



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.

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - January 18, 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.

STAFF & SAFEGUARDING COORDINATOR

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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 Fr. Wilford Urmaza, RCJ

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (John 1:14a, 12a)

SONSHIP REVEALED

Before this passage, John the Baptist testified about himself while being questioned by some Jews: "Who are you? What are you?", declares that he is not the Messiah, not Elijah, nor the Prophet. John appears to have already set the stage for the coming of the Messiah where these Jewish authorities dared to question him of his identity, a process of "elimination," so to speak, to lessen the persons of interest. Those who question John are not open to accepting the truth about the person who John alludes to as the one greater than him and who existed before him. His testimony on Jesus, the Son of God, must be the deciding factor that these authorities, the Sadducees and priests hostile to Jesus, consider their options on how to deal with Him.

It is very telling that John, calling Jesus the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, stirs their hearts to the core. They know perfectly well that a "lamb" is analogous to subservience, sacrifice, and life-giving, a reality that evokes power.

John's experience of baptizing Jesus with water is to make Him known in Israel, affirming that the Spirit came down upon Jesus and remained with Him. Hence, Jesus baptizes with the Holy Spirit, a clear manifestation that in baptism the Triune God is truly present.

Christ, the Suffering Servant, described by the prophet Isaiah, offered Himself voluntarily like a sheep ready to be slaughtered and took upon Himself the weight of the transgressions of all, including redemption and a scapegoat bearing sins into the wilderness.

Essentially, John's example of humility encourages us to behold Christ daily, allowing the Holy Spirit to renew us that we may advance in faith through repentance, trust, and genuine proclamation of Christ's ongoing redemption.



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

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name,
O Most High!

First Reading

Isa 49:3, 5-6

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel,
in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his
servant to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back
the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the
ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **(R.)**
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **(R.)**
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**
4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:1-3

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle,
together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings
to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy
people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take
their place among all the saints everywhere who
pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord
no less than ours. May God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him to become
the children of God.

- *Alleluia!*

Gospel

John 1:29-34

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said,
'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away
the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of
when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks
before me because he existed before me. I did
not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal
him to Israel that I came baptising with water.'

John also declared, 'I saw the
Spirit coming down on him from
heaven like a dove and resting
on him. I did not know him
myself, but he who sent me to
baptise with water had said to
me, "The man on whom you see
the Spirit come down and rest is
the one who is going to baptise
with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have
seen and I am the witness that
he is the Chosen One of God.'



Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before
me, and how precious is the
chalice that quenches my thirst.

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.

Next Week's Readings:

Isa 8:23-9:3 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mat 4:12-23

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

Jack & Myrie Elder, Angela Panameno, Les Clark, Emil
Jongebloed, Vera McGuigan, Brian Halliday, Julie
Macaranas, James Campbell, Shaun O'Sullivan, Radhini
Roche, Gordon Harvey, Amelia Andrews, James Mason,
Jenda Vasek, Oscar Panameno, Mary Berichon, Michael
Pearce, Belen Villanueva, Janine Ritchie, Netty Debono,
Giovanni Giordano, Ida & Jack Oldman, Sandra Jane Mifsud,
Zbigniew Wojcys, Joseph Mariadas, Annie Ryan, John
Mascarenhas, Kamala Gomez, Phonse Hickey, Douglas
Strong, Gerry O'Connor, Joseph Apap, Romuald Correa, Jay
& Mareena, Brian Pereira, Jahn Ezekiel Balbin,
Maureen Williams

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Melbourne Archdiocesan Synod

* We are asked to support and pray for the success of the Archdiocesan Synod starting this month of January with the regional meetings of clergy. May this process bring growth and renewal to our churches.

* Pope Leo recently declared 2026 as a "Special Year of St Francis of Assisi". May our churches & schools across Melton obtain extraordinary graces through the intercessions of St Francis & all our Franciscan saints.

JOHN 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

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Dear Lord,

Thank You for the Lamb You sacrificed for me. Thank You that I am spiritually alive because of this incredible sacrifice. Help me to spread this good news with others across the world. Let those who hear it come to know the truth. Let them no longer be deceived by the devil. Help them find their way to spending eternity with You.

Amen.

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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

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Back issues of The Tidings are available on our parish website:

www.melbcatholic.org/melton

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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

2 nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A		Saturday & Sunday January 17 & 18, 2026		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Maureen Mohr	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Janet Estrada
Responder	Tania Walters	Faith Tuputala	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Amy Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanghaya Creo	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			

3 rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A		Saturday & Sunday January 24 & 25, 2026		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Margaret Richards	Asther Creo	Chelsea Amato	
The Word	Tania Walters	Sanyata Creo	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Responder	Maria Prasetyono	Alzira Mascarenhas	Chelsea Amato	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Amy Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Asther Creo	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanghaya Creo	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
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ENROLMENT FOR ST PADRE PIO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL THORNHILL PARK <https://sppthornhillpark.catholic.edu.au>

Enrolment interest for St Padre Pio Catholic Primary School, Thornhill Park is now open for students from Grade Prep to Grade 6 for 2026. **Enrolment Enquiries | St Padre Pio Catholic Primary School website**

ENROLMENT FOR ST MARIANNE COPE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL MOUNT ATKINSON

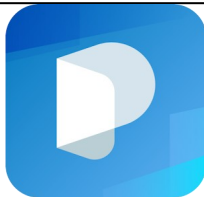
<https://smcmountatkinson.catholic.edu.au>

Enrolment interest for St Marianne Cope Catholic Primary School is now open for students from Grade Prep to Grade 6. Enrolment enquiries for the 3- and 4-year-old kindergartens will be open soon.

Please note that the enrolment criteria for the Primary School differ from those of the Children's Hub, and each enrolment process is separate and independent.

Enrolment Enquiries | St Marianne Cope Primary School website

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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, necessary requirements and the application form.

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)

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.

Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm

JANUARY 2026

Wednesday, 21st	NO 9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 22nd	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Friday, 23rd	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Monday, 26th	Australia Day Public Holiday
Tuesday, 27th	7:00pm Baptism Information Night: St Catherine of Siena Church
Wednesday, 28th	NO 9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 29th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church St Luke's Sacramental Program Information Night 7pm St Dominic's Hall (entrance via Smith Street)
Friday, 30th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Saturday, 31st	11:00am Baptism : St Catherine of Siena Church

FEBRUARY

Wednesday, 4th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 5th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church St Luke's Sacrament of Penance Program begins 7pm St Dominic's Hall
Friday, 6th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church

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.



PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

December Update

Pledged: \$6,156.08

Actual: \$4,802.39



Thank You

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 337

NOT St Catherine of Siena Parish, Bulmans Rd., as this is **not** the name of our Parish.



SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

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

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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