



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 A - January 25, 2026

CLERGY

Parish Priest: FR ALEX CLEMENTE, RCJ

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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 & 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@sfc.vic.edu.au

Reflection by Fr. Jeffrey Salvador, RCJ

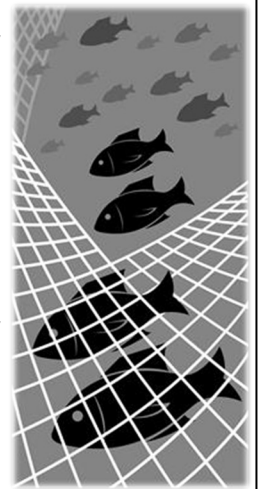
In today's Gospel, we see Jesus beginning His public mission. After John the Baptist is arrested, Jesus goes to Galilee. He is not running away in fear, but following God's plan. What the prophet Isaiah promised is now fulfilled: light shines on people who were living in darkness. Galilee was an ordinary place, not important in the eyes of many, yet it is where Jesus begins His work. This teaches us that God often works through simple places and ordinary people, even in our daily lives.

Jesus begins by saying, "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand." Repentance means more than saying sorry for our sins. It means changing our hearts and turning away from sin to live closer to God. God's Kingdom is not far away—it is near. It becomes real when we allow God to change us and guide how we live, think, and treat others.

As Jesus walks by the Sea of Galilee, He calls fishermen—Peter, Andrew, James, and John. They are not rich, famous, or highly educated. They are ordinary workers. When Jesus invites them to follow Him, they leave their nets at once. This shows us that following Jesus requires trust and courage. Sometimes, it means letting go of what we are used to so that God can give us something better.

Jesus then travels around Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing the sick. This shows us that God cares for the whole person—body, mind, and soul. Today, Jesus still calls each of us: to change our hearts, to follow Him, and to share His love with others. May we have the courage to respond and bring His light into the world.

- What "darkness" in my life is Jesus inviting me to bring into His light?
- What habits, attitudes, or "nets" am I being asked to let go of so I can follow Christ more closely?
- How can I allow God to change my heart through repentance this week?
- In what simple or ordinary ways is Jesus calling me to share His love with others today?



SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

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

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

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading

Isa 8:23-9:3

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land
of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to
come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the
far side of Jordan, province of the nations.
The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase,
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. **(R.)**
3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick. - *Alleluia!*

Gospel

Mat 4:12-23

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of
death
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.
Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.
He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

Communion Antiphon

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.

Prayer for Vocations

O Jesus' gentle heart, in your entire mortal life you sought always the glory of Your Father. Deign to send to Your Holy Church good and evangelical workers, who will incessantly glorify Your Father who is in heaven with the holiness of their life and apostolic work.

Send of Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church.

Next Week's Readings:

Zep 2:3, 3:12-13 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mat 5:1-12

Recently Deceased

Vera M. Panganiban

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

Maureen Williams, Sam & Mary Meilak, Angela & Arthur Pace, Gesmond Vella, Anthony Rizzo, John Corcoran, Richard Pikos, Rumlan Muditha, Ruwan Pathirana, August Vincetic, Pauline Camileri, Leslie Gordon, Evangelini Faith, Joe Bugeja Jnr, Michael Abraham, Stanley Machado, 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



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A prayer for the Jubilee Year of St Francis

Pope Leo XIV had announced that 2026 is a Jubilee Year of St. Francis, to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the saint's death.

The Holy Father has offered this prayer for the occasion:

Saint Francis,
our brother, you who eight hundred years ago
went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace,
intercede for us before the Lord.
You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San
Damiano,
teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation
that breaks down every wall.
You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war
and misunderstanding,
give us the courage to build bridges
where the world raises up boundaries.
In this time afflicted by conflict and division,
intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers:
unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that
comes from Christ. Amen~~~

Melbourne Archdiocesan Synod

* We are asked to support and pray for the success of the Archdiocesan Synod starting this month of January with the regional meetings of clergy. May this process bring growth and renewal to our churches.

* Pope Leo recently declared 2026 as a "Special Year of St Francis of Assisi". May our churches & schools across Melton obtain extraordinary graces through the intercessions of St Francis & all our Franciscan saints.

