



THE TIDINGS

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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.

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - July 20, 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)
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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

Reflection by Sr. Mary Fermio, RSJ

We have all experienced the influx of visitors and someone puts the kettle on, gets the mugs out, while someone else sits down with them and talks to them. In this story Martha is the one looking after everyone. (I have wondered, were the apostles there as well needing a cuppa!)

On Sundays we are reminded of the need for times. when we focus on God alone. Each of us is invited to put God at the centre of our lives, not just on Sundays, but on each day in all we are doing and being. As children, we were encouraged to say a Morning Offering each day, giving to God all we were going to do for that day. We could not think of God all the time, so this prayer expressed the intention, that what we did during the day, we did with and for God, no matter how busy we were.

Maybe it is a good time to renew that daily offering if we have let it go. Have a cuppa as you thank God and spend five mins chatting.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

Today's Readings:

Gen 18:1-10, Col 1:24-28, Luke 10:38-42

Next Week's Readings:

Gen 18:20-32, Col 2:12-14, Luke 11:1-13

Eternal Repose for Recently Deceased

Philip Moody

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

Win Brosnan, Josephine Sultana, Basil Paiva, Brendon Hoenig, Angela Frazzetto, Josephine Schembri, Les Rowbottom, Alex Rizzo, Czeslaw Knencz, Marie McKenzie, Fedencio Ronguillo, Margaret Toth, Jean Foley, Doris Grech, Mercy Knight, Mary Gant, Stella Britto, Violet Jeffkins, Molly Moore, Leela Vedanagam, Carmen Farrugia, Dennis Michael, Salvatore Mifsud, Carmen Camilleri, Anthony Xerri, Mercy Knight, Anusha Fernandes, Carmen Cassar, Charles Bartolo, Richie Clark, Paul Borg, Raymond Rosziak, Michael Cassar, Giovanni Divola, Mary Mifsud, Thomas Anthony, Imda Groot, Mary Mc Kane, Terry Hishon, Maria-Antonia Cassar, Morris Dafey, Marie Kathleen Fitzgerald, Fortunatu Portelli

Healing for the Sick:

Alexis Eslao, Sara Brundell



PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

June Update

Pledged: \$6,629.16 Actual: \$5,293.05

Thank You

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

First Reading Gen 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. **(R.)**
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Col 1:24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel Luke 10:38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

Reflection by Fr. Wilford Urmaza, RCJ

FINDING BALANCE IN STILLNESS AND SERVICE

The Gospel for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time reflects on the different approaches of the two sisters, namely Martha and Mary.

Martha's act of hospitality was commendable, demonstrating her genuine generosity and desire to serve the Lord. However, her many tasks distracted her focus. Her main concern was to provide a fitting meal and comfortable environment for Jesus and his companions. While her intentions were good and favorable, it led her to become worried and distracted by so many things. Hence, she lacked something essential in this particular endeavor, and that is love.

In contrast, Mary chose the better part, and Jesus lauded her for that. She sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. Mary's posture signifies a deep attentiveness and a desire to receive spiritual nourishment directly from Jesus. She chose to prioritize listening to the Word of God over the immediate demands of hospitality. Her spiritual life was more important than being engrossed with something else.

The story of Martha and Mary serves as a constant and fitting reminder that while active service is valuable and necessary, it must be rooted in and nourished by contemplation. The "one thing necessary" is to sit at the feet of Jesus, listen to His word, and allow His presence to transform us. This contemplative dimension provides the light and love needed to carry out all other tasks with true charity and purpose, ensuring that our service is not merely busy work but an outpouring of a heart united with God. The "better part" chosen by Mary is a call to prioritize our relationship with Christ, from which all authentic Christian life flows.



Beloved Martha, It's Okay To Rest!



St Anthony of Padua Melton South

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Christmas Raffle 2025 for \$25.00

- 1st Prize: MG ZS value \$28,799
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3rd Prize: Apple Mac Book value \$1699
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5th Prize: Apple Watch value \$649

Tickets on sales 13 June to 21 December 2025
See Poster for details



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 337
NOT St Catherine of Siena Parish, Bulmans Rd., as this is **not** the name of our Parish.



Order of Malta Australia
In collaboration with
Mercy Palliative Care



VOLUNTEERING TO HELP PALLIATIVE CARE

7 pm on Thursday 31st July 2025
at St Anthony's Church, 67-75
Exford Rd Melton South-
Mackillop Room, learn about the
Order of Malta-Mercy Palliative
Care volunteering program
various roles, Jim Creaner,

ST. ANTHONY'S YOUTH
GROUP PRESENTS:

TRIVIA NIGHT

SAT 2ND AUGUST

7pm to 10pm

Adults: \$15 Under 18: \$10

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JOIN IN ON THE
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Help us fundraise for our
youth to attend ACYF 2025!

St. Anthony of Padua Hall,
67-75 Exford Rd, Melton South VIC 3338

MEN'S BREAKFAST (Knights of the Southern Cross)

Date: Saturday

26th July

Time: 8.00 am

Venue:

St Dominic's Hall

Speaker: Roger

O'Halloran

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As long as your email address is in our parish data system, you are now able to download your payment statement by validating the email with a one-time code.

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Just use our QR code or go to
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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

16th Sunday Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday July 19 & 20, 2025	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Sanghaya Creo	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Faith Tuputala	Chelsea Amato	Janet Estrada
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			

17th Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday July 26 & 27, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Faith Tuputala	Daniella Ahmet	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Responder	Tania Walters	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Asther Creo	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			



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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

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.

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our parish website:

[www.melbcatholic.org/
melton](http://www.melbcatholic.org/melton)

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



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

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**

JULY

Monday, 21st	A new school term begins
Wednesday, 23rd	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15am Year 3 and 4 students to attend Baptism Information Night 7.30 pm at St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 24th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am St Luke's Confirmation Program begins 7 pm St Dominic's Hall
Friday, 25th	Grandparents' Mass: St Dominic's Hall 9:15 am Whole School to attend
Saturday, 26th	Baptisms 11 am & 12.15pm
Wednesday, 30th	Mass St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am Whole school attendance celebrating Grandparents' Day.
Thursday, 31st	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am

AUGUST

Friday, 1st	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am Yr 6 students to attend
Saturday, 2nd, 6pm & Sunday, 3rd, 11am	Confirmation Commitment Mass for candidates in St Luke's Sacramental Program

Baptism Information Night

The next Baptism Information Night, for those booked in for
baptisms at our Parish, will be held at **7.30pm on Wednesday,
July 23 at St Catherine of Siena Church, West Melton.**

Volunteers needed: Melton Soup Van

Are you 18 or over and:

- ✓ Have a passion for giving a 'hand up' to
individuals experiencing disadvantage?
- ✓ Love giving back to your local community?
- ✓ Enjoy
engaging



"every day somewhere in the
world the nativity scene is alive."



Traditional craft - hand-carving olive wood religious items from Bethlehem On Sale

August 2-3, 2025 Before & After

Sat—Sun Masses 6pm/ 9am /11am

Liana & Jeries (George) Altawil 0423799931



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

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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
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