



THE TIDINGS

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GRANGEFIELDS, HARKNESS, KURUNJANG, PLUMPTON, ROCKBANK & TOOLERN VALE



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

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year A | 23 July 2023

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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@sdelton.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

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

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Living the Gospel

Agents of Change

We often hear that to fully live out the kingdom message of

Jesus is to be counter-cultural.

These parables are a perfect example of that call. Jesus himself acted in contrast to his cultural context and often used examples in his teaching that flew in the face of cultural expectation.

What does it mean to be counter-cultural today?

Our world is driven by an emphasis on the individual; an emphasis on acquisition; an emphasis on consuming. The kingdom parables of today's gospel call us to be the agents of change that 'irritate' in our own small way to make a difference in the world.

"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field."
Matthew 13:24



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries
of the kingdom. Alleluia!*

Today's Scripture Readings

Wis 12:13,16-19; Ps 85; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Ps 118; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

Recently Deceased: Elsie Coupe, Doreen Stanmore

THIS WEEKEND AT ALL MASSES

JULY 22 & 23

The 'Bethlehem Catholics' will display handmade olive wood carvings (nativity sets, candle holders, ornaments, religious figures, crucifixes, etc) made by Christians in Bethlehem.

The proceeds from sales go back to the Christian

families in Bethlehem to help them survive and stay in their homeland - a land of ongoing conflict, war conditions and a wall built around Bethlehem.

**Cash or card will be accepted as payment
for items that you wish to purchase.**





THE BEGINNINGS OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH (All About our Church)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

These Stations of the Cross were created in the 1960s by Alex Szolomiak.

We acquired them from St John of God Brothers, North Greensborough, when the building establishment they were housed was about to be demolished due to new building projects. They needed a new home and Fr Michael incorporated them in our parish landscape and prayer life.



ABOUT THE CREATOR

ALEX SZOLOMIAK

For a man interned in a Siberian labour camp, awarded the Military Medal for outstanding bravery, life had a special meaning.

He knew there were things more important than life. There was honour, art and liberty. Such things are worth devoting a lifetime to, and such things are worth dying for. That is the way Alex lived. He left a trail of artworks behind him as he moved from Poland to Russia to Persia, South Africa, Britain, France and finally to Australia, and put his life on the line in almost all of these places.

Ironies abounded in the life of Alex. In another camp, the H.E.C. work camp at Waddamana, he met and married a girl who had also been a prisoner in Russia.



OBITUARY

Alex Szolomiak died 5th May, 1986.

Sadly do we pay the following tribute to Alex Szolomiak. As we pass through life we leave behind us a trail of memory. Szolo, left the Brooks scene in 1983 after thirty-two years, a he left behind him not only memories but solid reminders of presence.

Long ago, in another time, his hands fashioned the statues the school grounds. It was his brushes that captured the color of the East Coast scenes in the school staff room. It was his ingenuity that turned Huon Pine into meaning in the school foy. It was his patience that provided the many designs for certificates, invitations, programmes and leaflets used at the school.

Year after year teachers were presented with caricatures themselves. They became cherished memories and reflections the nature and care of their creator.

A respected citizen and a friend to all.
A generous soul, encased for ever in the spirit of Brooks.
Farewell Old Frie

One of his best public sculptures, 'Mother and Child', hung high on the wall outside the Queen Victoria Hospital, where just through that wall, thousands of babies were born into Alex's adopted community.

Alex came to Tasmania in 1948 with the second contingent of Polish Ex Servicemen and spent his 2 year contract with the HEC (Hydro Electric Commission) Tasmania at Waddamana. Alex painted Princess Elizabeth and King George II and it's these two paintings of his that hang in the Waddamana Power Station Museum.

He went on to teach Painting and Sculpturing at the Brooks High School here in Launceston. There are a few of his Sculptures in the grounds of the High School.



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

Why does Mass begin with a procession?



In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, Mass typically starts with a procession, whether it starts from the entrance of the church or the sacristy. While it may appear to be a practical consideration, the procession does have a spiritual aspect to it.

During the first few centuries after Christianity was legalized in Rome, the pope would frequently gather with his little flock at various points in the city and then process to a different “stational” church. The Catholic Encyclopedia offers a brief description of this early version of the procession.

The pontiff, the clergy, and the people assembled in the appointed church, where the clergy vested and the office was begun...As the procession moved along to the stational church where the Mass was to be offered the Kyrie Eleison and the litanies were sung, from which the procession itself was often called litania.

It was often called a “penitential procession,” and was used as a way to prepare the hearts of those who were to participate in Mass.

“The primary way to foster the participation of the People of God in the sacred rite is the proper celebration of the rite itself. The *ars celebrandi* is the best way to ensure their *actuosa participatio*. The *ars celebrandi* is the fruit of faithful adherence to the liturgical norms in all their richness; indeed, for two thousand years this way of celebrating has sustained the faith life of all believers, called to take part in the celebration as the People of God, a royal priesthood, a holy nation (cf. 1 Pet 2:4-5, 9).”

Pope Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis* no. 39

The entrance procession is highly symbolic, reminding us that our life is a pilgrimage to the heights of Heaven.

