



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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YR C | May 18, 2025

CLERGY

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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 7-8): Bridge Rd, Cobblebank

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



City Life for True Lovers

Love one another as I have loved you.' You may think that Our Lord's extreme love in voluntarily undergoing death for us, is something no human being could ever measure up to.

But actually, something like this happens whenever a mother or father sits by the bedside of a child suffering the terrible pain of a chronic illness or traumatic accident and, perhaps, even facing the prospect of death. Such a parent will invariably say 'I would rather suffer and die than see my child suffer and die.' It is the same with a person seeing their much loved life partner in a similar situation. Each of us, usually to a lesser degree and in less fraught circumstances, has the opportunity to absorb, to some extent, the sufferings of others. We are thus given the possibility of fulfilling the command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

The effect of this sort of loving will be realised at the end of history, not in a garden of Paradise, but as in a wonderful City where all tears will be wiped from our eyes.

We could pause for a moment on our way to that future City, resolving to be alert to opportunities to fulfil our Lord's command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Today's Readings:

Acts 14:21-27 Rev 21:1-5 John 13:31-35

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Rev 21:10-14, 22-23 John 14:23-29

Recently Deceased:

Felicitio Petilos, Nieves Moreno

Death Anniversaries:

CM Joseph, Francis Butler, Teresa Borg, Jessie Montebello, Genoviva Gothnara, Ellie Hanrahan, Mary Spillman, Nina Desira, Charles Vincent Tiglao, Angie Netto, Carmelo Caccamo, Cornelio Perez Sr., Felipe Guleng, Anna Sorge, Vincent Micallef, Con O'Callaghan, Lottie James, Sandra Vella, Jane Fernandez, Sheila Coburn, Bertha Vas, Marianito Rodriguez Sr., Antony Kokkat, Sydney Meril, Damien Stephenson, Mariana Prasetyana, Eileen Patterson, Gary Jongebloed, Barbara Purgar, Joseph Camilleri, Margaret Cutajar, Daniel Bury, Ian Kerr, Cruz Fernandes, James Anguei, Neomal Leyonidias, Rosario Sobredo, Rita Aldred, Brian Spink



Parish Offertory Giving

April Update

Pledged: \$5,228.73

Actual: \$4,393.92

Thank You

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

Reflection by Fr. Wilford Urmaza, RCJ

Love as Jesus Loved!

This Gospel reveals to us that when Judas left the Upper Room to carry out his betrayal plan, Jesus' glorification began to unfold, continuing in His Passion, Death, and Resurrection; with this, God was glorified in him. While Jesus anticipates his impending suffering, he leaves his disciples a sort of testament or an indication that they ought to take heed: Love one another as I have loved you.

Jesus' command to love one another models the concept of his love, not only for his disciples, but for all humanity. This love redefines the idea that affection is not a feeling to behold but the giving of oneself, which patterns to his paschal sacrifice. Love in this regard foreshadows the fulfillment of what it takes to become Jesus' disciples: to lay down one's life for others.

The commandment of reciprocated love demonstrates how to live in Christ, the Trinitarian life within the Church. If we love each other, Jesus continues to be present in our midst and be glorified in this world. In this way, our actions become an exemplification to His teachings, reflecting the divine love that binds us. By embodying this love, we, not only strengthen our community but also draw others toward the light of Christ, inviting them to share in the joy of His presence.



JUBILEE OF CONFRATERNITIES

The Jubilee of Confraternities honours the many members of Catholic confraternities around the world, highlighting the value of such groups and their important mission.

PRAYER

Loving God, we pray that you always direct our minds and hearts to you, so that we may be living stones of the Church, and all that we do, our whole Christian life, may be a luminous witness to your mercy and love.

We pray that we will make our way towards the goal of our earthly pilgrimage, towards that extremely beautiful shrine, the heavenly Jerusalem where you yourself and the Lamb are its temple; and the light of the sun and the moon give way to the glory of the Most High. Amen.



God of all people, In trust and gratitude, we turn to your Holy Spirit. We know your Spirit has been active during the time of conclave, guiding the prayerful discernment that has brought your Church to this important moment. Now, as Pope Leo XIV assumes the Petrine Ministry, we pray that your Spirit draw ever closer to our new Holy Father, illuminating his path so that he may faithfully see and respond to the needs of your people.

