



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.

33TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - November 16, 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

Cobblebank Campus (Year 7-9): Bridge Rd, Cobblebank
+61 3 8099 6000 | info@sfcc.vic.edu.au

Reflection by Fr. Wilford Urmaza, RCJ

MARK OF A TRUE DISCIPLE (33rd Sunday in OT- Luke 21:5-19)

The excerpt from the gospel of Luke encourages us to reflect on three interconnected aspects of Christian discipleship: the remarkable generosity displayed by the poor widow, the disturbing signs that herald the fulfillment of God's kingdom, and the imperative to remain steadfast in faith during times of persecution. Each of these components directs us toward a greater confidence in the "redemption that is approaching" and to a life characterized by vigilant hope.

Jesus first points out a "poor widow" who donates two copper coins, her entire means of living. In the Gospel story, this act "out of her poverty, has put in all she had to live on." The widow's selfless act serves as a standard for true discipleship: she gives not from excess but from complete reliance on God.

Moreover, Jesus predicts that his disciples will encounter persecution, will be "delivered over to synagogues and prisons" and will be presented before "kings and governors for my sake". The assurance that "by your endurance you will gain your souls" provides the crucial response to this impending challenge.

Furthermore, we attune ourselves to the Spirit's direction as the chaos of the world unfolds, reminding ourselves that "the Kingdom of God is at hand". As we persevere in hope, suffering reminds us that it is not a sign of God's abandonment but an opportunity to partake in Christ's own trials, assured that "your redemption is drawing near". Finally, the gospel challenges us to be a Church that, like the widow, gives wholly; like the disciples, watches vigilantly; and like the martyrs, endures steadfastly, always looking forward to the glorious fulfillment of God's promise.

Next Week's Readings:

2Sam 5:1-3 Col 1:12-20 Luke 23:35-43

Recently Deceased

Merry Esak & Makuach Ngor Kang

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

George Camilleri, Kew Johnson, Rex DeSilva, Aloysius Maryanto, Brian Rayner, Francis Zahra, Leno Zahra, Evelyn Menezes, Donald Graham, Barry Reardon, Antonia Bazar, Roshan Emanuel, Kathy Oates, Charles Camilleri, Gordon Vanspall, Robert Gant, Vincenzo Marotta, Lily O'Connel, Nancy Colovitto, Elia Harford, Cattina Dimech, Virginia Fronda Bonaga, Pearl Grero, Peter Derksen, Rod Gray, Stanley Fernando, Rob Lynch, Joshep Fernando, John & Margaret Pace, Miriam Borg, Roy Riseley

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.



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

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading *Mal 3:19-20*

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.*

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder;
the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord. **(R.)**
3. For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with fairness. **(R.)**

Second Reading *2Thes 3:7-12*

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.

- *Alleluia!*

Gospel *Luke 21:5-19*

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations



and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

Today is the World Day of the Poor.

It offers us an opportunity to renew our solidarity with those who are poor in our own community and across the world. In his message for the World Day of the Poor, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that "the poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel."

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The Tidings before the weekend?

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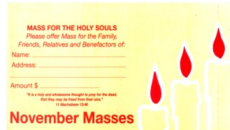
NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS MASS INTENTIONS

As we approach November, we have the opportunity to honour our departed loved ones in a special way. We are encouraged to use dedicated envelopes to inscribe the names of our cherished departed family and friends. These envelopes will be placed before the altar, where Masses will be offered for their souls throughout the entire month of November. The envelopes will be blessed with holy water, symbolizing our baptism and our connection to the Church. We believe that the use of holy water is a powerful representation of our love for the Trinity and our commitment to living according to Christ's teachings. This tradition provides a beautiful way to honour our departed loved ones and deepen our connection to the Sacraments and to God. It's important to note that public announcement of the names in the envelopes is not necessary for the effectiveness of the prayers. The intention is a spiritual act, and its effectiveness is not influenced by public announcement. Additionally, we kindly ask for your support in offering mass intentions with a donation, which will concretely show our participation in the celebration. This year, the proceeds of the donation through the November envelopes will go to the Rogationist Mission Project 2025 - Housing for the Poor, Pasay City Philippines.

ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING AREA.

We understand that there may be special occasions during November, such as death anniversaries or birthdays of loved ones, and we will still accept separate mass intentions for them. These special occasions will be mentioned in the bulletin and prayers of the faithful. However, for all other intentions for our departed loved ones, we kindly request that they be channelled through the November envelopes. Your participation and support in this meaningful initiative are greatly appreciated. Let us come together as a community to remember and honour our departed loved ones and to support a noble cause.

With gratitude, Fr Alex Clemente RCJ



THE SACRAMENTS OF PENANCE, EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION 2026

An invitation is extended to join our partnered parishes of Melton and Melton South, Sacramental 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 29, 2026 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 parish office (10 Unitt St Melton) Tuesday - Friday between 9.30am and 4.30pm, or
- Place it into the white return box in the Gathering Area of St Catherine of Siena church.



The Sacrament of Penance program begins on Thursday February 5, 2026.

Growing Together In Faith

MISSED OUT ON THE TIDINGS?

Back issues of The Tidings are available on our parish website: www.melbcatholic.org/melton

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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

33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday November 15 & 16, 2025

Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
WELCOME	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
THE WORD	Maria Prasetyono	Regina Traczynski	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
RESPONDER	Tetchie Hadfield	FAITH TUPUTALA	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	ELAINNE DE LOS SANTOS
HOLY COMMUNION	Leny Obtinalla	VICKIE CASSAR	LIZ COUSTLEY	Josephine Krajina
POWERPOINT OPERATOR	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	CHOIR	Nina Ahmet
GIFT SHOP	KATE MULHOLLAND	GRAHAM DEMPSEY	LEA JACUTA	Josephine Krajina
CHOIR	DIVINE MERCY	SAMOAN CHOIR	ST ANUARITE CHOIR	FILIPINO CHOIR
COUNTERS	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday & Sunday November 22 & 23, 2025

MINISTERS OF:	6pm	9am	11am	5pm
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Graham Dempsey	Amy Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Sanyata Creo	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Maria Prasetyono	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Asther Creo	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Faith Tuputala	Liz Coustley	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
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

Go out to the whole world;
proclaim the *Good News*
to all creation.
MARK 16:15



THE
ARCHBISHOP'S
CAMPAIGN
2025

Parish Bulletin Announcement

We are delighted to share the wonderful success of the Archbishop's Campaign and extend our heartfelt thanks for your generosity and support.

Together, parishes across the Archdiocese have raised over \$1.1 million, including \$2,355.00 contributed by Catholic Parish Melton. These funds will strengthen key mission areas across our Archdiocese, including the Priests Retirement Foundation, the John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, Corpus Christi College, Catholic Theological College, and the Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives.

Thank you for your commitment to this important mission and for expressing your faith through your generous response.

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](https://tinyurl.com/HBLESSING)

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

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, 19th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am Year 1 students to attend
Wednesday, 19th	Baptism Information Night 7.30 pm St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 20th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 21st	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 1 Class to attend
Saturday 22nd	Baptism 11 am & 12:15pm St Catherine of Siena Church
Wednesday, 26th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am Year 5 & Prep class to attend
Thursday, 27th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 28th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Prep Class to attend

DECEMBER

Wednesday, 3rd	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am Year 4 class to attend
Thursday, 4th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Thursday, 5th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

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

St Anthony of Padua Melton South

WANT TO WIN A CAR?

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

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

3rd Prize: Apple Mac Book value \$1,699

4th Prize: Apple iPhone 16 value \$1,399

5th Prize: Apple Watch value \$649



Christmas Raffle 2025 for \$25.00

See Poster for full list of prizes. Tickets available soon.



PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

October Update

Pledged: \$5,070.89

Actual: \$4,276.83

Thank You

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](https://tinyurl.com/GIVEMELTON)

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



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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