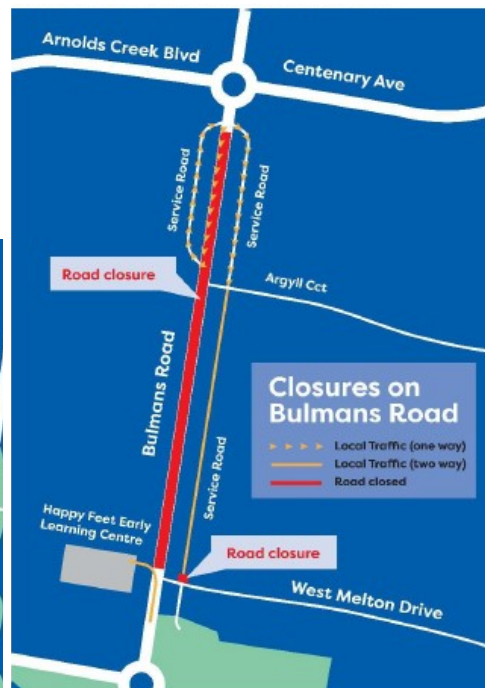
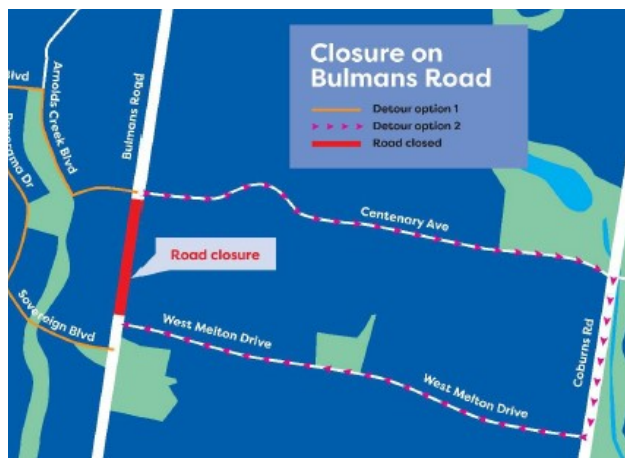
The Latest on the Bulmans Rd Upgrade Project

Work on Bulmans Road between Sovereign Boulevard and Westlake Drive is now complete. We will now focus on completing the next stage of urbanisation works on Bulmans Road between Centenary Avenue and West Melton Drive.

Bulmans Road between Centenary Avenue and West Melton Drive will be closed to through traffic during the day and night between Monday 22 April and Friday 28 June 2024, weather permitting.

This closure is required to complete the next stage of the Bulmans Road urbanisation work which includes pavement, relocation of utilities as well as kerbing and drainage work.

Works will take place between 7am and 6pm Monday to Saturday.



Join us in greeting one of our long-time parishioners and Veritas Choir keyboard player, Bill Lucas, well wishes on celebrating his 80th birthday this past week!

Help Wanted: Breakfast Program

Three volunteers are needed to help with the breakfast program at St Dominics Primary School Melton on Wednesday mornings.

7.30am start and 8.45am finish. It involves making toast and serving the students. Please contact Maureen on 0437463449 if this interests you or someone you know.

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.melbcatholic.org/melton



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

Violent & Distressing content

Following the events of the last week, young people might be struggling to come to terms with what they've read or seen.

It is important to check in and talk to them about the content they have seen. We also recommend that children use devices in open areas of the home, rather than in their bedroom, so you can be attuned to how they are coping and what they are consuming.

Tips on dealing with distressing content:

- Don't share it further – even if your intention is to help or raise awareness, you may cause distress to others.
- Report it to the platform to help get the material removed quickly.
- If it is not removed, you can report it to eSafety who can notify the platform to either remove the content or block access from within Australia. Your actions could protect you and others from seeing that content again. **Read more:** tinyurl.com/DistressingContent

Parish Thanksgiving

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](https://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 safter 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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