



THE TIDINGS

SERVING THE AREAS OF MELTON, MELTON WEST, AINTREE, BONNIE BROOK,
GRANGEFIELDS, HARKNESS, KURUNJANG, PLUMPTON, ROCKBANK & TOOLERN VALE



The Catholic
Parish of Melton
is committed
to the safety,
wellbeing and
dignity of all
children and
vulnerable
adults

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER — Year B | 28 April 2024

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/catholicparishmelton>

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday 9.00am–3.00pm

(The parish office is CLOSED on weekends and public holidays)

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 9.15am

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

- Thursday & Friday 9.15am

CONFESSIONS

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 (Prep-Year 6)

Principal: Mr Jeffrey Parker

Address: Church Street, Melton, VIC 3337

Phone: +61 3 9743 6225 | Email: enquiries@sdmelton.catholic.edu.au

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC

PRIMARY SCHOOL (Prep-Year 6)

Principal: Mr Des Noack

Address: 108 Bulmans Road, Melton West, VIC 3337

Phone: +61 3 9743 2166 | Email: info@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au

SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Melton West (Year 7-12) | **Cobblebank** (Year 7)

formerly Catholic Regional College Melton

Principal: Ms Marlene Jorgensen

Address: 109-141 Bulmans Rd, Melton West, VIC 3337

Phone: +61 3 8099 6000 | Email: info@sfc.vic.edu.au

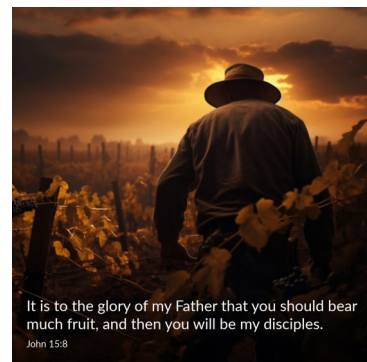
Living the Gospel

Bearing fruit

THE vinedresser of this passage cuts away the dead branches and prunes back those that are not bearing fruit.

In what way do we bear fruit? When we strive to reach our fullest potential in whatever we do, we bear fruit. When we act out of motivation for the other person rather than ourselves, we bear fruit. When we strive to bring about the reign of God in our small part of the world, we bear fruit.

Sometimes we too need to have some of our thoughts and actions pruned so that we might better bear the fruit that we are truly capable of producing.



It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.

John 15:8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.*

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Acts 9:26-31; Ps 21(22); 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Acts 9:10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48; Ps 97; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

Prayer Requests

Death anniversary: Daham Fonseka

CHANGES TO WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS



Just a note that Wednesday Morning Masses will now be back at St Catherine of Siena Church at 9.15am NOT 9.30am at St Dominic's Church.



Thank You

Parish Stewardship Update

March Pledged: \$5,709.43

Actual: \$5,372.43

*Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of
all children and vulnerable adults.*

ANZAC Day

We remember all the fallen Australian and New Zealand soldiers who died on April 25th 1915. The Anzacs landed on Gallipoli and met fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders. Their plan to knock Türkiye out of the war quickly became a stalemate and the campaign dragged on for 8 months.



At the end of 1915, the allied forces were evacuated. Both sides suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships. Over 8,000 Australian soldiers were killed.

About 60 of our students from St Catherine of Siena Primary School attended our local dawn service this year with a number of students doing a reading and presenting a wreath during the service.



April 29: Feast Day of St Catherine of Siena

Saint Catherine was born on March the 25th, 1347, in Siena, Italy. She was the 25th child born to her mother, however many of her siblings didn't survive childhood.

At the age of 16, Catherine's twin sister died, leaving her husband a widower. Catherine's parents asked her to take her sister's place in the marriage but she opposed this, so much so that she began fasting and cut her hair short to mar her appearance.

This was just the start of a life full of devotion to Jesus. This devotion led her to joining the Third Order of St Dominic, giving away her family's food and clothing to people who needed them more and visiting those who were sick and poor. Eventually, she began to travel and called for reform in the Church. She became involved in politics and was instrumental in brokering peace deals during a time of conflict and war between Italian city states. She was also pivotal in persuading the papacy to return to Rome. Her 'Dialogue' consists of over 400 letters and were so influential that Pope Paul VI named her as one of the very few female Doctors of the Church.

Saint Catherine was an incredible mystic, spiritual writer and reformer who passed away at the age of 33. St Catherine lived an intentional life, striving to do more and be more. When she saw a need, she acted on it, when she recognised injustice, she addressed it. Despite her short life, she had a huge impact on our church and the lives of countless people.

One of her best known quotes are: *"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world ablaze."*

Her life is a testament to this, as we hope our lives will be.

Source: <https://www.stcatherinecarolinesprings.org.au/our-patron-saint/>



YEAR 7 2026 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

Enrolment applications for Year 7 2026 at St Francis Catholic College are now open.

