



THE TIDINGS

SERVING THE AREAS OF MELTON, MELTON WEST, AINTREE, BONNIE BROOK,
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

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT — Year B | 1 December 2024

CLERGY

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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 & 5pm
- Wednesday 9.15am

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

- Thursday & Friday 9.15am

CONFESSION

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

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

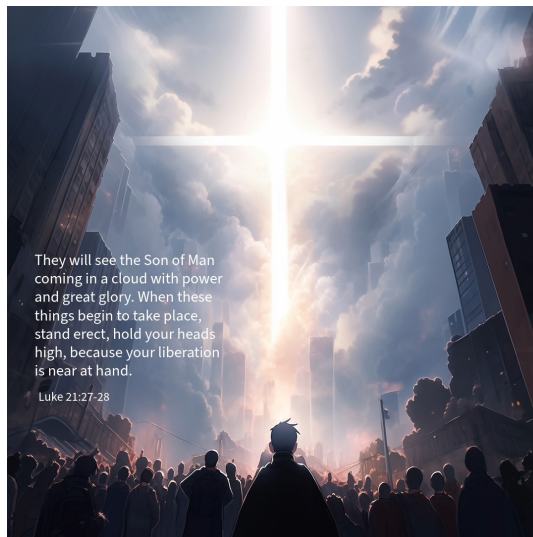
Cobblebank Campus (Year 7-8): Bridge Rd, Cobblebank

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

Have You Thought?

Waiting, waiting, waiting ...

I'M not a big fan of waiting! Anticipation is pretty good; getting prepared and getting ready are OK, too. But when it comes down to being all dressed up and ready to go, I'm just hopeless at waiting.



If Advent is a time of pointless waiting for Christmas then we've somehow missed the message. Rather than just waiting, Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation.

But it's not just about anticipating Christmas. That's part of it, sure. However, Advent is about reminding ourselves that we have a job to do: preparing for the reign of God – in our lives and in our world.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.*

Alleluia!

Today's Readings: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 24 (25); 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28,34-36

Next Week's Readings: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 125 (126); Ph 1:3-6,8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Prayer Requests

Recently died: Vilma Pinto

Death Anniversaries: Carmello Micallef, Tom Mc Guane, Kingsley Gomesz, Stella Sayers, Frank O'Leary, Ida Hilbert, Jiju Abraham, Geoff Arbuthnott, Tom Field, Betty Baker, James Costello, Paul Gontier, Jim Costello, Promode Fernando, Austin Tully, Salvina Muscat, William Stewart, Francisco Miranda Jr., Paul Farrugia, Phillip Hughes, Ann Huerto, Veronica Dickie, George McGuinness, Heidi Batino, Evelyn Armeni, Stan Lesnianski, Jeannie Wedekind, Salvina Muscat, Kevin Woof, Emanuel Xuereb, Sam Micallef, Matthew Ritchie, Catherine O'Keefe, Florence Tully, Ruby Santos, Sr Mesmin, Mario Azzopardi, Shirley & Bob Brydson, Paul Joseph Brick, Billy Airey, Sofronio Sr Aguitong, Oliver Hughes-Tobin, Depal Perera

Parish Offertory Giving October Update

Pledged: \$6,582.85 | Actual: \$4,868.81



Message from Fr Alex

Many of you may be wondering what the future holds for the parishioners in the Catholic Parish of Melton now that Fr Michael has retired.

I, as Parish Priest of St Anthony of Padua, Melton South, have been appointed a second parish, that of St Dominic's, Melton. This is called a 'Partnering of Parishes'.

What Is A Partnered Parish?

This is where two or more parishes share a Parish Priest and:

- are connected in some areas of administration,
- coordination in many pastoral areas and the sharing of resources;

while at the same time remaining canonically and financially independent.

The identity of the Catholic Parish of Melton is maintained and respected.

Partnership of churches is part of a broader long-term viability of the Catholic communities by enhancing collaboration among them. It aims to serve the needs of our parishioners better and create a unified approach to ministry and worship.

It is my wish that this may answer some of your questions and, as we move forward together, may our communities continue to be life-giving and welcoming places of worship, love and living the Gospel.

God bless, Fr Alex

PRAYER & ADORATION IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL



Primarily my concern is to ensure that the Body of Jesus is secured in the tabernacle.

The present set up, with the chapel door lock code accessible to anyone and the tabernacle key readily available, the sacred body of Jesus is exposed to the risk of being desecrated and taken away by anyone who enters the chapel.

Secondly, only church volunteer ministers, who went through the necessary training, that is, exposing and reposing the Blessed Sacrament, can open the tabernacle.

The key is no longer available in the chapel **but...** the smaller door that exposes the large blessed sacrament, will be left unlocked. You may open the small door when in prayer and adoration but please close the small door when prayer is concluded.

