



THE TIDINGS

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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.

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - August 31, 2025

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)

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 7-8): Bridge Rd, Cobblebank
+61 3 8099 6000 | info@sfcc.vic.edu.au



Congratulations to the 128 candidates from St Catherine's and St Dominic's schools and St Luke's Sacramental Program, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation over the past two weekends.

Bishop Martin Ashe presided over the four Masses as the candidates completed the process of initiation into the Catholic community (Baptism and Eucharist being the first two sacraments of initiation).

Confirmation isn't just a ceremony or tradition - it's a doorway into something deeper. We pray that the newly confirmed keep walking through it with grace and may God bless their your choices, protect their steps, and remind them daily that they are loved by Him.

SPIRIT

*Spirit of Love,
Make me loving
Spirit of Truth,
Teach me what is right.
Spirit of Wisdom,
Give me understanding.
Spirit of Power,
Give me strength.
Spirit of Gentleness,
Show me your way.
Spirit of God,
Be with me
Within me
To fill me and inspire me.
Amen*



The first ever cordless phone was created
by God.

He named it Prayer.

It never loses its signal and
you never have to recharge it.
And you can use it anywhere.

Amen!



PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

July Update

Pledged: \$5,122.35

Actual: \$4,505.96

*Thank
You*

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

Entrance Antiphon *Psalm 85:3, 5*

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 *Sir 3:17-20, 28-29*

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) God, in your goodness,
you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **(R.)**
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **(R.)**
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them new
life. It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading *Heb 12:18-19, 22-24*

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 14:1, 7-14*

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you

would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

Communion Antiphon

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

Next Week's Readings:

Wis 9:13-18 Philemon 12-17: Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Luke 14:25-33

Reflection by Sr. Mary Fermio, RSJ

Remember the days of debutante balls where the places of honour were for the official party, usually including the Priest of the Parish. They welcomed the debts and their partners, and had special tables at supper. We still have places of honour at certain events and celebrations eg weddings, 21st birthdays, State functions.

In this parable, Jesus is telling us we are all invited to the Kingdom, no matter what our standing in society. Kings and Queens will be on equal footing with the beggar on the street. And this banquet is the only one that counts. No greater tragedy can happen to us than to miss out. So, we must beware of "turning our nose up" at others whom we consider of lesser importance.



So, am I working to make sure I have a place at the banquet table? Do I go out of my way to welcome strangers at Mass? If not, why not?

When you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again. Luke 14:14

**Remembering Death Anniversaries:**

Kathleen Morrissey, Margaret Frawley, William Fitzgerald, John Asta, Mary Attard, Wallace Lacey, Catherine Jacuta, Anne Mendl, Anne O'Sullivan, Bobby Abraham, Laura Spiteri, Miak Lardlaw, Joseph Attard, Bill Tomlinson, Br Paul Ubinger, Sr Mary Coburn, 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, Peter Corcoran, Charles Welsh, Anna Muscat, Tony Mercieca, Anna Puszkur, Kathleen Jephson, Ivor LaFontain, Lawrie Haba

Healing for the Sick:

Alexis Eslao, Joan McConnell, Nicasia - Anna Orallo

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CAMPAIGN**
2025



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NEW LITURGY ROSTER

The roster for September to November has been emailed to all Liturgy volunteers.

Please ring your Mass Manager if unable to do your roster duty on any specific weekend.

Rogationists - 10yrs in Australia



All are welcome to join
us on this special
occasion.

Friday, September 19, 2025
at St Anthony of Padua Parish,
Melton South

(with participant Priests from Vic Dioceses)

9:30am Commemorative Tree Planting

**10am Conference on the 10 years of
RCJs presence in Australia**

Speaker: Most Rev. Rene Ramirez RCJ,
D.D. Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne

11am Morning Tea

**11:30am Conference on Rogationist
Charism and Mission**

Speaker: Fr. Jesse Martirizar, RCJ
-SMP Provincial Councilor on Rogate

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY • 14 SEP 2025

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AND WELCOMING
CHURCH



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ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Online information meeting: **Tuesday, 23 September 2025**
beginning 19:00 – 20:00

Location: via ZOOM

Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing
Deacon Kevin Pattison: Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

St Anthony of Padua Melton South

WANT TO WIN A CAR?

Christmas Raffle 2025 for \$25.00

1st Prize: MG ZS value \$28,799

2nd Prize: Travel Voucher value \$3,000

3rd Prize: Apple Mac Book value \$1699

4th Prize: Apple iPhone 16 value \$1399

5th Prize: Apple Watch value \$649

**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

22nd Sunday Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday August 30 & 31, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM	
Welcomer	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina	
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Janet Estrada	
Responder	Tania Walters	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez	
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Faith Tuputala	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos	
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Asther Creo	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie	
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Chelsea Amato	Nina Ahmet	
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina	
Choir		Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir	
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters				

23 rd Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday September 6 & 7, 2025			
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM	
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Faith Tuputala	Amy Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben	
The Word	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina	
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Jennifer Peters	Cira Cleary	Frank Unferdorben	
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina	
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez	
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Faith Tuputala	Choir	Nina Ahmet	
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben	
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan 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.

Francis

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

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

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

AUGUST

Saturday, 30th

Baptisms 11am & 12.15pm

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, 3rd

Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church
9.15am Whole school Mass celebrating Fathers Day

Thursday, 4th

Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am

Friday, 5th

Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Yr 2 students to attend

Sunday, 7th

Fathers' Day

7th - 13th

National Child Protection Week

Sunday, 14th

Safeguarding Sunday

Wednesday, 10th

Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church
9.15 am St Catherine Yr 1&2 students to attend

Thursday, 11th

Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Yr 1 students to attend

Friday, 12th

Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am

Wednesday, 17th

Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church
9.15 am St Catherine Foundation students to attend
Baptism Information Night
7.30 pm at St Catherine of Siena Church

Thursday, 18th

Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am

Friday, 19th

Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Foundation students to attend
End of Term 3 for students

Saturday, 20th

Baptisms 11 am & 12.15 pm

Wednesday, 24th

School Holidays
No Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church

Thursday, 25th

Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am

Friday, 26th

Public Holiday
No Mass at St Dominic's Church

**Your
actions are
powerful**

Sept 7 - 13
**National Child
Protection
Week**

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
You may also like to use the Smart Terminal at the
welcome desk to contribute to the Parish.



St Vincent de Paul Society
VICTORIA
good works

**The Melton Conference of
St Vincent De Paul
Urgently needs more
Volunteers**

30-31st Aug. 2025 there will be guest speakers at Mass
explaining the works & needs of the society
1st Sept, 2025 information session at the Parish Meeting Room from
9:30am to 10:30am or 6:00pm to 7:00pm
See Flyers for details
or have a chat with Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr, SVDP Volunteers

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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