You can apply online at www.sfcc.vic.edu.au/join-us/enrolment

Applications close on Friday 16 August 2024.



St Francis
CATHOLIC COLLEGE



We welcome you to join one of our College tours. Reserve your place at www.sfcc.vic.edu.au/join-us/college-tour

Violent & Distressing content

Following the events of the last week, young people might be struggling to come to terms with what they've read or seen.

It is important to check in and talk to them about the content they have seen. We also recommend that children use devices in open areas of the home, rather than in their bedroom, so you can be attuned to how they are coping and what they are consuming.

Tips on dealing with distressing content:

- Don't share it further – even if your intention is to help or raise awareness, you may cause distress to others.
- Report it to the platform to help get the material removed quickly.
- If it is not removed, you can report it to eSafety who can notify the platform to either remove the content or block access from within Australia. Your actions could protect you and others from seeing that content again.

Read more: tinyurl.com/DistressingContent

Part-time School Chaplain/ Wellbeing Officer Role

School Chaplain / Student Wellbeing Officer position in a local primary School available—2 days a week paid.

Qualifications needed: minimum Certificate IV in pastoral care/chaplaincy, youth work, community services, or equivalent. 1-1 Mentoring and/or counselling skills or experience a must.

For more information call Your Dream School Programs on 1300 792 856 or admin@yourdream.org.au.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
29 FEAST OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA 2.15pm Feast Day Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church <i>(joined by St Catherine of Siena Primary School)</i>	30	1 9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church <i>(joined by St Catherine's Primary Grade 4 classes)</i>	2 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	3 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church <i>(joined by St Dominic's Primary Grade 2 classes)</i>	4 6pm Vigil Mass	5 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses
6	7	8 9.15am Mother's Day Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church <i>(joined by St Catherine's Primary - whole school)</i>	9 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church St Luke's: Sacrament of Eucharist Classes	10 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church <i>(joined by St Dominic's Primary Grade 1 classes)</i>	11 6pm Vigil Mass Presentation Masses for Candidates (St Luke's & St Catherine's)	12 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses Sacrament of Eucharist (Dominic's Primary School)
13 OUR LADY OF FATIMA	14	15 9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church <i>(joined by St Catherine's Primary Grade 4 classes)</i> 7.30pm Baptism Information Night @ St Catherine of Siena Church	16 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church St Luke's: Sacrament of Eucharist Classes	17 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church <i>(joined by St Dominic's Primary Grade 4 classes)</i> Followed by Penance for students receiving First Eucharist	18 Baptisms: 11am & 12.15pm 6pm Vigil Mass Presentation Masses for Candidates (St Catherine's)	19 PENTECOST SUNDAY 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses Sacrament of Eucharist (Catherine's Primary School)
20 MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH	21	22 9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church <i>(joined by St Catherine's Primary Grade 4 classes)</i> Followed by Penance for students receiving First Eucharist	23 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church St Luke's: Sacrament of Eucharist Classes	24 OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church <i>(joined by St Dominic's Primary Grade 4 classes)</i> Followed by Penance for students receiving First Eucharist	25 Baptisms: 11am & 12.15pm 6pm Vigil Mass	26 TRINITY SUNDAY 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses
27	28	29 9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church <i>(joined by St Catherine's Primary Grade 4 classes)</i> Followed by Penance for students receiving First Eucharist	30 9am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church <i>(joined by St Francis College for MacKillop House Mass)</i> St Luke's: Sacrament of Eucharist Classes	31 VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	1 JUNE 6pm Vigil Mass	2 THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses

St Vincent de Paul Society

Meetings of the Melton Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society are held at the Parish Meeting Room (next to the St Dominic's Presbytery) every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Visitors are welcome!

Enquiries: Neil 0403 165 414.



2024: Celebrate the Year of Prayer

On 24 December 2024, the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica in Rome will open, commencing the Jubilee Year. To prepare for this year of celebration, Pope Francis invites us into a Year of Prayer in 2024, reflecting on the Jubilee's theme, 'Pilgrims of Hope.'

The Melbourne Archdiocese have developed a practical [How-To guide](#) to help parishes celebrate the Year of Prayer over the coming months: [TINYURL.COM/YrOfPrayer](https://tinyurl.com/YrOfPrayer)

The next Liturgy Roster for May, June and July has been emailed to all liturgical ministers last week.
 A hard copy is on the notice board in the Gathering Area and hard copies are available in the Lay Sacristy.
 Updates & changes to the emailed roster will appear in the weekly Tidings

PLEASE RING THE MASS MANAGERS IF UNABLE TO ATTEND:

6 pm	Tania Walters	0492 952 478	11am	Bruna Tomassi	9743 0341
9 am	Theo Franken	0411 040 897	5 pm	Josephine Krajina	0407 042 133

