



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.

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - September 21, 2025

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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)

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

God's Creation: A Human Responsibility

Stewardship is a fundamental principle in Catholic teachings rooted in Scripture and constantly taught by the Church. How one manages his resources entails greater responsibility and accountability to the One who provided them, be they material, intellectual, talents, or care for the environment.

This parable in the Gospel today is a fitting reminder of the concept of stewardship and a challenge to those who are entrusted with God's goods and creation. Are these goods properly utilized for the building up of God's Kingdom? Do the poor receive a share of the produce to help alleviate poverty? These can only be seen from the vantage point of those who rely on God's providential care.

Jesus commended the dishonest steward for his plan to protect his future in the event of his dismissal. Ironical as it may seem, Jesus thought of him as an example of cleverness in pursuing his interests and showing a strategic approach to his impending crisis.

In the context of modern times, especially in the developing economies, the poor become poorer and the rich become richer, all because of the impropriety and greed of those in authority in cahoots with unscrupulous businessmen. It is abominable to see these people accumulate riches as if they could live eternally. Mismanaging resources results in injustice, calamities, hunger, and abject poverty. Yes, it is a grim reality in most parts of the world.

Stewardship, therefore, is essentially a universal call to acknowledge God's sovereignty over all creation and to respond with gratitude and responsibility. It presupposes that we care for our environment, manage our resources justly, and use our gifts to serve others, aware of our accountability to God.



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.



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

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading *Amos 8:4-7*

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy
and try to suppress the poor people of the country,
you who say, 'When will New Moon be over
so that we can sell our corn,
and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?
Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,
by swindling and tampering with the scales,
we can buy up the poor for money,
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'
The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,
Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! *(R.)*
2. High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? *(R.)*
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. *(R.)*

Second Reading *1Tim 2:1-8*

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 16:10-13*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?'

No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

Communion Antiphon *Psalm 118:4*

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.



JUBILEE OF JUSTICE

The Jubilee Year, a biblical tradition that calls for the forgiveness of debts and the restoration of justice, is a reminder that economic systems should serve people, not exploit them.

PRAYER

Loving God, You created all people to be equal.

Yet, throughout the world many are struggling to find even the most basic things they need: food, water, safety and education. Many countries experiencing high levels of poverty owe enormous debts to wealthy countries and companies, and millions of vulnerable people suffer as a result. In this Year of Jubilee, when we are called to be pilgrims of hope, we pray for greater justice.

We pray that we might do our part to challenge unjust situations which cause harm to so many of your people around the world. May we work to ensure that earth is truly a common home for everyone, shared by all and enjoyed in security. May we be instruments of your peace and builders of the kingdom of which Jesus spoke in your name. Amen.

Next Week's Readings:

Amos 6:1, 4-7 1Tim 6:11-16 Luke 16:19-31

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

Erlinda Mesina, Jessie Ball, Christopher Burge, Joe Cutajar, Terrano Rael, Sam Micallef, Maria Borg, Ann Hevey, Benjamin Smith, Laurie Birtles, Macaria Cueno, Carmen Portelli, Maria Spiteri, Aureen Patterson, Janet Edmonston, Rose Mifsud, Olimpia Rosina Tulipano, Fred Gant, Kevin Gant, Antonia Zingale, Rita Dalli, Sam Cilia, Sr Leena Mascarenhas, John McPhee, Emanuel Caruana, Sr. Paschal Murphy, Les Scott, Evan Hoare, Rose McGuinness, Dan Lane, Kath McGuane, Carmen Camilleri, Victoria Ballerina, Geraldine Kelman, Elisa DoVidio, Christian Galea, Milagros dela Cruz, Marianna Diliberto, Donald Sutterland, Leocadia Abrenica, Nadia Wroblewski

Healing for the Sick:

Alexis Eslao, Nicasia - Anna Orallo

**St Anthony of Padua
Melton South**

WANT TO WIN A CAR?

Christmas Raffle 2025 for \$25.00

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

See Gathering Area & Posters for Details



**ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT
DIACONATE**

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. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Online information meeting: **Tuesday, 23 September 2025**

beginning 19:00 – 20:00 Location: via ZOOM

Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing

Deacon Kevin Pattison: Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au



**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.

MISSED OUT ON THE TIDINGS?

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

www.melbcatholic.org/melton

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TEACH YOUR CHILD HOW TO KEEP SAFE

As your child gets older, they become increasingly independent and may spend time away from you or with a babysitter/carer. As part of the journey of growing up, it's important to speak to your child about being safe.

Let them know:

1. It's OK to say NO if they think what they are being asked to do is, or feels, wrong.
2. If they feel they are in danger, it's OK to yell, scream, kick or run to a safe place that you and your child have both agreed on - such as a neighbour or friend.
3. Make sure that you tell your child that you would never send a stranger to pick them up.
4. They can tell a lie, even to an adult, if they need to get away from someone who makes them feel unsafe.
5. To use a 'code' word you both have agreed on, to let you know they are not feeling safe, as an example, using your first name when talking to you on the phone.
6. Their body is their own - once a child no longer needs nappies to be changed or help with toileting, a carer or any other person should not touch their private areas.
7. To tell you or another adult if they have any problems or if someone is making them feel unsafe.
8. A babysitter and any other adult should not ask a child to keep a secret.
9. Not to give out personal information online, including their school, suburb, sporting team, or nicknames and never meet someone they have met online in person.



**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

25th Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday September 20 & 21, 2025

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Maureen Mohr	Chelsea Amato	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Lawrence Camenzuli	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Tania Walters	Karl Metha	Amy Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Sanghaya Creo	Faith Tuputala	Choir	Need Help
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			

26th Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday September 27 & 28, 2025

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Karl Metha	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Sanyata Creo	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Amy Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	Sanghaya Creo	Faith Tuputala	Liz Coustley	Danielle Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			



First Aid & Defibrillator is located in the Lay-Sacristy.



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, necessary
requirements and the application form.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BREAKFAST PROGRAM

WWC required (usually St Dominic's 7:20-8:45am)

More details contact Maureen #0437 463 449
or Anne #0417 149 472

PRIME TIMERS

30 September 2025, Tuesday 12:00pm
The Border Inn, 139 Main St Bacchus Marsh
(Flanigans)

Enquiries contact Ineke 0400120401/
ineke49@yahoo.com

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**

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, 20th	Baptisms 11 am & 12.15 pm
Wednesday, 24th	School Holidays No Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 25th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 26th	Public Holiday No Mass at St Dominic's Church
Saturday, 27th	Baptisms 12.15 pm

OCTOBER

Wednesday, 1st	School Holidays No Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 2nd	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 3rd	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Monday, 6th	Back to school for Term 4 to begin
Wednesday, 8th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am St Catherine Year 6 students to attend
Thursday, 9th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 10th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 6 students to attend
Wednesday, 15th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am St Catherine Year 5 students to attend Baptism Information Night 7.30 pm at St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 16th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 17th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 5 students to attend
Saturday, 18th	Baptisms 11 am & 12.15 pm
Wednesday, 22nd	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am St Catherine Year 4 students to attend
Thursday, 23rd	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 24th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 4 students to attend
Saturday, 25th	Baptisms 11 am & 12.15 pm

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PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

August Update

**Pledged: \$6,252.54
Actual: \$4,517.13**

*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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