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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.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Yr C | April 20 2025

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We are **closed** on Mondays, weekends
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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)
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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@sfc.vic.edu.au

Francis Focus

The joy of Easter, Pope Francis reminds us, is a call 'to experience the risen Christ and to share the experience with others.' Like the women finding the tomb empty and telling the disciples, or Peter running to the tomb when he heard the news, we are called to respond to the message with action! We are meant to become bearers and sharers of hope: He is Risen!

As the Pope suggests, sometimes this means that we have 'to roll away the stone from the tomb where we may have enclosed the Lord.' We need to be open to being changed.

A Christianity that seeks the Lord among the ruins of the past and encloses him in the tomb of habit', the Pope declares emphatically, 'is a Christianity without Easter.' Every year, therefore, we should take up anew this opportunity to follow our Lord with joyful hope. Each Easter is an opportunity to proclaim Christ Risen in our own time and place.

Let us make Jesus,' the Pope says, 'rise again from all those tombs in which we have sealed him.' Let us embrace this Easter opportunity for 'encountering him today as the living God who desires to change us and to change our world.' Let us proclaim the Resurrection by what we do next.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Today's Readings:

Acts 10:34, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 5:12-16 Rev 1:9-13, 17-19 John 20:19-31

Recently Deceased:

Pilita & Nora

Death Anniversaries:

Jaime Dumapias, Thomas Dillon, Olympia Agcang, David Nauer, Annette Cutajar, W Van Orsouw, Anne Stewart, Zen Magpantay, Barbara Hoenig, James Spillman, Gerard Coupe, Br. Charles Hennessy, Margery McComb, Charlie Cassar, Tim Gomez, Ronald Perez, Andrew Caruana, John Gnarsinski, Jeff Micallef, Sig Hoenig, Margaret Silva, Ludwik Zwolanski, Charlie Ellis, Elizabeth Bloomfield, Emerenciana Bulan, Jennifer Barrow, Peter Wheelahan, Lucila Itliong, Dianne Henderson, Nicholas Proffitt, Sr Jane Oldman Lushman Candappa, Aaron Vella, Malcolm Smith, Mary Giacomotto



Parish Offertory Giving

March Update

Pledged: \$6,803.39 Actual: \$4,972.14

Thank You

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

Reflection by Fr. Wilford Urmaza, RCJ

THE EMPTY TOMB: A SYMBOL OF HOPE (John 20:1-9)

The empty tomb is a central aspect of Christian belief that signifies Christ's victory over sin and death. The first-century Jews, particularly the Sadducees, did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. Gentiles, who were with Jesus during His public ministry, adhered to His teachings, including the resurrection; the Jewish Christian converts who continued to practice Jewish customs and the Pharisees believed in it.

In the Gospel today, on the first day of the week, when the disciples saw that the burial place was empty and only the burial cloths were present, the first thing that came into their minds was that His body was taken away, except for the other disciple, who saw and believed. The absence of the Corpus does not negate the belief that, indeed, the Master has risen from the dead. A belief that had been foretold in the Old Testament by the prophets and written in Psalms, which they used in their prayer, day in and day out.

The difference between the understanding and misunderstanding of the Scripture is none other than faith. Faith that is truly and fully given will only make sense if reciprocated and lived out. In the modern sense, "to see is to believe" is the mantra of those whose faith is superficial to nothing, and no amount of justification is necessary to convince them, but for those who believe, no evidence is needed, for their eyes of faith see with clarity the fulfillment of the event.

But what does the resurrection mean to us?

Essentially, the resurrection is our hope of salvation, a hope that does not disappoint but rather gives us an assurance of life eternal. The offering of His Son to suffer and die for us is the fulfillment of this hope. The resurrection, therefore, is not just a miraculous event but a fulfillment of divine promise, encouraging us to spread the news far and wide. Finally, the Father's wondrous love manifested through His Son's Paschal sacrifice is the greatest gift that humanity ever received.



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.

JUBILEE OF TEENAGERS



The Jubilee of Teenagers celebrates those aged 13-19, recognising those years as vital in the formation of the person, and highlighting the joy and enthusiasm of teenagers.