God bless, Fr Alex

Hope

DOES NOT DISAPPOINT

A retreat night of reflection, prayer & songs on the real value of the sacrament of reconciliation in this 'Year of Hope' as we usher the Jubilee Year



3rd
DECEMBER
2024

7:15-9.30pm
at St Anthony's Church, Melton South

SEE YOU THERE

ABOUT THE SPEAKER
Deacon Dave Reaves is from the Diocese of Richmond, Virginia in the United States. He has been serving as a deacon for over six years. He is the President of the Philipians 2 Foundation which runs the Saint Clare of Assisi Retreat Center in Hampton, Virginia. Deacon Dave has a passion for retreats and missions.

As we enter into the Jubilee 2025 'Year of Hope', Deacon Dave will share with us the power and importance of the sacrament of reconciliation.

Please join him as he takes us deeper into the sacrament through story and song.



Dishes still to be collected

There are a number of serving dishes from Fr Michael's farewell celebration last month waiting to be collected. Please see the table by the entrance doors in the Gathering Area if you are missing any serving dishes and bowls.

Many thanks!

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
30	31	1 MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD 9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church JAN	2 ST BASIL THE GREAT 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	3 THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	4 6pm Vigil Mass	1 1st Sunday of Advent 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses DEC
2	3 ST FRANCIS XAVIER	4 9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church	5 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	6 ST NICHOLAS 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	7 ST AMBROSE Baptisms: 11am & 12.15pm 6pm Vigil Mass	8 2nd Sunday of Advent 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses
9 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	10 OUR LADY OF LORETO	11 9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church	12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	13 ST LUCY 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	14 ST JOHN OF THE CROSS 6pm Vigil Mass	15 3rd Sunday of Advent 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses Simbang Gabi 8pm @ St Catherine of Siena
16	17	18 9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church	19 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	20 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	21 6pm Vigil Mass	22 4th Sunday of Advent 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses
Simbang Gabi 8pm @ St Catherine of Siena, Melton West						
Simbang Gabi 5am @ St Anthony of Padua, Melton South						
23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 ST STEPHEN BOXING DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	27 ST JOHN THE APOSTLE	28 THE HOLY INNOCENTS 6pm Vigil Mass	29 THE HOLY FAMILY 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses
Simbang Gabi 8pm @ St Catherine of Siena Simbang Gabi 5am @ St Anthony of Padua	Please see notice of Christmas Mass Times in the Tidings					

First Advent Candle: Hope



PLEASE RING THE MASS MANAGER 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



CHRISTMAS 2024 MASS TIMES

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH, MELTON WEST

15th-23rd Dec	Christmas Novena Masses	8pm
24th Dec	Christmas Vigil Family Mass	6pm
	Christmas Vigil Mass	8pm
	Midnight Mass	10pm
25th Dec	Christmas Day Mass	11am
	Christmas Day Swahili Mass	1pm

CHRISTMAS CAROLS WILL BEGIN 30 MINUTES BEFORE CHRISTMAS VIGIL AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES.

1 st Sunday of Advent		Saturday, Nov 30 & Sunday, Dec 1, 2024		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Faith Tuputala	Liza Fernandes	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Jennifer Peters	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Alzira Mascarenhas	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			
2 nd Sunday of Advent		Saturday & Sunday December 7&8, 2024		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome		Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Alzira Mascarenhas	Liza Fernandes	Josephine Krajina
Responder	Tania Walters	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion		Maureen Mohr	Bruna Tomassi	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Faith Tuputala	Liz Coustley	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			



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

THE SACRAMENTS OF PENANCE, EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION 2025

An invitation is extended to join our partnered parish's of Melton and Melton South, after hours Sacrament Program called:

St Luke's Sacramental Program

for young people who do not attend a Catholic Primary School, or attend a Catholic Secondary School and are baptised, but *have not* received one or more of the above Sacraments.

We begin with an Information Night on Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 7pm sharp in St Dominic's Parish Hall - entry via the gate on Smith St, Melton.

Information and the application form for these programs is available online on our Parish website: www.melbcatholic.org/melton or in hard copy from the Gathering Area of St Catherine of Siena church.

Please complete the application form and either:

- Email it to the parish office at: melton@cam.org.au,
- Drop it off personally at the office between 9am and 3pm, or
- Place it into the return box in the Gathering Area of the church.

The Sacrament of Penance program begins on Thursday February 6, 2025.

*Growing Together
In Faith*



The Partnered Parishes of
Melton & Melton South
invites you to join

the Simbang Gabi

St. Catherine of Siena Church
108 Bulmans Road, Melton West, Vic 3337
December 15-23 at 8pm

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Parish
67-75 Exford Road, Melton South, Vic 3338
December 16-24 at 5am

Christmas Carols before mass, food and drinks to follow

Vinnies Christmas Tree Hampers

Please take one or more tags off the Christmas tree in the gathering area and place them in the hamper under the tree with the tag. All items are requested by **December 8th**. Thank you for your generosity!

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

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Parish Offertory Giving

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



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 after Mass or fill out the online request form:

TINYURL.COM/HBLESSING



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The Tidings before the weekend?

Head to our website to subscribe to The Tidings or simply scan the QR code to enter your email to receive a digital copy. You will then receive a verification link via email to confirm your subscription.

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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