



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 IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - February 15, 2026

CLERGY

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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

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Reflection by Fr. Wilford Urmaza, RCJ

BEYOND RIGHTEOUSNESS

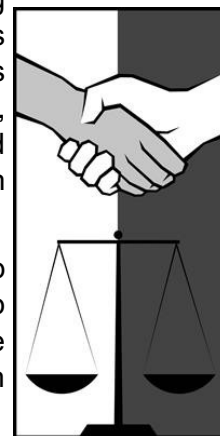
In the passage of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus provides a framework to his disciples for what it takes to be authentic followers of the Kingdom of God. By defining varied laws that Moses provided the Israelites in the Old Testament, Jesus raised the bar by which His disciples must adhere as they go about their lives.

Jesus said, "I have come not to abolish the law but to fulfill it", a revelation that assures the people that the law of Moses remains enforceable and that He comes to fully perfect it. God desires not to follow the law at its bare minimum but a total transformation of the inner self that surpasses the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees.

Recognizing their "uprightness," Jesus emphasizes that simply adhering to the Law is inadequate if one's heart is unyielding. Holiness involves more than just refraining from sin; it requires inviting God to transform and refine one's desires, thoughts, and actions.

Christ encourages us to pursue a holiness that penetrates the heart, embodying genuine love and a life that mirrors God's own purity and truth. While His expectations may be difficult to fulfill, His grace is our profound comfort and encouragement as we strive to align with His will.

Ultimately, God commands us not to trust in our own will and strength, but to trust Him completely. Only then can we proclaim, blessed are we who walk in the law of the Lord.



Ash Wednesday - 18 February 2026

St Catherine of Siena Church

9:15am & 7:00pm

Project Compassion begins



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

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading

Sir 15:15-20

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. **(R.)**
2. You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. **(R.)**
3. Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. **(R.)**
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Cor 2:6-10

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. - *Alleluia!*

Gospel

Mat 5:20-22,27-28,33-34,37

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'



Communion Antiphon

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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:

Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Rom 5:12-19 Mat 4:1-11

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

Charles de Pares, Sofia Liwanag, Joyce Balnaves, Roseo Huerto, Antony Vadassery, John Donovan, Michael Bilson, Kataca Bulic, Laura V. Morcozo, Tom Sweeney, Gerardo Tomassi, Consey Tissera, Sandra Hogan, Bernard Sweeney, John Debono, Ligaya Inciong, Fredrick Lazarus, Jack Todd, Christopher Bubeck, Roshan Mendoza, Rita Fernando, Joseph Camilleri, Darren Bathalomeuze, Petronella Franken, Pauline Camilleri, Leon Jongebloed, Teodora G Ty, Richard Zielinski, Carlo Girardi, Teresa Ang Gunik Choo, Jose Sosa

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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~~~*



SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

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

MISTAKES TO AVOID AT MASS (What to Do Instead)

The Holy Mass is the highest form of worship in the Catholic Church, where Heaven meets earth. Yet, sometimes we can fall into habits that distract us or prevent us from fully participating in this sacred mystery. Here are some common mistakes—and what to do instead.

1. Arriving Late

The Mistake: Missing the beginning of Mass means missing the Penitential Rite and the Liturgy of the Word's opening prayers.

What to Do Instead: Aim to arrive early to pray and prepare your heart. This sets the tone for a more reverent experience.

2. Not Participating in the Responses and Singing

The Mistake: Staying silent during prayers and hymns makes you a spectator instead of a participant.

What to Do Instead: Join in the responses and songs. Remember, you're part of the worship, not just an observer.

3. Distracted Posture

The Mistake: Leaning, slouching or fiddling with your phone sends the wrong message—both to God and others.

What to Do Instead: Maintain a posture of prayer—standing, sitting and kneeling with intention and reverence.

4. Skipping Communion Without Prayer

The Mistake: If you're not receiving Communion and simply sit idle, you miss a moment of grace.

What to Do Instead: Make a Spiritual Communion asking Jesus to come into your heart spiritually.

5. Leaving Early

The Mistake: Rushing out before the final blessing cut short the grace you could receive.

What to Do Instead: Stay until the priest has processed out and thank God for the gift of the Mass.

The Mass is not just a ritual - it's an encounter with the living God. Give Him your full attention, participation and love.

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

6th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A			Saturday & Sunday February 14 & 15, 2026	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Alzira Mascarenhas	Chelsea Amato	
Responder	Tania Walters	Jennifer Peters	Cira Cleary	Janet Estrada
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Faith Tuputala	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			

First Sunday Of Lent Year A			Saturday & Sunday February 21 & 22, 2026	
MINISTERS OF:	6pm	9am	11am	5pm
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Asther Creo	Chelsea Amato	
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Responder	Maria Prasetyono	Alzira Mascarenhas	Chelsea Amato	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Tania Walters	Faith Tuputala		Janet Estrada
Holy Communion	Tania Walters	Asther Creo	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			



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SCHEDULE OF THE MIGRANT JUBILEE CROSS VISIT (Melton & Melton Churches) Feb 21 -25, 2026

The Pilgrimage of the Migrant Jubilee Cross, a national Catholic initiative marking the 2025 Jubilee Year to honour the contributions, faith, and resilience of migrants in Australia.

Feb 21 (SAT) - Arrival of the Cross in St. Anthony Church around 4pm then followed Holy Mass at 5 pm

Feb 22 (SUN) - Transfer of the Cross in St. Catherine's Church around 4pm then Mass at 5 pm

Feb 23 (MON)- The Jubilee Cross will stay in St. Catherine of Siena Church for an evening Mass at 6:30pm

Feb 24 (TUE) - The Cross is still at St. Catherine of Siena Church for an evening Mass at 6:30pm

Feb 25 (WED) - Holy Mass by 9:15 am at St. Catherine of Siena Church, followed by veneration of the Cross with the students. Departure of the cross to Springvale, Keysborough



PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

January 2026 Update:

Pledged: \$5,246.27

Actual: \$4,342.12

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



HOME VISITATION & BLESSING REQUESTS

For Home Visitation & Blessing requests, please speak to Deacon Chris after Mass or fill out the online request

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

FEBRUARY

Wednesday, 18th	Ash Wednesday St Catherine of Siena Church 9:15am & 7:00pm Project Compassion begins 
Thursday, 19th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Friday, 20th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Sunday, 22nd	Transfer of the Jubilee Cross from St Anthony to St. Catherine Church around 4pm then Mass at 5 pm
Monday, 23rd	6:30pm Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church
Tuesday, 24th	6:30pm Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church
Wednesday, 25th	9:15am Mass & Veneration of the Cross: St Catherine of Siena Church Year 5 Student's Mass Departure of Cross to Springvale, Keysborough
Thursday, 26th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Friday, 27th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Saturday, 28th	Baptisms 11am

MARCH

Wednesday, 4th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church Year 4 Student's Mass
Thursday, 5th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Friday, 6th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church Year 6 Student's Mass
Tuesday, 10th	7pm Baptism Information Night St Catherine of Siena Church



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 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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