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.

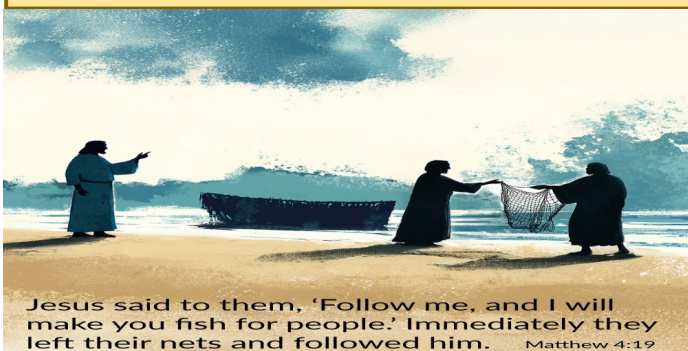
Please complete the application form and either:

- 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



Jesus said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. Matthew 4:19

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

3rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Saturday & Sunday January 24 & 25, 2026

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Margaret Richards	Asther Creo	Chelsea Amato	
The Word	Tania Walters	Sanyata Creo	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Responder	Maria Prasetyono	Alzira Mascarenhas	Chelsea Amato	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinnalla	Karl Metha	Amy Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Asther Creo	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanghaya Creo	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			

4th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Saturday & Sunday Jan 31, 1st Feb, 2026

Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Charlu Chua	Amy Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Lawrence Camenzuli	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken	Chelsea Amato	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Charlu Chua	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Maria Alvarado	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Faith Tuputala	Liz Coustley	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			



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Visit of the "Jubilee Cross Migrants Australia"

21-25 Feb 2026, to our partnered churches of Melton & Melton South.

This visit is in line with the Pilgrimage of the Migrant

Jubilee Cross, a national Catholic initiative marking the 2025 Jubilee Year to honour the contributions, faith, and resilience of migrants in Australia.

Details about the activities will follow soon.

ENROLMENT FOR ST PADRE PIO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL THORNHILL PARK <https://spthornhillpark.catholic.edu.au>

Enrolment interest for St Padre Pio Catholic Primary School, Thornhill Park is now open for students from Grade Prep to Grade 6 for 2026. [Enrolment Enquiries | St Padre Pio Catholic Primary School website](#)

ENROLMENT FOR ST MARIANNE COPE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL MOUNT ATKINSON <https://smcmountatkinson.catholic.edu.au>

Enrolment interest for St Marianne Cope Catholic Primary School is now open for students from Grade Prep to Grade 6. Enrolment enquiries for the 3- and 4-year-old kindergartens will be open soon.

Please note that the enrolment criteria for the Primary School differ from those of the Children's Hub, and each enrolment process is separate and independent.

[Enrolment Enquiries | St Marianne Cope Primary School website](#)

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.



Would you like to receive The Tidings before the weekend?

Head to our website and subscribe to The Tidings or simply scan the QR code to enter your email to receive a digital copy. Back issues are available on our parish website:



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

JANUARY 2026

Monday, 26th	Australia Day Public Holiday
Tuesday, 27th	7:00pm Baptism Information Night: St Catherine of Siena Church
Wednesday, 28th	NO 9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 29th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church St Luke's Sacramental Program Information Night 7pm St Dominic's Hall (entrance via Smith Street)
Friday, 30th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Saturday, 31st	11:00am Baptism : St Catherine of Siena Church

FEBRUARY

Wednesday, 4th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 5th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church St Luke's Sacrament of Penance Program begins 7pm St Dominic's Hall
Friday, 6th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church

PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

**December Update: Pledged: \$6,156.08
Actual: \$4,802.39**



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)

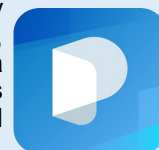


A smart terminal is situated on the table by the wall in the Gathering Area of the church. You can tap & give with your card or smart device to support the Parish too.



Parishioners can download and use the **Parousya Faith** app to automatically check-in when they arrive at their parish, receive the Day's Readings, and make a quick, simple, secure and anonymous donation using their Apple Wallet, all without registering an account.

Thank You



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.

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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