



THE TIDINGS

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We are committed to upholding the safety and wellbeing of each child and young person, and endeavour to provide a caring and supportive environment in our Church.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - September 7, 2025

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We are **closed** on Mondays, weekends and public holidays.

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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 & 5 pm
- **Wednesday Mass** 9.15 am
(no Mass during school holidays)

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

- **Thursday & Friday** 9.15 am
(no Mass on public holidays)

CONFESSION

St Catherine of Siena Church

Saturday: 5.45 pm | Sunday: 4.45 pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT & ROSARY

St Dominic's Church

- **Thursday** following the 9.15 am 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

Reflection by Sr. Mary Fermio, RSJ

During this time of footy finals, we see hundreds of dedicated followers travelling distances to see their team play, hopefully to win a place in the finals. This seems to me a costly experience, but apparently worth it for the reward of cheering on your team towards a win.

Jesus tells his disciples that following him will be a costly experience, not in monetary terms, but in "taking up the cross". Jesus is not talking about a wooden cross, like the one he carried, but the crosses of everyday life, of living and working with others as a Christian. The invitation to "take up your cross" is not a good selling point one would think, but the point is, Jesus does not want half-hearted followers, wishy-washy Christians.

How would you rate yourself as a follower of Jesus from 1-10? Think about it.



Next Week's Readings:

Num 21:4-9 Phil 2:6-11 John 3:13-17

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

Donato Vannuccini, Maryann Muscat, Henk Van Keulen, Oscar Caruana, Barbara Jeffries, Roy Panter, Donford Maiden, Veronica Smakman, Roy Gillette Parker, Natalie Rioux, Noel Hussey, Roserio Simbulan, Reno Chetcuti, Steve Dunn, Bill Nicholls, Anne Connell, Nicola Liquorish, Mary Gordon, Margaret Nuzzo, Justine Barnett, Rose Mercieca, Danny Frawley, Michael Cooke, May Haig, William Beekhof, Thelma Carron, Jarek Swercz, Teumega Teigoamalie, Fr Pete Sinnema, Teresa Vanuccini, Dorothea Zerafa, Angela Ledbe, Alfred Giacamoto, Peter Linton, Richard Goss, Michael Hrymek, Michael Dillon, James Cabrerros, Rodney Bonnici, Ted Kasprzak, Michael Williams, Tony Kidman, Benny Roche, Mary Tolhurst, Lorraine Gabor, Pocholo Viray

Healing for the Sick:

Alexis Eslao, Joan McConnell, Nicasia - Anna Orallo



PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

August Update

Pledged: \$6,252.54

Actual: \$4,517.13

Thank
You

**In case of urgent situations, sickness etc.
in the parish please call 0422 869 646**

Entrance Antiphon *Psalm 118:137, 124*

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading *Wis 9:13-18*

What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you
not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. *(R.)*
2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. *(R.)*
3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. *(R.)*
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. *(R.)*

Second Reading *Philemon 12-17:Phlm 9-10, 12-17*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation *Psalm 118:135*

Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws. *Alleluia!*

Gospel *Luke 14:25-33*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The wisdom tradition from which the first reading is taken is rooted in the fact that life is a series of choices. The epistle and the gospel reading provide us with examples of the way Christians should choose. Finally, the psalm's description of the fleeting nature of life sets the context and tone of our decision-making.

Discipleship demands that, in the face of all the choices available to us, we keep our priorities straight. In the gospel, Jesus insists that we must be single minded. We must cling to the one thing necessary, and that one thing is authentic discipleship. In choosing Jesus, we choose other things as well. We choose new relationships with the very people to whom we have already been committed. Those who were slaves, or lower class, or employees, or providers of service are now regarded as sisters and brothers in Christ. In choosing Jesus, we also choose the cross. We choose to live in a way that calls us to travel the high road: to forgive offences committed against us; to live simply so that others can simply live; to take responsibility for the moral character of society.

