



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.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD Yr C | June 1, 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)

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@sfc.vic.edu.au

Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory

Our Risen Lord knew that we are naturally, collectively human-centric. He withdrew His risen mode of appearance (what we call 'the Ascension') to make it clear that the whole Universe, including planet Earth, is filled with the presence and power radiating out from his Risen Humanity.

As St Paul wrote in the Epistle to the Romans: 'Creation still retains the hope of being freed from its slavery to decay, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God.' How is the Risen Lord beginning to fulfil this hope?

At Mass, fractions of creation – the Bread and Wine consecrated for Holy Communion – are transformed into the Real Presence of the Risen Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer III begins with: 'You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise...' How can all creation give God praise? As the ancient church used to teach: Each of you is a microcosm of the macrocosm, called to be a priest for the Cosmos. Through your enlightened mind and inflamed heart, the Cosmos knows that it exists and that it is loved by its Creator. It is beginning to share the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We could pause for a moment, stop staring into Heaven, and ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit so as to be what St Paul calls 'the Church which is His Body in whom the fullness of creation dwells'.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Today's Readings:

Acts 1:1-11, Eph. 1:17-23, Luke 24:46-53

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 2:1-11, 1Cor 12:3-7, 12-13, John 20:19-23

Eternal Repose for Recently Deceased:

Joseph Borg, Victor Magpoc

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

Patrick Lobo, Glenda Fernandes, Jennifer Marsh, Luke Talreja, Tom Hanrahan, Alex Vena Silao, Jim Rae, Paul Stokie, Rosa Velkovski, Lilian Abraham, Clemente Madelo, Maria Agius, Avalon Jenkins, Zareefa Nizam, Annie Cassar, Stephen De Neise, Mary Zarb, Nicholas Bonnici, Claudia Girardi, Kathleen Isabell, Mc Guinness, Angelle Lahound, Myrna Resonaible, Ruby Kennedy, Kath Bailey, Michael DeJong, Patrick Machado, Felix Caruana, Jay Krause Snr, Cherry Ferre, Josephine Zahra, Nathan Best, Mary Galea

Healing for the Sick:

Mary Ann de Guzman



Parish Offertory Giving

April Update

Pledged: \$5,228.73

Actual: \$4,393.92

Thank You

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

Reflection by Sr Mary Fermio, RSJ

To be a witness in a court case can be a difficult experience. Witnessing as a Christian can also be a demanding one, as it can call forth from us demands not usually made.

Jesus tells his disciples they will be his witnesses "to the ends of the earth". The ends of the earth were very limited in those days, but we have seen the Gospel spread to every part of our world. Jesus says goodbye to the disciples and leaves them. One would think they would be feeling very sad and miserable, but we are told "they went back to Jerusalem full of joy". The next few days were like a retreat getting ready for their mission. "They were continually in the Temple praising God".

At the end of Mass the priest blesses us and says: "GO, the Mass is ended". We are being sent out on mission to witness to Jesus, by the joyful goodness and generosity of our lives. It is for this mission we are confirmed in the power of the Holy Spirit.



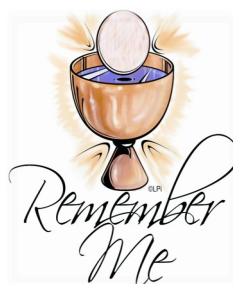
Happy 53rd Birthday!



On May 28, 1972, St Dominic's, Melton, became a parish with Fr Bill Donegan as the first Parish Priest.

Officially we are still St Dominic's Parish, Melton, but we also call ourselves the Catholic Parish of Melton since our main church, St Catherine of Siena, West Melton, was built and the solemn dedication of the church and altar took place on August 2, 2013.

First Communion



On Saturday, May 31 & June 7, children from St Dominic's and St Catherine's schools and participants in the St Luke's Eucharist Program will, for the first time, receive the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion and become full participants in the Eucharist.

O Father, bless these young people as they receive Your body for the first time. Fill them with Your love and grace, and may this sacred moment deepen their faith and bring them closer to You. Amen.

JUBILEE OF FAMILIES, CHILDREN, GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY (30 MAY- 01JUNE)

This Jubilee celebrates the importance of the family unit, recognising the unique roles played by children and grandparents; and also honours the elderly members of our communities, some of whom are without family members of their own.



PRAYER

Heavenly Father, We come before You to praise You and to thank You for the great gift of the family. We pray to You for all families consecrated by the Sacrament of Matrimony. May they rediscover each day the grace they have received, and as small domestic Churches, may they know how to witness to Your presence and to the love with which Christ loves the Church. We pray to You for all families faced with difficulty and suffering caused by illness or circumstances of which only You know. Sustain them and make them aware of the path to holiness upon which You call them, so that they might experience Your infinite mercy and find new ways to grow in love. We pray to You for children and young people: may they encounter You and respond joyfully to the vocation You have in mind for them; We pray for parents and grandparents: may they be aware that they are signs of the fatherhood and motherhood of God in caring for the children who, in body and spirit, You entrust to them; and for the experience of fraternity that the family can give to the world.

