



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.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - July 19, 2026

CLERGY

Parish Priest: FR ALEX CLEMENTE, RCJ

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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@sfcc.vic.edu.au

Reflection by Fr. Jeffrey Salvador, RCJ

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us about a field where both wheat and weeds are growing together. The servants wanted to remove the weeds immediately, but the master told them to wait, because they might also damage the wheat.

This is very much like our own lives.

Sometimes, we look at other people and quickly notice their faults. We remember their mistakes, their hurtful words, or the times they disappointed us. We may even think, "This person will never change." But God sees people differently. God sees not only what we are today, but also what we can still become through His grace.

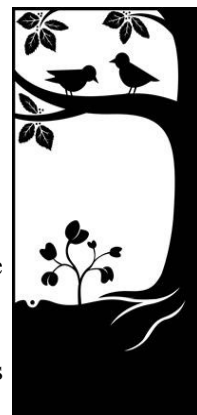
God is patient with us. He does not abandon us because of our weaknesses. He does not remove us from His love whenever we fail. Instead, He gives us another chance to grow, to repent, and to begin again.

The truth is, there is also wheat and weeds within each one of us. There is kindness in our hearts, but sometimes there is also anger. There is faith, but sometimes there is doubt. There is love, but sometimes there is selfishness. Yet God continues to work patiently within us.

Perhaps today, the Lord is inviting us to be more patient with someone in our family, our community, or our workplace. Instead of judging, let us pray. Instead of giving up, let us offer kindness. Instead of looking only at the weeds, let us also recognise the good that is still growing.

God is not finished with us yet. As long as we are alive, there is always hope, always grace, and always the possibility of becoming better.

May we learn to be patient with others, just as God is patient with us. Amen.



Next Week's Readings:

1King 3:5,7-12 Rom 8:28-30 Mat 13:44-52

Death Anniversaries:

Cassandra Judd, Mary Garvey, Daisy Riseley, Natalio Oropesa
Win Brosnan, Josephine Sultana, Basil Paiva, Brendon Hoenig, Angela
Frazzetto, Josephine Schembri, Les Rowbottom, Alex Rizzo, Czeslaw
Knencz, Marie McKenzie, Fedencio Ronguillo, Margaret Toth, Jean Foley,
Doris Grech, Mercy Knight, Mary Gant, Stella Britto, Violet Jeffkins, Molly
Moore, Leela Vedanagam, Carmen Farrugia, Dennis Michael, Salvatore
Mifsud, Carmen Camilleri, Anthony Xerri, Mercy Knight, Anusha
Fernandes, Carmen Cassar, Charles Bartolo, Richie Clark, Paul Borg,
Raymond Rosziak, Michael Cassar, Giovanni Divola, Mary Mifsud,
Thomas Anothny, Imda Groot

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

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading

Wis 12:13, 16-19

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **(R.)**
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **(R.)**
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Rom 8:26-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mat 13:24-30

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off.

When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered.

And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers:

First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field."

Matthew 13:24



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.

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.



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

Knights of the Southern Cross

Membership Information Night
21 July 2026, Tuesday, 7:30 PM
St Dominics Meeting Room
For More Info Contact Lawrence +61448398344

PRIME TIMERS

Tuesday 28th July 2026 at 12 o'clock
Castello's Victorian Tavern, 22 Aitkin St. Gisborne,
Christmas in July menu option Seniors \$30, 3 courses
RSVP by Friday 24th, contact
Ineke on 0400120401 or ineke49@yahoo.com.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

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

Safeguarding Essentials—Group Training

Partnered Parishes of
Melton & Melton South
Saturday, 25 July 2026
1-3pm (12 registration)
Padua Hall, Exford Road
Melton South



Volunteers will have the opportunity to do their Safeguarding Essential Training if they have not already done so online.

If you are unable to attend the session you are required to complete the online module.

