



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.

8H SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR C | March 2, 2025

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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

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

- Thursday & Friday 9.15 am

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

Francis' Focus

'Wars begin from the tongue', says Pope Francis. Reflecting on today's Gospel passage, he draws our attention to the importance of choosing our words carefully, lest they become 'bad fruit'.



He also reminds us that words can be destructive. If we are 'grumbling, gossiping, speaking ill of others', he says, then we are engaging in activity that 'destroys the family, destroys school, destroys the workplace, destroys the neighbourhood.'

Commenting on how words can amplify attitudes, the Pope wants us to remember that 'through our tongue we can also feed prejudices, raise barriers.'

This is especially true online. Stressing that these days 'words travel fast', the Pope remarks that 'too many of them convey anger and aggression, feed false news and take advantage of collective fears to propagate distorted ideas.'

Christians should 'be reflective, not reactive' when engaging with other people online. We should always 'be mindful of posting and sharing content that can cause misunderstanding, exacerbate division, incite conflict, and deepen prejudices.' We should look for those digital splinters that might be distorting our own perspectives before we jump online to accost others.

Ultimately, the Pope wants us to remember that our words always affect another person.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Today's Readings: Ecc: 27:5-8 1 Cor 15:54-58 Luke 6:39-45
Luke 6:27-38

Next Week's Readings: Deu 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13

Prayer Requests

Death Anniversaries:

Thomas Trethowan, Frank Sabbage, Dorothy Webster, Benny Psaila, George Novak, Lina Tong, Emanuel Spiteri, Marcella Antoniani, Lavina Mascarenhas, Walter George Williams, Rose Cutajar, Bernard Arenas, Mary Pace, Kataldo Zahra, Carmello Muscat, Agostino Raschilla, Dorothy Evelyn Byrne, Pedro E Vizcaya, Policarpo L Pintor, Pacita Lizo, Caesar Dabu, Pauline Summers, Glen Outshoo, Dalston DeRozario, Michael Tabb, Peter Dobrogorsky, Louis Pirota, Simon Mc Mahon, Lilia Sepe, John Borg, Catherine Wade, Vincenzo Girardi, Stanislaw Glowacki, Walenty Glowacki, Peter Myer, Tony Palis, Catherine Kwiecinski, Chinnamma Paul

Ash Wednesday March 5

Masses: St Catherine of Siena Church 9:15 am (whole school) & 7 pm

Prayer Service: St Dominic's School 9:15am

Reflection by Sr Mary Fermio, RSI



At one place where I lived, I had a lovely orange tree, and I spent many Saturday afternoons making marmalade. One year it had a huge crop of smaller fruit, and the next year it died. A deadly moth had attacked it.

Jesus likens us to a fruit tree and the kind of fruit it produces. It is the goodness within us and revealed in our actions and words that determine the kind of person we are. Sometimes we can't see faults in ourselves, but we criticise the same faults in others. Jesus calls us hypocrites for ignoring our larger faults but criticising the smaller faults in others. We need to carefully examine our own actions and thoughts to see what kind of person we are. A Daily Examen has always been recommended by spiritual directors, so that we can check up on ourselves and our day.

As a tree is judged by the quality of its fruit, so will we be judged on the quality of our lives. What kind of fruit am I producing? How would Jesus describe my life?



Jubilee Window

Reconciliation Room

St Catherine of Siena Church
West Melton

10 Things to Know About Jubilee 2025

by Maria Wiering
(continued)

7. Major events are happening in Rome, including jubilee gatherings with liturgies, speakers and papal audiences to celebrate different groups within the church. The first is the Jubilee of the World of Communications 24-26 January, followed by the Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel 8-9 February.



The jubilee also includes gatherings for artists (15-18 February), deacons (21-23 February) and even marching bands (10-11 May). Some of these special gatherings will coincide with major canonisations, such as the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis during the Jubilee of Teenagers 25-27 April, and the canonisation of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati during the Jubilee of Young People 28 July-3 August.

Expect some events to highlight the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, from which Christians received the Nicene Creed. This year, despite different liturgical calendars, the dates for celebrating Easter align in the Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church, leading some, including Pope Francis, to call for a "decisive step forward towards unity around a common date for Easter," which was discussed in 325 at the Council of Nicaea. Blesseds Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati are pictured in a combination photo. Both are scheduled to be canonized in 2025.

8. Expect Rome to sparkle and shine. Many famous sites and artworks in Rome and at the Vatican have been cleaned or restored for the jubilee, much to the chagrin of many tourists in 2024, who found major monuments obscured by fencing, scaffolding and tarps. Many of those projects are expected to be completed with a fresh-face reveal in time for the jubilee.

In October, St Peter's Basilica revealed its newly restored baldacchino, designed by Gian Lorenzo Bernini in the 1600s, after 10 months of work. Also receiving cleaning or restoration are Michelangelo's Pietà, Bernini's Fountain of the Four Rivers in Piazza Navona, and Bernini's angels on the Ponte Sant'Angelo.



AND LET US CONSIDER
HOW TO PROVOKE
ONE ANOTHER
Love & TO
Good
DEEDS.