The fleeting nature of life as characterised in the psalm forces us to look at the meaning of life. When the day dawns for us to return to dust, what will we have gained from life? The realisation of our finiteness and the transitory nature of life should help us to set our priorities right and should give us the courage to remain faithful to them.

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Heavenly Father, Thank You for the gift of fathers. On this special day, I lift up the man who has led, loved, & labored for his family. Strengthen him in every area of his life—physically, emotionally, & spiritually. Fill his heart with joy for the seeds he's planted & the legacy he's building. Give him wisdom to lead with grace & humility, surround him with peace that passes understanding. Let him know how deeply he is loved not just by his family, but by You. May his life be a reflection of Your faithfulness, & may he walk in purpose all his days. Amen.



Happy Father's Day !

**St Anthony of Padua
Melton South
WANT TO WIN A
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Christmas Raffle 2025 for \$25.00

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2nd Prize: Travel Voucher value \$3,000

3rd Prize: Apple Mac Book value \$1,699

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See Gathering Area & Posters for Details



Rogationists - 10yrs in Australia

Friday, September 19, 2025
at St Anthony of Padua Parish,
Melton South

(with participant Priests from Vic Dioceses)

9:30am Commemorative Tree Planting

**10am Conference on the 10 years of
RCJs presence in Australia**

Speaker: Most Rev. Rene Ramirez RCJ,
D.D. Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne

11am Morning Tea

**11:30am Conference on Rogationist
Charism and Mission**

**All are welcome to join
us on this special
occasion.**

Speaker: Fr. Jesse Martirizar, RCJ - SMP Provincial Councilor on Rogate

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

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. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Online information meeting: **Tuesday, 23 September 2025**

beginning 19:00 – 20:00

Location: via ZOOM

Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing
Deacon Kevin Pattison: Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

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6 pm Tania Walters 0492 952 478
9 am Theo Franken 0411 040 897

11am Lea Jacuta 0414 390 151
5 pm Josephine Krajina 0407 042 133

23 rd Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday September 6 & 7, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuiness	Faith Tuputala	Amy Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Jennifer Peters	Cira Cleary	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Faith Tuputala	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross		Saturday & Sunday September 13 & 14, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Kate Mulholland	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tania Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Liz Coustley	Janet Estrada
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
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Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			



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The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the
seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

Franciscus

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SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

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

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, necessary requirements and the
application form.

HOME VISITATION & BLESSING REQUESTS

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

TINYURL.COM/HBLESSING

Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 6pm Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm

Sunday, 7th	Fathers' Day
7th - 13th	National Child Protection Week
Sunday, 14th	Safeguarding Sunday
Wednesday, 10th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am St Catherine Yr 1&2 students to attend
Thursday, 11th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Yr 1 students to attend
Friday, 12th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Wednesday, 17th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am St Catherine Foundation students to attend Baptism Information Night 7.30 pm at St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 18th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 19th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Foundation students to attend End of Term 3 for students
Saturday, 20th	Baptisms 11 am & 12.15 pm
Wednesday, 24th	School Holidays No Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 25th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 26th	Public Holiday No Mass at St Dominic's Church



The Feast of the Nativity of
the Blessed Virgin Mary is
celebrated on September 8,
date was chosen to be
exactly nine months before
the December 8th
celebration of her
Immaculate Conception,
highlighting the divine plan
of salvation.

*Blessed Virgin My Dearest Mother and Queen give
me your heart so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate, so
full of love and humility that I may receive Jesus as you
did and go in haste to give Him to others.* St Teresa of Calcutta

Feast of the Nativity of Mary celebration at St Anthony of Padua on Sept. 8, 2025
Rosary at 6:00pm Mass at 6:30pm Fellowship to follow after the mass please
bring a plate. Special collection on the night to support Marian events.

PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

If you would like to make a **one-off donation**, set
up **recurring donations** to the parish, or **request**
a **payment report**, 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.



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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