



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.

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A - May 10, 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

The readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter offer a profound meditation on the "indwelling" of God. In the Gospel of John, Jesus makes a staggering promise: for those who love Him and keep His word, the Father and Son will come to them and "make our dwelling with them." This is the essence of the Christian life—not a distant deity to be feared, but a God who makes His home in the human heart.

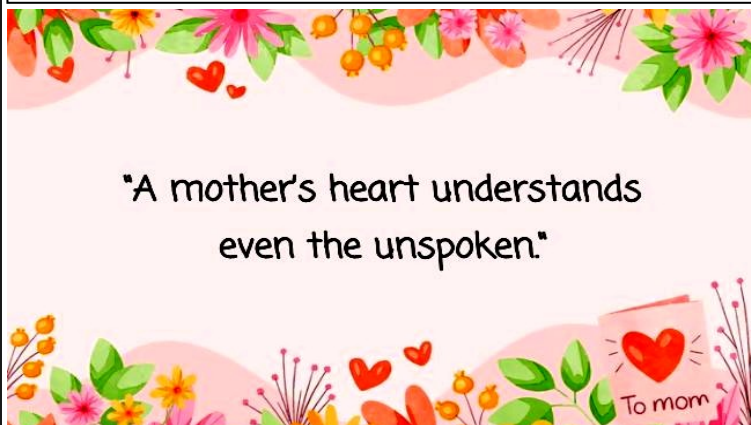


The primary way we experience this presence is through the Holy Spirit, the Advocate. As Jesus prepares His disciples for His Ascension, He ensures they will not be orphaned. The Spirit serves as our internal teacher, constantly reminding us of Christ's truths and guiding us through the complexities of life. We see this guidance in action in the Book of Acts, where the early Church navigates its first major crisis with a spirit of discernment rather than division. It serves as a reminder that when we feel overwhelmed by the "burdens" of life, the Spirit is there to provide clarity.

Finally, Jesus offers a parting gift: Peace. Crucially, He distinguishes this from "the world's peace." Worldly peace is often just the temporary absence of conflict or the presence of comfort. Christ's peace—Shalom—is a deep-seated tranquillity that exists even in the midst of a storm. It is the quiet confidence that we are loved, chosen, and never alone.

Are you intentionally creating moments of stillness in your heart to listen to the Advocate's promptings?

What is one specific worry you can hand over to the Spirit today to make room for that "tranquillity in the storm"?



"A mother's heart understands even the unspoken."

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

Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves.

There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **(R.)**
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **(R.)**
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **(R.)**
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1Pet 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and
we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day
you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments and
keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my
Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments,
says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and
he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, 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.



First Aid & Defibrillator is located in the Lay-Sacristy.

Happy Mother's Day

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue." PROVERBS 31:25-26



Next Week's Readings:

Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Mat 28:16-20

Recently Deceased

Fr Peter Foley PE, Nelia Teodoro

Death Anniversaries:

James and Veronica Sullivan, Joseph Stewart, Fr Leo Curran, Nancy Williams, Ana Flores, Consolacion de Jesus, Greta Jongebloed, Paul Spiteri, Maryln McInnes, Victor Speranza, Jessie Dalli, Fr Herb Steele, Lawrence Grima, Rae Bourke, Daisy Rosser, Janina Hills, Martha Farrugia, Anthony Portelli, Tommy Hafey, Kevin Heap, Victoria Vassallo, Patrick Michael, Antonina Wojcik, Jozef Wojcik, Remedios Suerra Malibiran, Consolacio Ramirez, Antonia Bazar, Sonia Parker, Lucija Debrincat, Rosario Creo, Karlo Strinavic, Salvador Dorosan, Antonietta Tiberio, Sylvia Pace, Anna Maria Roche, Karlo Strinavic, Madhan Deng, Frank Grodzki, Emidia Buhagiar, Mary Hoban, Bill Stokie, Margaret Mc Kinley, Antonia Sacco, Zenaida Pocalla, Zofia & Zig Bockowski

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"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me"

A prayer for the Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi

Pope Leo XIV had announced that 2026 is a Jubilee Year of St. Francis, to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the saint's death.



The Holy Father has offered this prayer for the occasion:

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago, went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord. You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall. You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries. In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen~~~

Have you been Encountered?

Marriage Encounter is coming to Melton

Come along and experience your special weekend at:

St Dominic's Parish Melton

When: June 26 – 28th 2026

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday 4:30pm

For further details, please contact:

Mercy & James Bvirakare Ph: 0409 183 676

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au / Visit wwme.org.au

Flyers available at the gathering area

Additional Volunteers needed for Food Prep. for Marriage Encounter Weekend if you're able to help
Please contact Anne Woof # 0400 098 979

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

Saturday & Sunday May 9 & 10, 2026

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Marissa Tuason	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Aizira Mascarenhas	Chelsea Amato	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Janet Estrada
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinala	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
EM of Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Aster Creo	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration	Veritas	Filipino Choir
Counters	John Woof, Leslie Gordon			

The Ascension of the Lord Year A

Saturday & Sunday May 16 & 17, 2026

Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Karl Metha	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Responder	Tania Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Elainne de los Santos
EOM Holy Communion	Leny Obtinala	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Marissa Tuason	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan	Veritas	Tongan
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			



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You're invited to Alpha at our Parish

Alpha is an informal and welcoming series of interactive sessions that creates a safe and honest space for people from all backgrounds to explore life, faith, and meaning—no matter where they are on their faith journey.

The program runs every **Wednesday for 10–11 weeks**, with each session lasting just two hours. Each week, participants gather in a small group to **share a meal, watch a short video, and engage in open and respectful conversation.**

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners, make new friends, and explore life's big questions together in a supportive environment.

We are currently rolling out the 1st batch, please continue to pray for the success of this program.

To reserve your place in our future Alpha program please email your details to melton@cam.org.au or send an SMS to **0422 808 018**.

We hope you can join us! We look forward to meeting you and sharing this journey together.

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.



SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

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

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.

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

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Saturday, 9th	6pm Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church St Lukes—1st Eucharist Commitment Mass
Sunday, 10th	Happy Mothers' Day to all Mothers 11am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church St Lukes—1st Eucharist Commitment Mass
Wednesday, 13th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 7:00pm St Dominic's Parish Hall - ALPHA Prog.
Thursday, 14th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church 7:00 Catechism Non-Infant Baptism St Dominics Presbytery Office
Friday, 15th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church Year— 4 Student's Mass
Wednesday, 20th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 7:00pm St Dominic's Parish Hall - ALPHA Prog.
Thursday, 21th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church 7:00 Catechism Non-Infant Baptism St Dominics Presbytery Office
Friday, 22th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church Year— 1 Student's Mass
Saturday, 23rd	11am BAPTISM St Catherine of Siena Church
Wednesday, 27th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 7:00pm St Dominic's Parish Hall - ALPHA Prog.
Thursday, 28th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church 7:00 Catechism Non-Infant Baptism St Dominics Presbytery Office
Friday, 29th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church Prep Student's Mass



PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING 2026

April Update:

Pledged: \$4,817.96

Actual: \$4,144.35

Thank You



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.



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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