



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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - August 30, 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

+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. Alex Clemente, RCJ

Jesus gives us a challenging command in the gospel: "Take up your cross and follow me." For many across Western Victoria today, these words hit close to home. The crosses we carry are heavy and deeply felt.

Right now, our communities face acute pressures. Families struggle with a severe housing shortage, low rental vacancies, and an escalating cost of living. Many households experience food stress or navigate the quiet pain of mental health challenges. Regional growth and the energy transition strain local infrastructure, stretching financially constrained councils and pushing families to their limits.

Like the prophet Jeremiah in our first reading, we might feel overwhelmed or weary from these heavy burdens. Yet, Jeremiah reminds us that God's presence remains a "burning fire" in our hearts that cannot be extinguished by hardship. Saint Paul echoes this in the second reading, urging us to offer our daily trials as a "living sacrifice" and to resist conforming to a culture of fear, anxiety, or individualism.

When Jesus tells Peter to "get behind me," He reminds us that human logic alone cannot solve these systemic trials. We are often tempted to respond to hardship with self-preservation. Yet, Christ invites us into a different mindset—the logic of the cross, which transforms personal suffering into a bridge of radical solidarity.

Bearing our cross means following Christ by looking out for our neighbours. This looks like checking on an isolated person, donating to food banks, or extending patience to families under stress. Ultimately, Jeremiah's burning faith and Paul's call to sacrifice challenge us to look beyond our own anxieties. By losing our self-absorption and giving our lives in service, we discover the resilient life of the Resurrection and building a community rooted in Christ's enduring hope.

What is one practical comfort or personal agenda you are being invited to "lose" or let go of this week so that someone else might experience Christ's hope?



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

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading

Jer 20:7-9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord,
and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**
4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Rom 12:1-2

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him,
I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings,
by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly
pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the
behaviour of the world around you, but let your
behaviour change, modelled by your new mind.
This is the only way to discover the will of God and
know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is
the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel

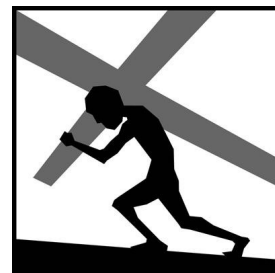
Mat 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he
was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously
at the hands of the elders and chief priests and
scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the
third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to
remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,'
he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned
and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an
obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not
God's way but man's.'
Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be
a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take
up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to
save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life
for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if
he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what
has a man to offer in exchange for his life?
'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of
his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will
reward each one according to his behaviour.'

Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness,
Lord,
that you keep for those
who fear you.



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.

Next Week's Readings:

Eze 33:7-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mat 18:15-20

Recently Deceased

Rolando Alingcastre

Death Anniversaries:

Danny Kennedy, Sylvia Peters, Emmanuel de Battista, Sr Patricia Harken LCM, Joe Dalli, Kathleen Morrissey, Margaret Frawley, William Fitzgerald, John Asta, Mary Attard, Wallace Lacey, Catherine Jacuta, Anne Mencl, Anne O'Sullivan, Bobby Abraham, Laura Spiteri, Miak Lardlaw, Joseph Attard, Sr Mary Coburn, Bill Tomlinson, Br Paul Ubinger, Carmen Zerafa, Salvatore Bartolo, Pat Fenlon, Ellen Dickie, Marc Kellart, Léa St Guillaume, Victoria Jacuta, Laurance Micallef, Anthony Knight, Christy Gomez, Frank Mc Kinley, John Spiteri, Daphni Paiva, Janet Potter, Anthony Charles Knight, Jim Camilleri, Phillip Barrett, Roselia Mungkal, Leonardo Antoniani, Dianne Cortis, Ludnik Drozd, Remy Salise, Carmen Grixti, Ariel Punzalan

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Seeking for Volunteers / Help needed ASAP

Breakfast at St Dominic's Primary School

from 7:30am—8:45am

Home Visits on Mondays or any other day in twos /

Soup Van on Tuesdays and or Thursdays

Working With Children Check (WWCC) ID required

For further details please Contact

Anne 0417 149 472 or

Maureen 0437 463 449



Kindly return all
tear off pledge card
and envelopes
You may also use
the QR Code
on the envelope
to make an
online donation.

Your prayerful and generous donations helps make this Archbishop campaign possible. Thank you for your faithful support and partnership in this shared mission.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY
In the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne,
the safety and wellbeing of all persons
is of highest priority.

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 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

Twenty-Second Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday August 29 & 30, 2026

Ministers of:	6pm	9am	11am	5pm
WELCOME	Bill McGuinness	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
THE WORD	Maria Prasetyono	Sanghaya Creo	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
RESPONDER	Tania Walters	ALZIRA MASCARENHAS	Chelsea Amato	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Marissa Tuason	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
EM OF HOLY COMMUNION	TANIA WALTERS	ASTHER CREO	MARISSA TUASON	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
POWERPOINT OPERATOR	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	LIZ COUSTLEY	NINA AHMET
GIFT SHOP	KATE MULHOLLAND	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
CHOIR	No CHOIR	Christ the King	Veritas	Filipino
COUNTERS	LIZ COUSTLEY, LORRAINE STAFFORD			

Twenty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday September 5 & 6, 2026

Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
WELCOME	Kate Mulholland	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Samuel
THE WORD	Tania Walters	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Josephine Krajina
RESPONDER	Tetchie Hadfield	THEO FRANKEN	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Maria Alvarado	Charlu Chua	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
HOLY COMMUNION	ROBERT OBTINALLA	KALAMELI	LIZ COUSTLEY	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
HOLY COMMUNION	LENY OBTINALLA	CHARLU CHUA	MARISSA TUASON	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
POWERPOINT OPERATOR	James Taniman		DANIELLA AHMET	NINA AHMET
GIFT SHOP	MARGARET RICHARDS	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
CHOIR	DIVINE MERCY	Veneration	Veritas	Tongan
COUNTERS	Jennifer Peters, Tania Walters			



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

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, 2nd	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church Fathers' Day—whole school
Thursday, 3rd	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church
Friday, 4th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church
Saturday, 5th	10-11:30am - Pick Up Tony's Pie Orders St Catherine of Siena Church
Tuesday, 8th	7:00pm Information Night—Baptism St Catherine of Siena Church Gathering Area
Wednesday, 9th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church Prep Mass SCPS
Thursday, 10th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church
Friday, 11th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church - Year 1 <i>St Francis Feast Day, SFC Melton Stadium</i> 9:15am Mass: SFC Melton Students 12:10pm Mass: SFC Cobblebank Students
Saturday 12th	11am / 12:15pm—Baptism St Catherine of Siena Church
Wednesday, 16th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church End of Term —whole school
Thursday, 17th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church
Friday, 18th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church—Prep

Melbourne Synod 2026

"journeying together," reflecting the Church's commitment
to collaboration and shared decision-making.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

**PARISH OFFERTORY
GIVING 2026**

July Update

Pledged: \$4,700.96

Actual: \$4,228.12

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

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.

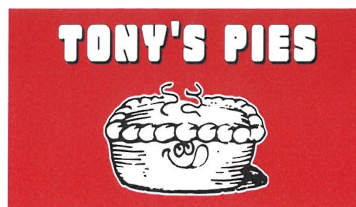
The program will run every Wednesday for 12 weeks, with each session lasting just 2 hours. Each week, a small group will share a meal, watch a video, and engage in open conversation.

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 Parish 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.



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.

Memorial Wall Plaques

There are still 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.



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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