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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.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT YR C | March 9, 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

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

- Thursday & Friday 9.15 am

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@sfcc.vic.edu.au



Temptations

Lent is a time when we are reminded that there is nothing we can do to win our salvation. It is a pure gift from God. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we are to allow God's plan to unfold in and through us. Lent is a time for us to enter actively into the mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and there to marvel at what God has done for us.

The temptations of Jesus are the same temptations that we face when we are inclined to think that somehow we are in control. While the goals of the temptations may be admirable – feed the hungry, bring the world under the control of good, trust in God's power to protect us – we often choose to accomplish them in ways that are less than admirable. We try to perform the extraordinary so that what we do reflects favourably on us. We use brute force in order to achieve control. We put God to the test rather than live peacefully with God's plan as it unfolds within and around us. We seek to become the super-hero, the super-minister, the super-Christian on our own. In his responses to the tempter, we see Jesus constantly deferring to the power of God: It is not by bread alone . . . worship only God . . . do not put God to the test. In a real sense, these temptations are a reminder that the fundamental temptation is to deny our human limitations and refuse to let God be God for us.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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Today's Readings: Deu 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13

Next Week's Readings: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18 Phil 3:20-4:1 Luke 9:28-36

Recently Deceased

Bernie Jongbloed

Death Anniversaries:

Joe Tartaglia, Margaret Whittaker, Gilbert Lyons, Peter Hull, Kit Richards, Anthony Samy, Jacquie McElroy, George Peters, Paul Barlow, Sr Fortunata, Johannas Cornelissen, Herbert Thomas, Susanna Walsh, Tereza Vella, Michael Carabott, John Dalli, Paul Silao, Feofilo Ferre Sr., Marnie Calleja, Simon Zammit, Josephine Harrington, Gina Girardi, George Vella, Paiola Micallef, Mary Elizabeth Winter, Eustace Pereira, Shirley Dias, Sofia Liwanag, Martin Burke, Reginald Peters, Sr Catherine Power, Lewis Grech, Sam Bugejja, Sarath Hettiarachi



Parish Offertory Giving February Update

Pledged: \$5,776.12

Actual: \$4,877.96

*Thank
You*

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

Reflection by Fr. Alex Clemente, RCJ

Last Wednesday, we have begun our Lenten journey with the ritual of the imposition of ashes on our foreheads. Within these forty days, we are encouraged to observe fasting and abstinence. Our liturgy reminds us that we are in a sacred season preparing to festively celebrate the special blessings that Easter brings to every believers.

In the gospel, as Jesus embarks on his mission, he was led into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He was tested three times: to satisfy his appetite, to defeat death, or to be like God. Or in other words, Jesus is tempted with materialism, human power and worldly glory.

Because we will be tested many times, there is a need to pray more fervently during this season of Lent for the grace of perseverance. Just as Jesus held on God's word, we are assured of protection from the deceitful snares of the devil by adhering to God's promises in the sacred scriptures. With Jesus' fidelity to God's divine will, we are inspired to endure our struggles so as to reach Easter's triumph over sin and death.

What are the lurking sin problems that still tempt me?

Am I spending enough time reading God's word and praying?

How else can I enhance myself so as to overcome tendencies of pride and selfishness?



FOR THE INFORMATION OF PARISHIONERS LENT 2025

109. *The Lenten season has a twofold character:*

- 1) *it recalls baptism or prepares for it;*
- 2) *it stresses a penitential spirit.*

By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer. In the liturgy itself and in the liturgy-centred instructions, these baptismal and penitential themes should be more pronounced. Hence:

- a) *Wider use is to be made of baptismal features proper to the Lenten liturgy.*
- b) *The same approach holds for the penitential elements.*

110. *During Lent, penance should not be only internal and individual but also external and social.*

In any event, let the paschal fast be kept sacred. It should be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be visited on uplifted and responsive spirits.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Vatican II

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- (a) **Prayer** - for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.
 - (b) **Self-Denial** - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.
 - (c) **Helping Others** - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened; or in other ways.
- All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain (Canon 1252).
 - The Season of Lent is a time of penance. During this season the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves.
 - Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, Wednesday 5 March and Trinity Sunday, 15 June 2025 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.
 - The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament. All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

HOLY WEEK - The 2025 Ordo contains instructions for the Rites of Holy Week.

