



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.

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) | January 26, 2025

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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 & 5pm
- Wednesday Mass will resume on February 5

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

- Thursday & Friday 9.15am

CONFESSION

St Catherine of Siena Church

Saturday: 5.45 pm | Sunday: 4.45pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & ROSARY

St Dominic's Church

- Thursday following the 9.15am 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

Together you are one body

St Paul reminds us that every member of a group or body is important.

The study of biology can show us how the different parts of our body work together. The heart pumps the blood around, the lungs clean out the blood, the stomach and intestines process the food that fuels the body, the eyes and ears help direct the way the feet walk and the hands move. If something happens to one leg, the other leg and arms grow stronger, often with the help of crutches, in an effort to keep the body going.

Is this the way your school or community functions? Do people generally watch out for one another when someone is weakened or hurt or in need of help? If so, how? If not, why not?



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Today's Readings: Neh 8: 2-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12: 12-30 /

1 Cor 12: 12-14, 27 Luke 1: 1-4, 4:14-21

Next Week's Readings: Mal 3:1-4 /

Heb 2:14-18 / Luk 2:22-40

Prayer Requests

Recently Deceased: Beaumont Canda

Death Anniversaries:

Heather Bewley, Dan Mc Guinness, Tina Orr, Angelo Britto, Dilip Motha, Morton Woodhouse, Nina Zammit, Carlos Loyzaga, Pasquini Mario, William Alexander, Liudas Pikelis, Mary Stewart, Jayawardan Liyang, Tony Catania, Coronato Vella, Bruno Falvo, Angelo Galea, Abner Zulueta, Leo Kealy, Olga Rychlewski, Tossie Duncan, John Anset, Nina & Charlie Camilleri, Fortunato de Jesus, Manil Veylylhau, Grenville Dias, Elena Silao, Carmelo Camilleri, Alex D'Sousza, Carmela Farfalla



Thank You

Parish Offertory Giving December Update

Pledged: \$6,428.69

Actual: \$5,198.35

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

Reflection by Sr Mary Fermio, RSI

Some speakers hold everyone's close attention, while others lose you completely. It is a skill not everyone has and for some speakers, it must be learned.



In the last weeks we have heard of the Baptism of Jesus and his time alone in the wilderness. Jesus now decides to proclaim his mission, which obviously he has reflected on during this time. His mission is to the poor, the rejected, the down and outers, those struggling to exist, the ones society looks down on, those who feel unloved, those living in pain and darkness. Jesus reassures them they are not unloved, rejected but loved by God. This unusual mission obviously got their attention. But did they listen? (The "year of favour" is a jubilee year when slaves are freed, debts written off, outcasts return home.)

What is your mission? Do the words from Isaiah speak to you? Are there somethings or someone that enslaves you?.

First Reading Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep'. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)
4. May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! (R.)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Gospel Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for he has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives
and to the blind new sight,
to set the downtrodden free,
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

A Blessing for the New School Year

By Michael McGirr, 2023

*With gratitude for the gift of a fresh new year
we ask blessing on our whole community -*

*May every classroom be a place of
respect and possibility.*

*May every staffroom and playground be a place of
friendship and laughter.*

May every hall and assembly be a place of connection.

May every library be a place of discovery.

May every tree and plant call us to care for creation.

*May every snack and lunch remind us
of those who are hungry.*

May every student grow in confidence and love of life.

May every teacher find daily vision and hope.

*May every support worker help create
a sense of belonging.*

May every leader find openness and patience.

May every parent grow in wisdom.

May every name in this school be blessed

because each person is precious

and only together can we learn and grow.

With school classes resuming this coming week, we offer this prayer as our students return and for all families and staff in our schools. We trust that all had a restful break and are now ready to get into the swing of a new school year.

THE SACRAMENTS OF PENANCE, EUCARIST & CONFIRMATION 2025

An invitation is extended to join our partnered parishes of Melton and Melton South, after hours Sacrament 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 30, 2025 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 office between 9.15 am and 4.45 pm, or
- Place it into the return box in the Gathering Area of the church.



The Sacrament of Penance program begins on Thursday February 6, 2025.

*Growing Together
In Faith*

Catholic Vocations

Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002 Australia
PO Box 146, East Melbourne VIC 8002 Australia
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www.vocationmelbourne.org



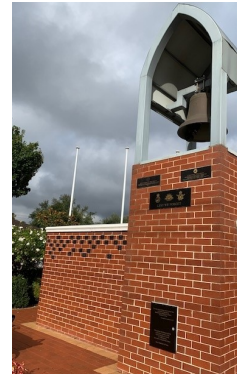
We are many parts,
we are all one Body...

And the gifts we have,
we are given to share.

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.



*Holy Spirit,
make my heart open to the Word of God.
make my heart open to goodness.
make my heart open to the beauty of God every
day.*

— POPE FRANCIS —

PLEASE RING THE MASS MANAGER IF UNABLE TO ATTEND:

6 pm	Tania Walters	0492 952 478	9 am	Theo Franken	0411 040 897
11 am	Liz Coustley	0490 885 515	5 pm	Josephine Krajina	0407 042 133

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday January 25&26, 2025

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Liza Fernandes	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tania Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Faith Tuputala	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Bill McGuiness	Anne Stokie		Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Anne Stokie		Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			

The Presentation of the Lord

Saturday & Sunday February 1&2, 2025

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuiness	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Josephine Krajina
Responder	Tania Walters	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Faith Tuputala	Chelsea Amato	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Asther Creo	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Karl Metha	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			



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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

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www.melbcatholic.org/melton

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Welcome!

Please collect a Welcome Pack from the Gathering Area of the church. Once census form is completed, place it in the white return box in the Gathering Area.



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The Tidings before the weekend?

Head to our website to subscribe to The Tidings or simply scan the QR code to enter your email to receive a digital copy. You will then receive a verification link via email to confirm your subscription.

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

JANUARY

Wednesday 22nd	Baptism Information Night @ 7.30pm St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday 23rd	Mass: St Dominic's Church @ 9.15am
Friday 24th	Mass: St Dominic's Church @ 9.15am
Saturday 25th	Baptisms @ 11am & 12.15pm
Sunday 26th	Australia Day
Thursday 30th	*Mass: St Dominic's Church @ 9.15am *Information Night for St Luke's Sacramental Program @ 7pm in St Dominic's Hall entrance off Smith St Melton
Friday 31st	Mass: St Dominic's Church @ 9.15am

FEBRUARY

Thursday 6th	St Luke's Penance Sacramental Program begins @ 7 pm in St Dominic's Hall
Wednesday 12th	Baptism Information Night @ 7.30pm St Catherine of Siena Church
Saturday 15th	Baptisms @ 11am & 12.15pm
Saturday & Sunday 15th @ 6 pm & 16th @ 11am	Presentation Weekend for St Luke's Penance Sacramental Program

PRIME TIMERS

The first meeting will be Tuesday Jan 28, 2025
at Leisure Centre, Lifestyle Village Melton
Starting 11:30am BYO Lunch

PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

If you would like to make either a one-off donation or to set up recurring donations to the parish, 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.



HOME VISITATION & BLESSING REQUESTS

For Home Visitation & Blessing requests, please speak to one of our priests after Mass or fill out the online request form:

TINYURL.COM/HBLESSING

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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