5 th Sunday of Easter			Saturday & Sunday April 27 & 28, 2024	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Kate Mulholland	Karl Metha	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Daniel Walters	Jennifer Peters	Liza Fernandez	Janet Estradra
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Cira Cleary	Cira Cleary	Michael Higgins
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Bruna Tomassi	Janet Estradra
Holy Communion	Tania Walters	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Chelsea Amato	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			
6 th Sunday of Easter			Saturday & Sunday May 4 & 5, 2024	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa -Sanchez
Responder	Daniel Walters	Cira Cleary	Janet Estradra	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Bruna Tomassi	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	Choir	Sanyata Creo	Choir	
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			



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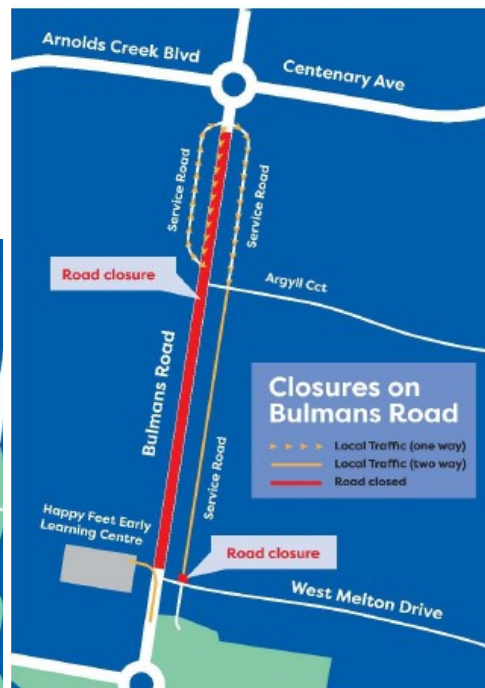
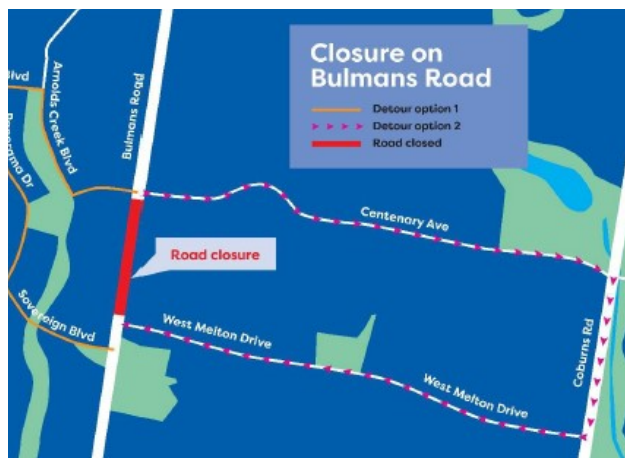
The Latest on the Bulmans Rd Upgrade Project

Work on Bulmans Road between Sovereign Boulevard and Westlake Drive is now complete. Focus will now be on completing the next stage of urbanisation works on Bulmans Road between Centenary Avenue and West Melton Drive.

Bulmans Road between Centenary Avenue and West Melton Drive will be closed to through traffic during the day and night between Monday 22 April and Friday 28 June 2024, weather permitting.

This closure is required to complete the next stage of the Bulmans Road urbanisation work which includes pavement, relocation of utilities as well as kerbing and drainage work.

Works will take place between 7am and 6pm Monday to Saturday.



A prayer for our seminarians

With Good Shepherd Sunday last week, let us lift up our seminarians, priests and those discerning their vocation:

Jesus, we thank you for the great gift of your priesthood in the Church. We pray for all priests and those in formation for the priesthood.

Form their hearts to be more like your own, the Heart of the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep.

Draw them to your Heart, and bless them with courage and zeal as they serve you and your people.

Give them great joy as they proclaim the Good News of your resurrection, wisdom and trust as they discern your will.

We ask this with great confidence in you. Amen.

St John Vianney, patron of priests, pray for us.

INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

10-11.45am on Saturday 4 May 2024

Catholic Theological College (278 Victorian Pde, East Melb)

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

Read More: Brochure cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate or tinyurl.com/MelbCathPermanentDiaconate

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTSO and Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for Deacons and video youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate— Ph: 9412 3357 or Email: diaconate@cam.org.au

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

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.

MISSED OUT ON THE TIDINGS?

Back issues of The Tidings are available on our parish website:

www.melbcatholic.org/melton



Would you like to receive The Tidings before the weekend?

Email melton@cam.org.au requesting to join the mailing list for The Tidings or scan the QR code to subscribe on our website.

Parish Thanksgiving

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.



SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

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

HOME VISITATION & BLESSING REQUESTS

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

<https://tinyurl.com/HBlessing>

PARISH BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Announcements & Notices: Please submit your announcement or notices not 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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