FUNERALS - On Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday all Masses for the Dead, including Funeral Masses, **are forbidden**. Funerals on these days are celebrated with the Liturgy of the Word and without the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

WEDDINGS - Weddings should be discouraged during the Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday. Should a couple be particularly insistent on a wedding for one of these days, then please indicate that no decorations (including flowers), no music nor Nuptial Mass will be permitted.

Very Reverend Anthony Kerin JCL VG
VICAR GENERAL

CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at:

caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling:

1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we

UNITE  AGAINST POVERTY
this Lent

Project Compassion boxes are available in the Gathering Area of the church.

10 Things to Know About Jubilee 2025

by Maria Wiering
(continued)

9. While many jubilee events will take place in Rome and at the Vatican, it's a celebration for the whole church. On 29 December, diocesan bishops were expected to open the Holy Year locally with Masses at their cathedrals and co-cathedrals. Catholics are encouraged to make pilgrimages to their cathedral during the year, and should watch diocesan communications for local events. While Pope Francis encouraged bishops to designate Holy Doors for their own cathedrals during the Jubilee Year of Mercy in 2015, there will only be Holy Doors at the Vatican and in Rome this year.



10. The Jubilee Year concludes with the closing of the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica 6 January, 2026, on the feast of the Epiphany. However, the Holy Doors at Rome's other major basilicas will close 28 December, 2025, the same day dioceses are to end local celebrations of the Holy Year.

The Jubilee Year also looks ahead to 2033, when the church will mark the 2,000th anniversary of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection, which Pope Francis called "another fundamental celebration for all Christians."



SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

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

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Over the coming week students from St Catherine of Siena and St Dominic's Schools and participants in the parish's St Luke's Sacramental Program will receive the Sacrament of Penance for the first time.



We pray that they may experience God's healing grace and may we be examples of forgiveness and reconciliation.

All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;
2 Corinthians 5:18

JUBILEE OF THE WORLD OF VOLUNTEERING The Jubilee of the World of Volunteering is an opportunity to thank, affirm and encourage the many lay people who contribute to the world through volunteering.

PRAYER Loving God, May we be inspired by the great witness to mercy provided by those who volunteer their time, skills and resources in the service of others. In doing so, these generous individuals make the love of Christ visible in the world. May we imitate their example, as we ask to be humble instruments in your hands in order to alleviate the world's sufferings, and to share the joy and hope of the resurrection. Amen. St Teresa of Calcutta, patron saint of volunteers, pray for us.

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 one of our priests after Mass or fill out the online request form: [TINYURL.COM/HBLESSING](https://tinyurl.com/HBlessing)

PLEASE RING THE MASS MANAGER IF UNABLE TO ATTEND:

6 pm	Tania Walters	0492 952 478	11am	Lea Jacuta	0414 390 151
9 am	Theo Franken	0411 040 897	5 pm	Josephine Krajina	0407 042 133

1 st Sunday of Lent			Saturday & Sunday March 8&9, 2025	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Kate Mulholland	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Sanghaya Creo	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Alzira Mascarenhas	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Tania Walters	Faith Tuputala	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Asther Creo	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			

2nd Sunday of Lent			Saturday & Sunday March 15&16, 2025	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Liza Fernandes	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Liz Coustley	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan 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

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

MARCH

Saturday, 8th	6pm Mass: Commitment Mass for Sacrament of Penance for St Catherine's / St Dominic's Year 3 students
Wednesday, 12th	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15 am: St Catherine's Year 2 students to attend 7pm: Sacrament of Penance for St Catherine's School Year 3 students
Thursday, 13th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am 7pm: Sacrament of Penance for St Dominic's School Year 3 students and those in St Luke's Sacramental Program for Penance
Friday, 14th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am: St Dominic's Grade 2 students to attend
Wednesday, 19th	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15 am: St Catherine's Year 3 students to attend 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: St Dominic's Grade 5 students to attend
Saturday, 22nd	Baptism: 11am & 12.15pm
Wednesday, 26th	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15 am: St Catherine's Year 1 students to attend
Thursday, 27th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 28th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am: St Dominic's Grade 1 students to attend
Saturday, 29th	Baptism: 11am & 12.15pm



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*

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

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



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