We pray that Pope Leo XIV be strengthened in his ministry. May he continue building bridges that connect us to one another. May he be an example of faith, hope and love. We pray that you give him joy in his work and a renewed fervour for your gospel message. May he never lose sight of Christ who walks before us and among us - particularly in the most vulnerable, the forgotten and the outcast.

Christ Jesus, bless Pope Leo XIV - and bless us, your holy people, as together we strive to be your Body in our wounded world. Amen.

Prayer for children who are preparing to receive the Eucharist for the first time



Heavenly Father, We come before You with hearts full of gratitude and love, lifting up to You these precious children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. You have created them in Your image, and You have called them to be Your beloved sons and daughters. As they take this sacred step in their journey of faith, we ask for Your abundant blessings upon them.

Lord, bless their parents, families, and catechists who have guided them on this journey. Give them wisdom and patience as they nurture the faith of these young ones. May their example of love and devotion inspire these children to walk always in Your ways.

We pray that this First Holy Communion will be the beginning of a lifelong relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist. May these children always hunger for the Bread of Life, seek refuge in Your presence, and find strength in Your love. Keep them close to You, protect them from all harm, and lead them on the path of holiness.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen



ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR ST MARIANNE COPE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL MOUNT ATKINSON

Enrolment interest for St Marianne Cope Catholic Primary School is now open for students from **Grades Prep to 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:
www.smcmountatkinson.catholic.edu.au

ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR ST PADRE PIO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL THORNHILL PARK

Enrolment interest for St Padre Pio Catholic Primary School, Thornhill Park, is now open for students from **Grades Prep to 6** for 2026.

Enrolment Enquiries:
St Padre Pio Catholic Primary School website:
www.spthornhillpark.catholic.edu.au



Have you thought? Love

I love my dog! I love your hair! I love that new song! I absolutely love chocolate! We throw around the word 'love' so casually today that it has almost lost its meaning. The decision whether or not to say "I love you" in a relationship has become a major dilemma – or alternatively, just the formula that has to be said to get what you want! Jesus did not use the word so casually or so inappropriately. He spoke of love very deliberately and very specifically. Jesus calls us to share in the selfless love that he modelled and to follow his example.

Baptism Information Night

The next Baptism Information Night, for those booked in for baptisms at our Parish, will be held at
St Catherine of Siena Church, West Melton.
on Wednesday, May 21 at 7.30pm

St Anthony of Padua, Melton South

Our Lady's Month of May - all Saturdays 9:30am Mass followed by Rosary at the Grotto (cuppa after please bring a plate)

June 13 - Friday 6:30 pm Mass Feast of St Anthony of Padua by Bishop Rene Ramirez, RCJ (fellowship to follow after Mass) special collection to cover this celebration.



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



Working with
Children Check

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.

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

5th Sunday of Easter		Saturday & Sunday May 17&18, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Margaret Richards	Faith Tuputala	Liza Fernandes	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Responder	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Mafi O Maufanga Family	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			

6th Sunday of Easter		Saturday & Sunday May 24&25, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Bill McGuinness	Anne Stokie	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Lawrence Camenzuli	Cira Cleary	Janet Estrada
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Asther Creo	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Faith Tuputala	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			



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

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www.melbcatholic.org/melton

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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.



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

MAY

Saturday, 17th @ 6pm Mass & Sunday, 18th @ 11 am Mass	Presentation and commitment of participants in the St Luke's Sacramental Program for First Eucharist in our parish
Wednesday, 21st	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15am SC Year 4 students to attend 10:15am SFCC Glowrey House mass 7:30 PM Baptism Information Night
Thursday, 22nd	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 23rd	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 4 students to attend
Saturday, 24th	Baptisms 11am & 12:15pm
Wednesday, 28th	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15am SC Year 3 students to attend
Thursday, 29th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 30th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 3 students to attend
Saturday, 31st 11am & 1pm	First Communion Masses for students from St Catherine's and St Dominic's Schools

PRIME TIMERS

27th May - Taylor's Lakes Hotel, JBJ's Restaurant 12:00

A two course Seniors menu is available for \$25.

Enquires contact Ineke on 0400120401 or

ineke49@yahoo.com.

RSVP by Sunday 25th for booking confirmation.

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
Deacon Chris safter Mass or fill out the online request form:

TINYURL.COM/HBLESSING

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

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

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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