



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.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE YEAR C - November 23, 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
(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: 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 Sr. Mary Fermio, RSJ

We know that the kingdoms of this earth are transitory, not everlasting. They are ruled by just rulers or rulers who only consider themselves using the power they hold over others.

Today's world seeks power through atomic warfare, threats of invasion. These values lead to the horrors of Hiroshima, Gallipoli, Cambodia, when thousands suffered pain and death. Jesus seeks power through the Cross, and it is from the Cross that Jesus reigns as King. So instead of greed and selfishness, the peace of this Kingdom begins with generosity, forgiveness and concern for others. These are the breath of a life lived with God.

We belong to this Kingdom. May we bring life, joy and peace to all those we meet.



Next Week's Readings:

Isa 2:1-5 Rom 13:11-14 Mat 24:37-44

Recently Deceased

Michele Davies, Beryl Proffitt, Mary Teresa Kelly

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

John Mc Glahan, Peg Sullivan, Pasquale Care, Wynn Onell, Petronio Huerto, Rev. Sr Priyani Perera, Dolores S Paguio, Kevin Hanrahan, Domenica Bulik, Joyce Smith, Dulce Buckingham, Marie Camilleri, Crisostomo Santos, Kevin Hanarahan, Kingsley Gomezez, Carmello Micallef, Tom Mc Guane, Stella Sayers, Frank O'Leary, Ida Hilbert, Jiju Abraham, Geoff Arbuthnott, Tom Field, Betty Baker, James Costello, Paul Gontier, Jim Costello, Promode Fernando, Adrian Sevpaucky, Austin Tully, Salvina Muscat, William Stewart, Francisco Miranda Jr., Paul Farrugia, Phillip Hughes, Ann Huerto, Veronica Dickie, George McGuinness, Heidi Batino, Evelyn Armeni, Stan Lesnianski, Jeannie Wedekind, Salvina Muscat, Kevin Woof, Emanuel Xuereb, Sam Micalleff, Matthew Ritchie

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PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

October Update

Pledged: \$5,070.89

Actual: \$4,276.83

Thank you

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.



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

Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading *2Sam 5:1-3*

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

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. Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **(R.)**
3. 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.)**

Second Reading *Col 1:12-20*

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –
all things were created through him and for him.
Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.
As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

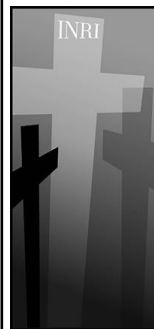
Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
- *Alleluia!*

Gospel *Luke 23:35-43*

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'
One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'



Communion Antiphon

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

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

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.



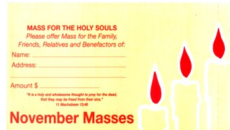
NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS MASS INTENTIONS

As we approach November, we have the opportunity to honour our departed loved ones in a special way. We are encouraged to use dedicated envelopes to inscribe the names of our cherished departed family and friends. These envelopes will be placed before the altar, where Masses will be offered for their souls throughout the entire month of November. The envelopes will be blessed with holy water, symbolizing our baptism and our connection to the Church. We believe that the use of holy water is a powerful representation of our love for the Trinity and our commitment to living according to Christ's teachings. This tradition provides a beautiful way to honour our departed loved ones and deepen our connection to the Sacraments and to God. It's important to note that public announcement of the names in the envelopes is not necessary for the effectiveness of the prayers. The intention is a spiritual act, and its effectiveness is not influenced by public announcement. Additionally, we kindly ask for your support in offering mass intentions with a donation, which will concretely show our participation in the celebration. This year, the proceeds of the donation through the November envelopes will go to the Rogationist Mission Project 2025 - Housing for the Poor, Pasay City Philippines.

ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING AREA.

We understand that there may be special occasions during November, such as death anniversaries or birthdays of loved ones, and we will still accept separate mass intentions for them. These special occasions will be mentioned in the bulletin and prayers of the faithful. However, for all other intentions for our departed loved ones, we kindly request that they be channelled through the November envelopes. Your participation and support in this meaningful initiative are greatly appreciated. Let us come together as a community to remember and honour our departed loved ones and to support a noble cause.

With gratitude, Fr Alex Clemente RCJ



THE SACRAMENTS OF PENANCE, EUCHARIST & 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

CLICK to VIEW PREVIOUS BULLETINS



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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday & Sunday November 22 & 23, 2025

MINISTERS OF:	6pm	9am	11am	5pm
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Graham Dempsey	Amy Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Sanyata Creo	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Maria Prasetyono	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Asther Creo	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Faith Tuputala	Liz Coustley	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			

1st Sunday Advent

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	Elaine de los Santos
Holy Communion	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Faith Tuputala	Choir	Danielle Ahmet
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Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan 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

Awaiting in Hope

Advent Retreat & Reconciliation Night
with Fr Anthony Bernal



5 DEC FRIDAY
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



St Anthony of Padua Church, Melton South

Triduum begins on December 5th

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 welcome to bring a plate.

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)

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

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, 26th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am Year 5 & Prep class to attend
Thursday, 27th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 28th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Prep Class to attend

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	Baptisms 11 am & 12:15pm
Wednesday, 10th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9:15am
Thursday, 11th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 12th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 12th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 6 pm St Dominics Primary Graduation Mass
Monday, 15th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 8 pm Start—9 days Christmas Novena Masses

**Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers of St Catherine of Siena Church
Sat 29 Nov. or Sun 30 Nov. 2025 Masses**

This commissioning includes our currently serving ministers as well as those who recently completed the workshop.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

20 Dec 2025 Sat 8:00 am. St Dominics hall

Guest speaker; Max Uforwa

For more details contact Bill McGuinness.



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



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!



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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