



THE TIDINGS

SERVING THE AREAS OF MELTON, WEST MELTON, HARKNESS, KURUNJANG, TOOLERN VALE, PLUMPTON, GRANGEFIELDS, BONNIE BROOK (WEST), ROCKBANK (WEST).



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.

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A - May 03, 2026

CLERGY

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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 at St Catherine's Church)

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: 10:30-10:50am/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 7-9): Bridge Rd, Cobblebank

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

Reflection by Deacon Cristopher Creo

JESUS: "THE WAY THAT LEADS HOME"

The Gospel opens with Jesus' deeply consoling words: "Do not let your hearts be troubled," and his promise that in the Father's house there are many dwelling places. He assures the disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them. When Thomas articulates the uncertainty that individuals may experience—"How can we know the way?"

Jesus provides a significant response:

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." He does not offer a set of directions or ideas, but himself. Our destination is communion with God, and the way to that home is a living relationship with Christ.

This challenges the mindset of our age, which tells us to "find your own way," "live your own truth," and "create your own meaning." This echoes the original lie in the Genesis story of grasping for ourselves what is right and true. The Christian tradition offers a different vision. St. Irenaeus of Lyons teaches that the glory of God is the human person fully alive—but only in communion with God. St. Augustine of Hippo reminds us that our hearts are restless until they rest in God, and St. Thomas Aquinas insists that truth is something we receive, not create. When we drift from God, we become less ourselves—fragmented, restless, and uncertain. We see this when "my truth" replaces truth, or when "my way" becomes a pursuit of success or comfort that leaves us empty.

The deeper truth is that we are not made to invent the way but to receive it. Jesus does not simply point to a path; he gives Himself. To follow Him is to trust His way in daily life, to seek truth in Him, and to receive life as a gift through prayer and the sacraments. In doing so, we discover that He is not only our destination, but also the faithful companion who leads us home.



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

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 6:1-7

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **(R.)**
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1Pet 2:4-9

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:1-12

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am
you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

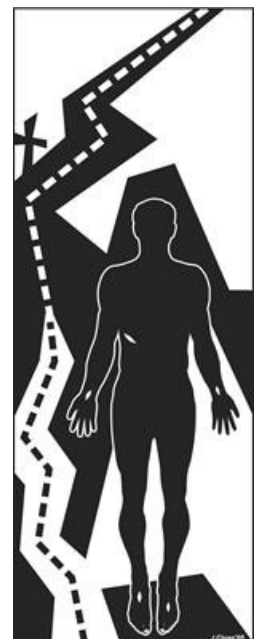
Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?
Do you not believe
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as from
myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.
You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of
this work, if for no other
reason.

'I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works
as I do myself,
he will perform even greater
works,
because I am going to the
Father.'

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and
you are the branches,
says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me,
and I in him,
bears fruit in plenty,
alleluia.



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Prayer for Vocations

O Jesus' gentle heart, in your entire mortal life you sought always the glory of Your Father. Deign to send to Your Holy Church good and evangelical workers, who will incessantly glorify Your Father who is in heaven with the holiness of their life and apostolic work.

Send of Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church.

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1Pet 3:15-18 John 14:15-21

Recently Deceased

Giuseppe Lanciano (funeral 07 May 2026)

Death Anniversaries:

Lesley Correra, Hilda Czlapa, Steve Moore, Margaret Dobson, Florence Oakley, Grace Baldwin, Joy Jenkins, Paul Spiteri, Angelo Pace, Mary Peters, Tony Carberry, Sarah Larkin, Joseph Cordio, Edmund Lim Swee Chew, Joseph Gixti, Michael Madden, Phyllis Michael, Thomas Spillman, Kathleen Coburn, Lt Col Michael McDermott, Francis Beck, Mary Derksen, Walter German, Yonela Reasonable, Prescilla Lewis, Salvina Cassar, Elizabeth Houlder, Flossie Baillon, Annie Fernandes, Sandy Fernandez, Josephine Calleja, Joyce Calleja, Sam Meilak, Angela & Arthur Pace, Rev Ian Cundy, Marlene Turner, Bill Francis, Ann Kosik, Francis Gomez, Hugh Litchfield, Grace Camilleri, Vince Camilleri, Leli Grima, Mara Leheckuti 250502-08

Have you been Encountered?

