



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.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A - April 26, 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

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ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Melton West Campus (Year 7-12): 109-141 Bulmans Rd, Melton West

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Reflection by Fr. Jeffrey Salvador, RCJ

Good Shepherd Sunday

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Life today is filled with noise—voices from media, work, responsibilities, and expectations. Beyond this noise, there is also confusion. The world tells us what to value and who to become, yet many of these voices leave us restless and uncertain. Deep within, we begin to ask: Whose voice should I follow?

In Gospel of John, Jesus offers a clear and comforting answer. He calls Himself the Good Shepherd who knows His sheep and calls them by name. He says, "I am the gate for the sheep." Jesus does not compete with the noise of the world; instead, He invites us into a personal relationship. His voice is gentle, but it leads to life.

First, we are invited to listen. Hearing is easy, but listening requires silence and openness. God continues to speak, but often we are too distracted to notice. Even a few quiet moments of prayer can help us recognize His voice again. As Psalm 23 reminds us, "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." When we listen to Him, we are guided and cared for. Second, we are called to trust. The sheep follow the shepherd because they trust him. In our lives, we sometimes hesitate to follow God's voice, unsure of where it will lead. Yet Jesus assures us that He is the gate—the one who leads us to safety and fullness of life. Trusting Him is not losing freedom; it is finding our true path.

Third, we are invited to respond to His call—our vocation. Today, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. God calls each one of us first to holiness, to live lives of love and goodness. But He also calls some to the priesthood or religious life. The challenge today is not that God is silent, but that many hearts are too full to hear.

To the young people: if you feel a quiet stirring in your heart, do not ignore it. That may be God calling you. To families: create space for prayer and encourage openness to God's will. And for all of us: let us pray for generous hearts that will listen and respond.



In the end, only one voice leads to true life. Jesus says, "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

Let us listen to Him.

As St. John Paul II reminds us:

"Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ."

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

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 2:14, 36-41

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1Pet 2:20-25

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.
This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our

faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.
So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.
I am the gate.
Anyone who enters through me will be safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come
so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.



Next Week's Readings:

Acts 6:1-7 1Pet 2:4-9 John 14:1-12

Death Anniversaries:

Lucila Itliong, Dianne Henderson, Sr Jane Oldman, Nicholas Proffitt, Lushman Candappa, Aaron Vella, Malcolm Smith, Mary Giacomotto, Carmel Moldrich, Terence Hunniford, Bernie Lavery, Jose Simbulan Snr, Mark Ruthven, Paula Cauchi, Vince Grillo, Ken Walters, Louis Fernandez, Globel Corera, Anand Devolta, Pat Hilbert, Amanda Silao, Tilly Rovers, Bertie Roche, Fr John Murphy SDB, Hazel Schembri, Sebastian Bruno Sorge, Alvin & Lesley Drilon, John Zahra, Lesley Corera, Hilda Czlapa 250425-0105



"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me"



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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.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

Good Shepherd Sunday
2026

26 April (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Pope Leo tells us:

Listen to the voice of the Lord who invites you to a full and fruitful life, calling you to put your talents to use (cf. Mt 25:14-30) and to unite your limitations and weaknesses with the glorious cross of Christ.

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

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PO Box 146, East Melbourne VIC 8002 Australia
Telephone: (03) 9926 5733 Email: vocations@cam.org.au
www.vocationsmelbourne.org



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

World Day of Prayer for Vocation

Good and loving Shepherd,

You call each of us by name and lead us to fullness of life.

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations,

stir within your Church a deep desire to follow your voice.

Awaken in the hearts of many the courage to serve—

as priests, deacons, religious, and faithful witnesses in the world.

Grant them the generosity to say "yes,"

perseverance to remain faithful,

and joy in proclaiming your Gospel.

Strengthen families and communities

to nurture and support these sacred callings.

May we all listen more closely,

trust more deeply,

and walk more faithfully in your ways.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Dominic, Pray for Us.

St Lawrence, Pray for Us.

St Catherine of Siena, Pray for Us.

St Hannibal Mary, Pray for Us.

Send, O Lord, holy apostles to your Church.

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A

Saturday & Sunday April 25 & 26, 2026

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Kate Mulholland	Asther Creo	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Sanyata Creo	Chelsea Amato	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Elaine de los Santos
EM of Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Charlu Chua	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Liz Coustley	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration	Veritas	Filipino Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maria Abela			

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	Elaine de los Santos
EM of Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
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Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration	Veritas	Tongan
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			



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

Catholic Parish of Melton wish to thank you for your support to our Pie Fund Raising Campaign. We have raised \$999.00



Caritas Australia sincerely thank you for your donation to Project Compassion this Lent, we raised \$3,169.90 As well as your support to Holy Places on Good Friday that collected \$1,200.25 God's blessings to you all for your generosity.

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

APRIL

Saturday, 25th	ANZAC Day
Friday, 24th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Wednesday, 29th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church Feast day of St Catherine of Siena 7:00pm St Dominic's Parish Hall - ALPHA Prog.
Thursday, 30th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church 7:00pm St Lukes Program Day2 First Eucharist

MAY

Friday, 1st	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Tuesday, 5th	7pm Baptism Information Night St Catherine of Siena Church
Saturday, 9th	11am BAPTISM St Catherine of Siena Church
Sunday, 10th	Happy Mothers' Day to all Mothers
Wednesday, 15th	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, 16th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Friday, 17th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church

LEST WE
FORGET
— ANZAC DAY —



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**

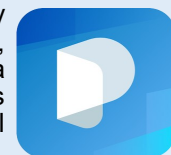
please scan the QR code or head to our website: [TINYURL.COM/GIVEMELTON](https://tinyurl.com/GiveMelton)



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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