



THE TIDINGS

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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.

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - October 19, 2025

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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

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+61 3 8099 6000 | info@sfcc.vic.edu.au

Reflection by Fr. Wilford Urmaza, RCJ

JUSTICE DELAYED, BUT NOT DENIED!

(29th Sunday in OT, Lk 18:1-8)

The Gospel today encourages us to view prayer as an ongoing, fervent conversation with God, exemplified by the widow's persistent plea made to a callous judge. Jesus starts by instructing us "to pray continuously and not lose heart," a directive that extends beyond infrequent requests to a consistent practice of enduring trust.

The parable depicts a judge who "neither feared God nor respected people," yet he ultimately concedes in to the widow's tenacity, not out of kindness but simply because "she keeps bothering me." This striking portrayal emphasizes how human justice can be influenced solely by determination and contrasts it with the divine reaction. If even an unjust judge can be moved by tireless appeals, how much more will a caring Father, "who is upright and just," respond to the pleas of His chosen ones who "cry to him day and night"?

The widow's persistence becomes a symbol of the believer's inner journey: a constant, hopeful plea that keeps the heart open to God's compassion. Such an example instructs us to share "the groan of our heart" with God, having faith that He will ultimately deliver justice, even when human systems fail us.

The final question—"When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"—summons the community to reflect on whether ceaseless prayer has fostered genuine faith or merely a routine practice. The widow's narrative is not just about seeking justice for her case but rather about developing a steadfast trust that keeps us connected to God's providence, even when answers seem delayed.

Essentially, the faithful are encouraged to remain steadfast in prayer, even when situations appear unresponsive or antagonistic. Finally, this parable inspires each believer to weave prayer into the fabric of daily life, enabling it to nurture hope, shape character, and preserve the flame of faith until Christ returns.



SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

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

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

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading *Ex 17:8-13*

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm

*(R.) Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.*

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. *(R.)*
2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. *(R.)*
4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. *(R.)*

Second Reading *2Tim 3:14-4:2*

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of

the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 18:1-8*

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

Communion Antiphon

The Son of Man has come
to give his life as a ransom for many.

Next Week's Readings:

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 2Tim 4:6-8,16-18 Luke 18:9-14

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

Troy Sheppard, Bruce Smith, Vito Negrin, Leo Mahoney
Marlene Williams, Faustino De Leon, Rogelio Gonzales, Kathryn Dervish-Ali, Marianne Santos, Eileen Kennedy, Alice Masterson
Kaushal de Silva, Carmen Mifsud, Carmen Enriquez, Tom Sullivan
Gwen Drape, Monique Bazerghi, Emanuel Mallia, Monica Burke,
Gordon Bartolo, Esme Seamen, Daryl Leonard, Peter Michael,
Des McCormick, Anna Surace, Sr. Mary-Rose Bonn, Si Jung Sim,
Stanley Zagafa, Monique Bazerghi, E. Louis, Joseph Trethowan
Vincenzo De Vellis, Efren Menalabag, Wilfredo Snr. de Guzman

Healing for the Sick:

Alexis Eslao, Nicasia - Anna Orallo

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.





A Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

You can read the letter online and find out more by scanning the QR code or via: www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill.



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PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE of the Catholic Parishes in Melton 2025

Celebrate the Jubilee Year with a sacred journey visiting **three churches with Jubilee Doors**. A day of prayer, reflection, and fellowship for the whole community.

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NOVEMBER
2025
SATURDAY



ITINERARY

- 8AM Bus leaves St Anthony's Church, Melton South**
- Visit the **St Mary Star of the Sea** in West Melbourne
 - Visit the **Divine Mercy Shrine** in Keysborough
 - Visit the **St Macartan's Catholic Church** in Mornington

Adjourn to the beachfront park for a picnic.

Don't forget to pack your picnic baskets!



7.30PM Arrive at St Anthony's Church, Melton South

A Jubilee Year is celebrated by the Church every 25 years.

The Jubilee year commenced with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's on Christmas Eve 2024.

In Scripture

Over the years, other official references point to scriptural explanations outlining the importance of the Holy Door via Jesus' messages and titles.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you" (Luke 11:9)

"I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come into you and eat with you, and you with me" (Revelation 3:20)

"I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved" (John 10:9)

An explanation from St. Peter's Basilica affirms that the Holy Door represents

"Jesus, the Good Shepherd and the gate of the sheep pen: 'I am the gate. Whoever enters through me, will be safe. He will go in and out, and find pasture' (John 10:9)." Consequently, "The message imparted by the Holy Door is that God's mercy reaches out to mankind's frailty."



Don't miss out
Book your place today

CONFIRM YOUR SEAT



▶ **OPTION 1**
Scan the QR code to register and provide online banking receipt details

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Register your name on the clipboard at the foyer and pay at the piety stall

COST
AUD 50
per person
Includes light snacks and a goodie bag

Check Pilgrimage Poster & Clipboard at the Gathering Area

St Anthony of Padua Melton South

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Christmas Raffle 2025 for \$25.00

1st Prize: MG ZS value 28,799



See Poster for full list of prizes

Tickets available soon.

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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

29 th Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday October 18 & 19, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Asther Creo	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tania Walters	Faith Tuputala	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Amy Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Maureen Mohr	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanghaya Creo	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoa Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, John Woof			
30 th Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday October 25 & 26, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Maria Prasetyono	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Janet Estrada
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Amy Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Asther Creo	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Faith Tuputala	Lea Jacuta	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			



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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.

Franciscus

PRIME TIMER

28th October lunch at The Olive Tree, 111 Evans St.
Sunbury 12 o'clock. Meeting place at
The Waves car park Coburns Rd. at 11.30 am.
RSVP by 27th for more details contact Ineke
#0400 120 401 / ineke49@yahoo.com.

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.

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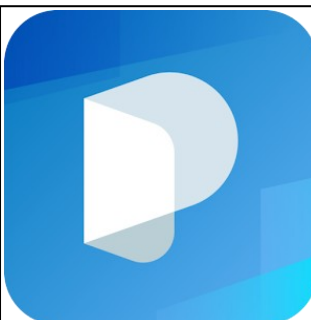
**Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 6pm
Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm**

OCTOBER

Saturday, 18th	Baptisms 11 am & 12.15 pm
Wednesday, 22nd	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am St Catherine Year 4 students to attend
Thursday, 23rd	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 24th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 4 students to attend
Saturday, 25th	Baptisms 11 am & 12.15 pm
Wednesday, 29th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am St Catherine Year 3 students to attend
Thursday, 30th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 31st	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 3 students to attend

NOVEMBER

Saturday, 1st	All Saints Day
Sunday, 2nd	All Souls Day
Tuesday, 4th	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Wednesday, 5th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am All Saints & Souls Whole School Mass
Thursday, 6th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 7th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 2 students to attend



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PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

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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.



PARISH BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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after the deadline will be considered for publication on the following weekend.



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