The physical act of moving from one place to another gave the faithful a chance to get away from the world and enter into something very solemn and moving.

While this action was shortened over the centuries, Mass was always preceded by a smaller procession within the church building. It still retained many of the same features and also became a symbolic gesture that reminded the faithful of their procession or “pilgrimage” to Heaven.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains the spiritual symbolism of a pilgrimage.

Pilgrimages evoke our earthly journey toward heaven and are traditionally very special occasions for renewal in prayer. (CCC 2691)

The sanctuary of the church is naturally a place that symbolize heaven, with the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Furthermore, often the sanctuary is elevated by a number of steps. This too has symbolism, lifting up our eyes (and hearts) to God, but also reminding us of Jesus’ ascent to Mount Calvary.

The priest assumes this role and ascends to a “mystical” Mount Calvary to offer the sacrifice of the Mass, participating in the one sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

The next time you attend Mass, try to internalize the entrance procession and use it as an opportunity to prepare your heart for what is about to happen, transporting yourself from this world into the mystical “Supper of the Lamb,” where we hope to be fully united with God for all eternity.

PLEASE RING THE MASS MANAGERS IF UNABLE TO ATTEND:

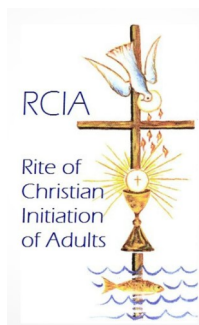
6 pm	Tania Walters	0492 952 478
9 am	Theo Franken	0411 040 897
	Vickie Cassar	0418 348 946
11 am	Bruna Tomassi	9743 0341
5 pm	Josephine Krajina	0407 042 133

16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday July 22&23, 2023	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Karl Metha	Liza Fernandez	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Sanghaya Creo	Kate Swan	Frank Unferdorben
Responder		Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Corrie Family
Holy Communion	Sally Greo	Asther Creo	Bruna Tomassi	Brian Dean
PowerPoint Operator	Tania Walters	Sanyata Creo	Liz Coustley	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	6 pm Choir	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			

17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday July 29 & 30, 2023	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Tania Walters	Graham Dempsey	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Sanghaya Creo	Bruna Tomassi	Brian Dean
Holy Communion	Tania Walters	Vickie Cassar	Liz Coustley	Michael Higgins
PowerPoint Operator	Robert Obtinalla	Sanyata Creo	Theo Baleebanga	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Veronica Milburn	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
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Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			



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Do you know somebody who wants to become Catholic and be part of our community?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA is for all those seeking to become members of the Catholic Church.

- This journey is for people who have never *been baptized, and for those who have been baptised in other Christian denominations.*
- The non-baptised are prepared in the parish RCIA program and are joyfully received into the Catholic Church by receiving the three Sacraments of Initiation: **Baptism, Confirmation** and **the Holy Eucharist**, which traditionally takes place at the Easter Vigil.
- For those *already baptised*, they too are prepared and welcomed into full communion of the Catholic Church by receiving the **Sacraments of Confirmation** and the **Holy Eucharist**, which can also take place during Easter celebrations or another suitable season.

Application forms are available on the table in the Gathering Area of the church. Completed forms can be placed into the return box at the church or emailed to the Parish Office.

We will start with an information gathering this Sunday, July 23 at 12 pm (after the 11 am Mass) in St Catherine of Siena church.

Please come along and see what it's all about!

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.



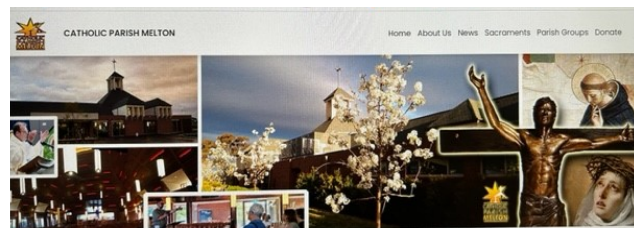
Mailing List

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

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

Check out our new website!

www.melbcatholic.org/melton



Special thanks to Deacon Chris for his time and creativity in designing our new website. Your effort and commitment to our Parish is much appreciated.



Limited time offer

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By opening an account with CDF Community Fund, you are saving for a greater reward than money alone. Help build classrooms for students, churches for growing communities, hospital wings for the sick, aged care homes for the elderly and social service facilities for the most vulnerable.

It's a way to save while doing good.

Visit catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer to open an account and for disclosure details, or scan the QR code.



PRIME TIMERS

This month's outing will be Tuesday 25th July for Games Day at the Leisure Centre, Lifestyle Village from 11.30am.

There will be a catered lunch and tea/coffee provided. There will also be a Special Event presentation of a lifetime membership to Lorraine Doyle and Tess Jones.

The New Liturgy Roster for August to October has been emailed out

The new Liturgy Roster has been email to all Liturgy Ministers. Spare copies are available in the Lay Sacristy.

For more information contact: Liz Coustley

Safeguarding Coordinator.

Phone: 0490 885 515 | Email: cso.melton@gmail.com

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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