Marriage Encounter is coming to Melton

Come along and experience your special weekend at:

St Dominic's Parish Melton

When: June 26 – 28th 2026

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday 4:30pm

For further details, please contact:

Mercy & James Bvirakare Ph: 0409 183 676

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au / Visit wwme.org.au

Flyers available at the gathering area

Additional Volunteers needed for Food Prep. for Marriage Encounter Weekend if you're able to help Please contact Anne Woof # 0400 098 979

A prayer for the Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi

Pope Leo XIV had announced that 2026 is a Jubilee Year of St. Francis, to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the saint's death. The Holy Father has offered this prayer for the occasion:



Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago, went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord. You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall. You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries. In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen~~~



"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me"

PLEASE RING MASS MANAGER IF UNABLE TO ATTEND AND PERFORM YOUR ROSTERED DUTY



6pm—Tania Walters 0492 952 478

9am Theo Franken 0411 040 897

11am— Lea Jacuta 0414 390 151

5pm - Josephine Krajina 0407 042 133

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A Saturday & Sunday May 2 & 3, 2026

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Charlu Chua	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Lawrence Camenzuli	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Maria Prasetyono	Jennifer Peters	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Tania Walters	Charlu Chua	Marissa Tuason	Elainne de los Santos
EM of Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Liz Coustley	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration	Veritas	Tongan Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

Saturday & Sunday May 9 & 10, 2026

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Marissa Tuason	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Aizira Mascarenhas	Chelsea Amato	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Janet Estrada
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinala	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
EM of Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Aster Creo	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration	Veritas	Filipino Choir
Counters	John Woof, Leslie Gordon			



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You're invited to Alpha at our Parish

Alpha is an informal and welcoming series of interactive sessions that creates a safe and honest space for people from all backgrounds to explore life, faith, and meaning—no matter where they are on their faith journey.

The program runs every **Wednesday for 10–11 weeks**, with each session lasting just two hours. Each week, participants gather in a small group to **share a meal, watch a short video, and engage in open and respectful conversation.**

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners, make new friends, and explore life's big questions together in a supportive environment.

We are currently rolling out the 1st batch, please continue to pray for the success of this program.

To reserve your place in our future Alpha program please email your details to melton@cam.org.au or send an SMS to **0422 808 018**.

We hope you can join us! We look forward to meeting you and sharing this journey together.

Is it time to renew your Working With Children Check card?

PLEASE NOTE: When applying for a Working With Children Check or renewal as a volunteer, please state that the organisation is:

Catholic Parish of Melton
10 Unitt St, Melton VIC 3337

NOT St Catherine of Siena Parish, Bulmans Rd., as this is *not* the name of our Parish.



SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

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

MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE WEEKEND LITURGY ROSTER ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP?

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.

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

MAY

Tuesday, 5th	7pm Baptism Information Night St Catherine of Siena Church Admin Forum—Office closed
Wednesday, 6th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church Mother's Day Mass 10:15am Mass : SFC Glowrey House 7:00pm St Dominic's Parish Hall - ALPHA Prog.
Thursday, 7th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Friday, 8th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church (Mother's Day)
Saturday , 9th	11am BAPTISM St Catherine of Siena Church
Sunday, 10th	Happy Mothers' Day to all Mothers
Wednesday, 13th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 7:00pm St Dominic's Parish Hall - ALPHA Prog.
Thursday, 14th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Friday, 15th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church Year— 4 Student's Mass
Wednesday, 20th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 7:00pm St Dominic's Parish Hall - ALPHA Prog.
Thursday, 21th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Friday, 22th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church Year— 1 Student's Mass
Saturday , 23rd	11am BAPTISM St Catherine of Siena Church



PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING 2026

March Update:
Pledged: \$5,794.23
Actual: \$4,564.23

Thank You



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](https://tinyurl.com/GIVEMELTON)

A smart terminal is situated on the table by the wall in the Gathering Area of the church. You can tap & give with your card or smart device to support the Parish too.



Parishioners can download and use the **Parousya Faith** app to automatically check-in when they arrive at their parish, receive the Day's Readings, and make a quick, simple, secure and anonymous donation using their Apple Wallet, all without registering an account.



PARISH BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Announcements & Notices: Please submit your announcement or notices no later than 9am 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. All subject to approval.



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