Kindly email online certificates to:

Liz C. — Catholic Parish Melton at cso.melton@gmail.com

Allan M. — St Anthony at parish.safeguard@gmail.com



This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home. Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs. As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'. **Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.**

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.

PLEASE RING MASS MANAGER IF UNABLE TO



6pm—Tania Walters 0492 952 478
9am Theo Franken 0411 040 897

11am— Lea Jacuta 0414 390 151
5pm - Josephine Krajina 0407 042 133

Sixteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday July 18 & 19

Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Asther Creo	Chelsea Amato	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Sanghaya Creo	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Maria Prasetyono	Alzira Mascarenhas	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
EM of Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Marissa Tuason	Frank Unferdorben
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Christ the King	Veritas	Tongan
Counters	Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr, Karl Metha			

Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday July 25 & 26, 2026

Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
WELCOME	Margaret Richards	Maureen Mohr	Marissa Tuason	Josephine Krajina
THE WORD	Tania Walters	Lawrence Camenzuli	Chelsea Amato	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
RESPONDER	Tetchie Hadfield	VICKIE CASSAR	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Maria Alvarado	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
EM OF HOLY COMMUNION	TANIA WALTERS	CHARLU CHUA	MARISSA TUASON	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
POWERPOINT OPERATOR	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	LEA JACUTA	NINA AHMET
GIFT SHOP	MARGARET RICHARDS	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
CHOIR	DIVINE MERCY	Veneration	VERITAS	Filipino
COUNTERS	TANIA WALTERS, MARIA ABELA			



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

JULY

Wednesday, 22nd	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 10:15am Mass: SFC Lawrence House St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 23rd	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's church 7:00PM: St Dominic's Parish Hall St Luke's Sacramental Prog. - Confirmation
Friday, 24th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's church Grand Parents Day Whole School Mass
Sat, 25th	11am Baptism: St Catherine of Siena Church
Wednesday, 29th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church Grandparents Day
Thursday, 30th	9:15am NO Mass: St Dominic's church 9:30am Mass : St Anthony Melton South 7:00PM: St Dominic's Parish Hall St Luke's Sacramental Prog. - Confirmation
Friday, 31st	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Hall St Dominic's Feast day Whole School Mass

AUGUST

Wednesday, 5th	St Catherine of Siena Church 9:15am Mass: SCPS Year 6 Retreat Day 10:15am Mass: SFC Dominic House
Thursday, 6th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's church 7:00PM: St Dominic's Parish Hall St Luke's Sacramental Prog. - Confirmation

**PARISH OFFERTORY
GIVING 2026**

June Update

Pledged: \$5,900.35

Actual: \$4,925.62

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.



Thank You

Couples for Christ Australia—(CFCA)

Warmly invites everyone to a Christian Life Program (CLP). Integrated Program Designed to a Renewed understanding of God's call to Christian Couples. Each Sunday features different inspiring talks.

Cost : FREE

Sundays from 26 July to

6 September 2026

1:00—4:00 PM

St Anthony of Padua Hall,
Melton South



You're invited to Alpha at our Parish

Alpha is an informal and welcoming series that brings together people from all backgrounds, regardless of where they are on their faith journey. Whether you are new to Alpha or simply curious, everyone is encouraged to join and participate.

The program will run every Wednesday for 12 weeks, with each session lasting just 2 hours. Each week, a small group will share a meal, watch a video, and engage in open conversation.

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

Our first meeting is scheduled for **Sept 2, 2026, at 7pm** at **St Dominic's School Hall in Unitt Street**.

Please email your details to melton@cam.org.au or send a SMS to 0422 808 018.

Hope you can join us! We look forward to meeting everyone and sharing this experience together.

TONY'S PIES



Catholic Parish of Melton Alpha Program

Fundraising Pie drive to support our Alpha Program. Start ordering now via QR Code. Last day to order is Thursday, September 3, 2026. Collection day is Saturday, September 5, 2026 at St Catherine of Siena Church, Bulmans Road Melton at 10am - 11:30am only. Flyers available at gathering space.

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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