~ Hebrews 10:24



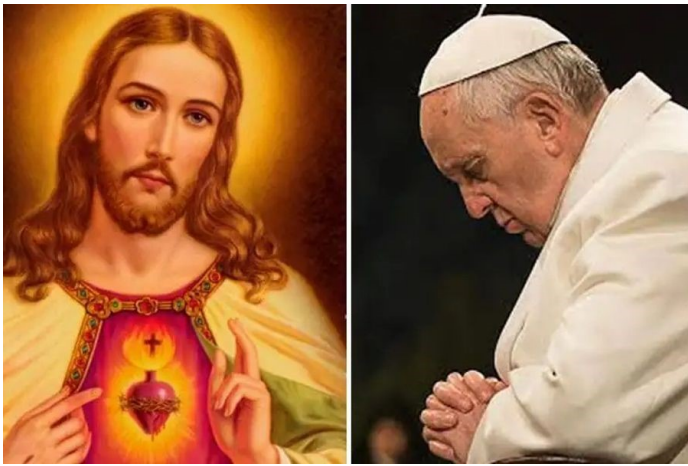
**In case of urgent situations, sickness etc.
in the parish
please call 0422 869 646**

Memorial Wall Plaques

Spots available on our Memorial Wall, next to St Dominic's Church, to commemorate former parishioners and loved ones whose remains are buried or interred elsewhere with a memorial plaque.

For more details or to arrange or reserve a spot, please contact the Parish Office directly. Forms are also available in the Gathering Space to fill out and return to the Parish Office.





As we join people around the world in **praying for Pope Francis** this week, we remember that Jesus calls us to trust every part of our lives to him, the most ordinary moments as well as the extraordinary times of great joy or intense struggle. It's a call the Holy Father continues to model and remind us of, even from his hospital bed.



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

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



World Day of Prayer 2025

This year the World Day of Prayer will be held at
St Mark's Lutheran Church,
98-100 Coburns Road Melton
South on Friday 7th March at
10am.

This year's Prayer Service has been prepared by the Women of the Cook Islands with the theme being "I made you wonderful". Everyone welcome to attend this annual event of the Christian Churches praying together.

Margaret Richards
Catholic Parish of Melton representative on the
Melton World Day of Prayer Committee

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AT A WEEKEND MASS?

Pick up a 'Volunteer Information Pack' in the Gathering Area of the church for detailed information on each ministry and an application form.

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)



Parish Offertory Giving January Update

Pledged: \$6,500.23 Actual:
4,925.25

*Thank
You*

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

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday March 1&2, 2025	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Asther Creo	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken	Liza Fernandes	Josephine Krajina
Responder	Tania Walters	Jennifer Peters	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion		Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Faith Tuputala	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy		Veritas Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			

1st Sunday of Lent			Saturday & Sunday March 8&9, 2025	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Kate Mulholland	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Sanghaya Creo	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Alzira Mascarenhas	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Tania Walters	Faith Tuputala	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Asther Creo	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			



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

MARCH

Wednesday, 5th	Ash Wednesday Masses: St Catherine of Siena Church 9:15am (whole school) & 7 pm Prayer Service: St Dominic's School 9:15am
Thursday, 6th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 7th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Saturday, 8th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 6 pm Commitment Mass for Sacrament of Penance for St Catherine's / St Dominic's Year 3 students
Wednesday, 12th	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15 am: St Catherine's Year 2 students to attend 7pm: Sacrament of Penance for St Catherine's School Year 3 students
Thursday, 13th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am 7pm: Sacrament of Penance for St Dominic's School Year 3 students and those in St Luke's Sacramental Program for Penance
Friday, 14th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am: St Dominic's Grade 2 students to attend
Wednesday, 19th	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15 am: St Catherine's Year 3 students to attend Baptism Information Night 7.30 pm St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 20th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 21st	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am: St Dominic's Grade 5 students to attend
Saturday, 22nd	Baptism: 11am & 12.15pm



VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Do you:

- Have a passion for giving a 'hand up' to individuals experiencing food and financial insecurity?
- Love giving back to your local community?
- Enjoy engaging with people from all walks of life?

What could I be doing on the Soup Vans?

Preparing and packing food, assisting with loading the Soup Vans, distributing food on a 'Soup Van Run' and assisting in cleaning up the kitchen and soup van vehicle as a team.



Sign up now using our QR code!



VINNIES SOUP VANS STREET SERVICE MELTON



Soup Vans will continue its Street Service around Melton as follows:

Tuesday 6.00-6.30pm

Melton Town Centre Amphitheatre
Palmerston St, Melton

Tuesday 7.00-7.30pm

Melton Station Square Shopping Centre
11-25 Station St, Melton 5th

Thursday (new stop) 6.00-7.00pm **Melton Town Centre Amphitheatre**
Palmerston St, Melton

- *Non-perishable pantry items*
- *Toiletries Soup,*
- *Sandwiches, hot food*

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

You may also like to use the Smart Terminal at the welcome desk to contribute to the Parish.



Would you like to receive The Tidings before the weekend?

Head to our website and 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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