Lord, grant that each family might live their specific vocation to holiness in the Church as a call to become missionary disciples, in the service of life and peace, in communion with our priests, religious, and all vocations in the Church. Amen.

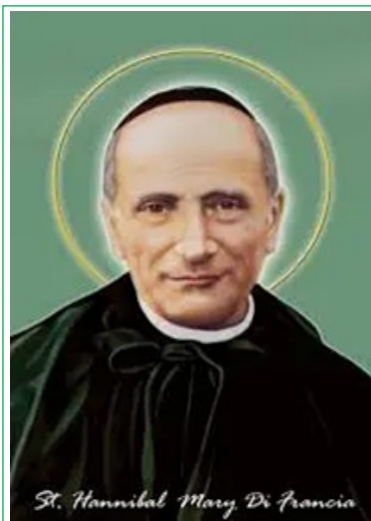


Grandparents play a vital role in children's lives, providing unconditional love, offering a sense of stability and security. They are a living link to the past, sharing stories, traditions, and cultural values with their grandchildren.

Photo courtesy of Vivien Lemalu

GOOD HABITS START YOUNG

Parents and carers play an important role in helping children to develop digital intelligence — the social, emotional and practical skills needed to successfully navigate the digital world. Even for preschool children, it is never too early to instil good habits, and as your child gets older it is useful to keep reminding them of these basic digital intelligence principles: [respect](#), [empathy](#), [critical thinking](#), [responsible behaviour](#) and [resilience](#). These are also principles you can emphasise with your child when things go wrong. For further information: www.esafety.gov.au



St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia

Apostle of Prayer for Vocations
 Founder of the Rogationists
 of the Heart of Jesus
 & Daughters of the Divine Zeal
 Father of the Orphans and the Poor

The grace of vocation comes down from above, and
 it does not come down if no one asks."

+St. Hannibal Ma. Di Francia

Send, O Lord
Holy Apostles into Your Church

July 5, 1851 - June 1, 1927

St Anthony of Padua, Melton South

June 13 - Friday 6:30 pm Mass Feast
 of St Anthony of Padua by Bishop
 Rene Ramirez, RCJ (fellowship to
 follow after Mass) special collection
 to cover this celebration.

Baptism Information Night

The next Baptism Information
 Night, for those booked in for
 baptisms at our Parish,
 will be held at
**St Catherine of Siena
 Church, West Melton.**
on Wednesday,
June 18 at 7.30pm

Soup Van

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Do you:

- Have a passion for giving a 'hand up' to individuals experiencing food and financial insecurity?
- Love giving back to your local community?
- Enjoy engaging with people from all walks of life?

What could I be doing on the Soup Vans?
 Preparing and packing food, assisting with loading the Soup Vans, distributing food on a 'Soup Van Run' and assisting in cleaning up the kitchen and soup van vehicle as a team.

Sign up now using our QR code!

VINNIES SOUP VANS STREET SERVICE MELTON

Soup Vans will continue its Street Service around Melton as follows:

Tuesday 6.00-6.30pm
Melton Town Centre Amphitheatre
 Palmerston St, Melton

Tuesday 7.00-7.30pm
Melton Station Square Shopping Centre
 11-25 Station St, Melton Sth

Thursday (new stop) 6.00-7.00pm
Melton Town Centre Amphitheatre
 Palmerston St, Melton

- Non-perishable pantry items, Toiletries
- Soup, Sandwiches, hot food

Working with Children Check

**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.

New Liturgy Roster

The new Liturgy Roster was emailed out last Monday. Let me know if you didn't receive it. Copy displayed in the Gathering Area.
 Liz (cso.melton@gmail.com)

**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

The Ascension of the Lord		Sunday May 31 & June 1, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Kate Mulholland	Asther Creo	Liza Fernandes	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Responder	Tania Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Faith Tuputala	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			

Pentecost Sunday		Saturday & Sunday June 7 & 8, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Tania Walters	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Maureen Mohr	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
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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

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www.melbcatholic.org/melton

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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.



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

MAY

Saturday, 31st
11am & 1pm

First Communion Masses for students from
St Catherine's and St Dominic's Schools

JUNE

Wednesday, 4th

Mass: St Catherine's Church
9:15am SC Year 2 students to attend
10:15am SFCC Anthony House mass

Thursday, 5th

Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am

Friday, 6th

Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Year 2 students to attend

Saturday, 7th
11am

St Luke's First Eucharist Sacramental
Program participants to make their First
Communion

Monday, 9th

King's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday, 11th

Mass: St Catherine's Church
9:15am SC Year 1 students to attend

Thursday, 12th

Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am

Friday, 13th

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

Wednesday, 18th

Mass: St Catherine's Church
9:15am SC Year 6 students to attend
**Baptism Information Night: 7.30 pm in
St Catherine's Church**

Thursday, 19th

Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am

Friday, 20th

Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am

Saturday, 21st

Baptisms: 11 am & 12.15 pm

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 and an 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

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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