



THE TIDINGS

SERVING THE AREAS OF MELTON, MELTON WEST, AINTREE, BONNIE BROOK,
GRANGEFIELDS, HARKNESS, KURUNJANG, PLUMPTON, ROCKBANK & TOOLERN VALE

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.

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A - November 30, 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 at St Catherine's Church)
- **Thursday & Friday** 9.15 am
(no Mass on public holidays)

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

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 7-9): Bridge Rd, Cobblebank

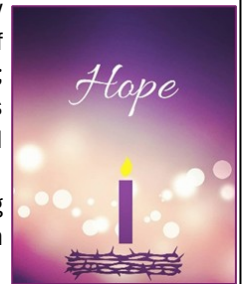
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Reflection by Sr. Mary Fermio, RSJ

What is your first thought when you see the word "ADVENT"? Does it excite you or do you feel dread at the days ahead and what has to be done? One way of looking at this time is as an ADVENTURE.

Advent can be an invitation to embrace an adventure with Jesus Christ, answering his call to live the Christian faith fully. This adventure means surviving the daily challenges of following Jesus and taking every opportunity to grow in my faith. I can then accept the ups and downs of daily life, of disappointments, illness, loss; enjoy the friendships, good times and times with family. In all this we are being fashioned and formed by God.

Let us welcome this ADVENT adventure finding joy and peace living with God's creative action in my life.



Next Week's Readings:

Isa 1:11-10 Rom 15:4-9 Mat 3:1-12

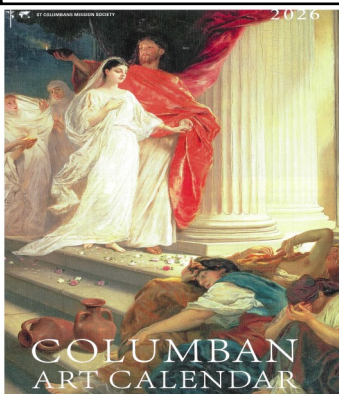
Recently Deceased

Mary Teresa Kelly, Asuncion Esguerra Santos

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

Catherine O'Keefe, Florence Tully, Ruby Santos, Sr Mesmin, Mario Azzopardi, Allan Edward, Shirley & Bob Brydson, Paul Joseph Brick, Billy Airey, Sofronio Sr Aguitong, Oliver Hughes-Tobin, Depal Perera, Vlastimil Mencl, Paul Grech, Josephine Attard, Mary Vella, John Motha, Jo Groot, Dot Wilke, Jenny Sharman, Sam Singobahu, Frances Sait, Molly Ellis, Josephine Grima, Zygmunt Kordus, Mario Germano, Maureen Stojanovic, Margaret Frawley, Jim Sullivan, Lawrence Micallef, Liz Watt, Alice Coburn, Claire Dillon, Upati Ramanayake, Mick Dalli, Frances Kealy, Roberto Bascuña Sr, Lawrence Brown, Louis Sundanam, Jason Frigo, Tilly Matheson

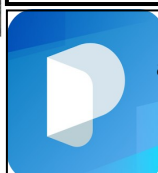
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2026 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

Now available at the Piety Store Gathering Area at \$10

The Smart Terminal is operating and available again. It is now 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.



Parousya Faith
app to automatically
check-in

Daily Readings
Download App now

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

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading *Isa 2:1-5*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz,
concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.
O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
‘Let us go to God’s house.’
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**
2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel’s law it is,
there to praise the Lord’s name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **(R.)**
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
‘Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!’ **(R.)**
4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: ‘Peace upon you!’
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. **(R.)**

Second Reading *Rom 13:11-14*

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now:
our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were
converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight
soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under
the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in
the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime:
no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and
no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord
Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel *Mat 24:37-44*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will
it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days
before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking
wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went
into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood
came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son
of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken,
one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is
taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when
your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that
if the householder had known at what time of the night
the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and
would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall
of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready
because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not
expect.’

Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield
its increase.