PRAYER

*Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, to you we turn in humble prayer. Look with favour upon all young people, bearers of hope for the Church and the world. Jesus Christ, companion of youth and young adults, bless the paths of discovery and discernment, through times of joy and experiences of hardship, with the constant love and support of your Church. Jesus Christ, alive in the hearts of all your people, grant that we may "journey together, young and old... to nourish our enthusiasm, cause dreams to emerge, awaken prophesies and enable hope to blossom." * Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all humankind, open our hearts to encounter all young people, to accompany and be in community together, and as one Church, embark upon our holy mission. Jesus Christ, in the company of the Father and the Holy Spirit, graciously hear our prayer and be with us forevermore. Amen.*

** Pope Francis, Christus Vivit, 199*

Divine Mercy Sunday

Saint Faustina was canonised in the year 2000 by Pope John Paul II as the first Saint of the new millennium. One of the things most desired by Jesus was the institution of a new feast for the universal Church: *the Feast of Mercy*, which is to be celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter. *Jesus told St Faustina that on that day, (that is the Feast of Mercy), "the floodgates of my mercy are opened, and I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the font of My mercy."*

In preparation for the Feast of Mercy, Jesus gave Saint Faustina an extraordinary Novena commencing on Good Friday and running for nine consecutive days. He gave her specific instructions on how to conduct the novena and even the intentions for those nine days. It is a very powerful Novena. Jesus declared: "by this novena I will grant every possible grace to souls". Saint Faustina writes, "Jesus is commanding me to make a novena before the Feast of Mercy"

Jesus, regarding the Novena explained: On each day you will bring to My Heart a different group of souls, and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy, and I will bring all these souls into the house of My Father." (Diary 1209)



Jesus loves us so much and this Novena is very important to Him. He has made fantastic promises to all who do this Novena. The power of the novena is determined by the amount of love and confidence we have in Jesus when we do it. That is why it is so important to come and share in the graces of the Novena conducted in a prayerful and faith filled environment where your efforts will be multiplied by the fervent prayers of those around you.



HOME VISITATION & BLESSING REQUESTS

For Home Visitation & Blessing requests, please speak to one of our priests after Mass or fill out the online request form:

[TINYURL.COM/HBLESSING](https://tinyurl.com/HBlessing)



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THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent.

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PLEASE RING THE MASS MANAGER IF UNABLE TO ATTEND:

6 pm	Tania Walters	0492 952 478	11am	Lea Jacuta	0414 390 151
9 am	Theo Franken	0411 040 897	5 pm	Josephine Krajina	0407 042 133

Easter Triduum Roster has been emailed to the ministers that have offered to assist.
It is also available on the wall in the Gathering Area of the church.

2nd Sunday of Easter			Saturday & Sunday April 26&27, 2025	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Bill McGuiness	Graham Dempsey	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Tania Walters	Faith Tuputala	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion		Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			
3rd Sunday of Easter		Saturday & Sunday May 3&4, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Kate Mulholland	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tania Walters	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinala	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Tania Walters	Maureen Mohr	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			



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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

Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm

APRIL

Wednesday, 23rd	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15 am Year 6 & Prep students to attend Baptism Information Night 7.30 pm St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 24th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 25th	ANZAC Public Holiday No Mass at St Dominic's Church Mass: 9.30 am at St Anthony's Melton South
Saturday, 26th	Baptisms: 11am & 12.15pm
Tuesday, 29th	St Catherine of Siena Feast Day
Wednesday, 30th	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15 am Whole school Mass for St Catherine's School: celebrating the feast of St Catherine of Siena

MAY

Thursday, 1st	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 2nd	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year Prep students to attend .
Wednesday, 7th	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15 am Whole school Mass for St Catherine's School: celebrating Mothers' Day
Thursday, 8th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am St Luke's Sacramental Program for First Eucharist to begin at 7 pm in St Dominic's Hall
Friday, 9th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 6 students to attend .
Sunday, 11th	Happy Mothers' Day

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YOU
KNOW**

On Easter
Sunday the
sun's rays shine
directly onto
the font at
midday.



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box and place it in the basket in the
Gathering Area of the church next
weekend. Thank you



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and wellbeing of all persons is of highest priority.



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If you would like to make either a one-off donation or to
set up recurring donations to the parish, please scan the
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[TINYURL.COM/GIVEMELTON](https://tinyurl.com/GiveMelton)

You may also like to use the Smart Terminal at the
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