



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.

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A - April 12, 2026

CLERGY

Parish Priest: FR ALEX CLEMENTE, RCJ

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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9.15am - 4.45pm

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@sfc.vic.edu.au

Reflection by Fr. Alex Clemente, RCJ

In the liturgical calendar, the feast of the Divine Mercy Sunday is always celebrated on the second Sunday of Easter, which concludes the Easter octave. In the Catholic tradition, these eight days are treated as a continuous moment of festive and solemn celebration.

The Gospel for this day, recounts Jesus appearing to the disciples on the evening of the Resurrection. During this encounter, he instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation by breathing on them and saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven".

St. John Paul II described Divine Mercy as the "Easter gift" from the Risen Christ to humanity, providing a way for the victory over death to heal human wounds.

The Divine Mercy Image itself serves as a visual bridge between the Passion and the Resurrection. It portrays the Risen Jesus bringing mercy to the world, still bearing the marks of the crucifixion on his hands and feet. The two rays (red and pale) represent the blood and water that flowed from Christ's heart when it was pierced on the Cross. These rays also symbolize the sacraments that flow from the Easter mystery: Baptism (the water which makes souls righteous) and the Eucharist (the blood which is the life of souls).

Jesus told St. Faustina, the visionary of the Divine Mercy, that on this day, the "floodgates" of His mercy are opened. A person who goes to Confession and receives Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy can obtain the total forgiveness of sins and punishment, a grace often compared to a "second baptism". Is there a specific area of my life or a past mistake that I feel is "too big" for God to forgive?

How can I be an instrument of healing in my local community?



Next Week's Readings:

Acts 2:14, 22-33 | 1Pet 1:17-21 | Luke 24:13-35

Recently Deceased:

Emmanuela "Lily" Portelli (funeral 15.04.2026)

Death Anniversaries:

Brian Stokie, Mary Bezzina, Carmen Testa, Doris Adams, James O'Meara, Salvatore Cassar, Helen Walsh, Carmel Gatt, Lily Jenkins, Lawrence Mercieca, Vittorio Armocida, Desmond Kealy, Maria Bendtsen, Jenny Foley, Jean Coburn, Canuto J. Quiballo, Giuseppe Tiberio, Sylvia Vella, Mario Gonzales, John Cacchuni, Ormond (John) Cacchini, John McDonald, Liza Mallia, AV Paul, Jeff Goudie, John Spiteri, Paul Spiteri, Gabriel Amoda, Mario Gonzales, Ted Sliwa
Snr., Peter Herbert, Wilfredo de Guzman Snr. 250411-17

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

Entrance Antiphon

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end. *(R.)*
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. *(R.)*
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. *(R.)*

Second Reading

1Pet 1:3-9

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a

joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again,
'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen
and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Communion Antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, Alleluia.

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.



Welcoming you to Alpha

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 10 to 11 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 April 29 7 PM at St. Dominic's School Hall in Unitt St.

God & Beer

*Leadership Lessons from
Footy, Family & Faith*
Monday, 13 April 2026
6:30pm Dinner/7:30 Talk
Nothing Hill Hotel
260 Ferntree Gully Notting Hill
More Info Call Lawrence
+61448398344

KSC Men's Rosary

Saturday, 3rd May 2026
10:00am
Outside ST PATRICK'S
Cathedral, Melbourne at
St Catherine of Siena Statue
For More Info Call Lawrence
+61448398344

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

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

TONY'S PIES



Catholic Parish of Melton Fund Raising

Fundraising program for our parish activities
Tony's Pies of Essendon will supply us with freshly baked pies, quiches and rolls. Delivery is at St Catherine of Siena church on **Saturday, April 18, 2026**

Pick-up time between 10am-12noon

Online orders only—No extra pies on sale on the day

Last day to order is midnight, Thursday April 16, 2026



To start ordering open your smartphone camera and hold it over the QR code till the link pops up. Or copy and paste the link below to start ordering on your PC.

<https://tonyspiedrives.com.au/fundraiser/saint-catherines-of-siena>
Pricelist available in the gathering area.

Thank you for supporting our Parish.

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.

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



6pm—Tania Walters 0492 952 478 11am— Lea Jacuta 0414 390 151
9am Theo Franken 0411 040 897 5pm - Josephine Krajina 0407 042 133

Second Sunday of Easter Year A

Saturday & Sunday April 11 & 12, 2026

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Marissa Tuason	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken	Chelsea Amato	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Maria Prasetyono	Alzira Mascarenhas	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Charlu Chua	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Asther Creo	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Help needed	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration	Veritas	No Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			

Third Sunday of Easter Year A

Saturday & Sunday April 18 & 19, 2026

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Chelsea Amato	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Marissa Tuason	Chelsea Amato	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Liz Coustley	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration	Veritas	Tongan
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			



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Symbols of the Paschal Candle



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

APRIL

Wednesday, 15th	NO Mass: School Holidays St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 16th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Friday, 17th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Wednesday, 22nd	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 23rd	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church 7:00pm St Lukes Program Day1 First Eucharist
Friday, 24th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Saturday, 25th	Anzac
Wednesday, 29th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church Feast day of St Catherine of Siena
Thursday, 30th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church

MAY

Friday, 1st	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Wednesday, 15th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church Mother's Day Mass 10:15am Mass : SFC Glowrey House
Thursday, 16th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Friday, 17th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church

PROJECT COMPASSION



Project Compassion
Box

**Please Return
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Prime Timers

LA PORCHETTA

Tuesday, 28 April 2026, 12noon RSVP by 24/04/26

For more info contact: Mary Conheady

#0421 778 126 or email maryco2@bigpond.com

THE SACRAMENTS OF EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION 2026

The *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, have been part of the Penance program but *have not* received one or both of the above Sacraments.

Information and the application form is available online on our Parish website: www.melbocatholic.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
Eucharist program
begins on Thursday,
April 23, 2026.**



*Growing
Together
In
Faith*

PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

March 2026 Update:

Pledged: \$5,794.23

Actual: \$4,564.23

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

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.



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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