Christmas 2025 Mass Times

St Catherine of Siena Church,
West Melton

Dec 15-23	Christmas Novena Masses	8 pm
Dec 24	Christmas Vigil Family Mass	6 pm
	Christmas Vigil Mass	8 pm
	Late Evening Mass (No midnight Mass)	10 pm
Dec 25	Christmas Day Mass	10am
	Christmas Day African Mass	2 pm

Christmas Carols will begin 30 minutes before Christmas
Vigil and Christmas Day Masses.

New Year's Day Mass (Jan 1, 2026)



*Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God*

St Catherine of Siena Church
West Melton 11 am



Christmas Tree Hampers

We have started our Christmas hamper collection for 2025! Our goal is to gather enough items to fill 20 hampers, each of which will be given to a family in our community to help them celebrate Christmas.

In the gathering area, you'll find a tree with tags listing different needed items. Please take one or more tags, purchase the listed items, and place them in the hamper under the tree with the tag. All items are requested by December 8th. Thank you for your generosity!



THE SACRAMENTS OF PENANCE, EUCCHARIST & CONFIRMATION 2026

An invitation is extended to join our partnered parishes of Melton and Melton South, Sacramental 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 29, 2026 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 parish office (10 Unitt St Melton) Tuesday - Friday between 9.30am and 4.30pm, or
- Place it into the white return box in the Gathering Area of St Catherine of Siena church.



The Sacrament of Penance program begins on Thursday February 5, 2026.

*Growing Together In
Faith*

MISSED OUT ON THE TIDINGS?

Back issues of The Tidings are available on our parish website:
www.melbcatholic.org/melton



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

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

1st Sunday of Advent Year A

Saturday & Sunday November 29 & 30, 2025

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Margaret Richards	Asther Creo	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Chelsea Amato	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Amy Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Faith Tuputala	Choir	Danielle Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir		Samoan Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			

2nd Sunday of Advent Year A

Saturday & Sunday December 6 & 7, 2025

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Tania Walters	Jennifer Peters	Liz Coustley	Janet Estrada
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha		Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Maureen Mohr	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanghaya Creo	Danielle Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie		Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			

The next Roster have been emailed to all Volunteer Ministers



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



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

DECEMBER

Wednesday, 3rd	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am Year 4 class to attend
Thursday, 4th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 5th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Saturday, 6th	Baptism 11 am & 12:15pm St Catherine of Siena Church
Weekend 6th & 7th	Return St Vincent de Paul hamper donations
Wednesday, 10th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am
Thursday, 11th	Mass: St Dominic's Parish Hall 9.15 am End of Year School Mass
Friday, 12th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 6 pm St Dominic's Primary Graduation Mass
Monday, 15th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church (15-23/12) 8 pm Start 9-days Christmas Novena Masses
Wednesday, 17th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am End of Year Whole School Mass
Thursday, 18th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 19th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am

MEN'S BREAKFAST

20 Dec 2025 Sat 8:00 am. St Dominics hall
Guest speaker; Max Uforwa
For more details contact Bill McGuinness.



Awaiting in Hope

Advent Retreat & Reconciliation Night
with Fr Anthony Bernal



7:30 pm – Mass
8:00 pm – Advent talk
9:00 pm – Advent Reconciliation
at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Melton South



Feast of the Immaculate Conception



- Triduum begins on December 6th
- Feast Celebrations on December 8th
 - Holy Mass at 6.30 pm
 - Followed by rosary at the Grotto
 - Flowers will be offered to the Blessed Mother after recitation of the Rosary
 - Adjourn to fellowship & refreshments.
 - All are welcomed to bring a plate.

St Anthony of Padua Church, Melton South

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

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

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

St Anthony of Padua Melton South

WANT TO WIN A CAR?



1st Prize: MG ZS value \$28,799

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

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

4th Prize: Apple iPhone 16 value \$1,399

5th Prize: Apple Watch value \$649

Christmas Raffle 2025 for \$25.00

See Poster for full list of prizes. Tickets available soon.



PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

October Update

Pledged: \$5,070.89

Actual: \$4,276.83

Thank You

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](https://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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