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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - August 3, 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)

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

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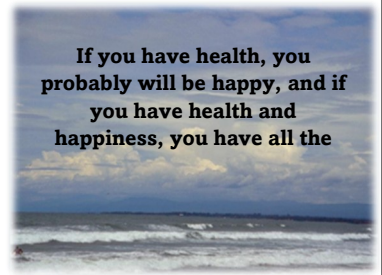
Reflection by Sr. Mary Fermio, RSJ

Sometimes we see houses or units for sale for seemingly extraordinary amounts. It is refreshing to see people happy with an ordinary house, which will provide them with comfortable housing and safety, instead of luxury homes and items.

In today's Gospel Jesus points out to us where our real treasure lies, offering us much wisdom. Where Jesus speaks of harvests and barns, we could speak of a magnificent home, luxury car, mobile phones, expensive clothes and furniture. There is nothing wrong with having possessions. It is insatiable greed in wanting more and more, that is the point of the parable.

So today we might ask ourselves: Where does my treasure lie? What do I really value? Do I envy others? These are questions we might reflect on today. The old adage is true: You cannot take it with you.

If you have health, you probably will be happy, and if you have health and happiness, you have all the



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

Today's Readings:

Ecc 1:2, 2:21-23 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Luke 12:13-21

Next Week's Readings:

Wis 18:6-9 Heb 11:1-2, 8-12 Luke 12:35-40

Eternal Repose for Recently Deceased

Elaine Neely, Josephine Cassar Manghi

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

Mary Muscat, Mary Meilak, Fred Levett, Veronica Butler, Nella Caruana, Mira Bec, Jack Jenkins, Betty Arnell, Honorio Liwanag Sr., Rita Rayner, Salvatore Sammut, Vincent Sebastin, Domenica Dahan, Lawrence Montebello, Wayne Bradshaw, Rick Debski, Grace Ciantar, Victor Zerafa, Mary Chamber, Fortunato Zammit, Victor J Rizzo, Corazon Moore, Godofredo Lastra Jnr, Carmelo Borg, Margaret Hall, Franco Mathew Gayanilo, Kalala Claire Poloiga, Alice Jongebloed, Timothy O'Keeffe, Corinna Vannuccini, Ivan Kuric, Ellen Sullivan, Dolores Bartolo, Joseph Debono, Mayen Makuac Mayen, Madelyn Farrugia, Pauline Bartolo, Leonarda Miranda, Mona Reidy, Monica Gregson, Esper Cassar, David Beekhof, Susan Teresa Traczynski, Krisyuz Joaquin Mariano, Sebastiana Menina, Teodora Hongoy, Nellie Mateo, Dominador Mateo Sr, Benvenuto Sr. Benvenuto Jr, Mark Opolentisim

Healing for the Sick:

Alexis Eslao



PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

June Update

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

Thank You

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in the parish please call 0422 869 646**

Entrance Antiphon *Ps 69:2,6*

O God, come to my assistance;

O Lord, make haste to help me!

You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading *Ecc 1:2, 2:21-23*

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. *(R.)*
2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. *(R.)*
3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. *(R.)*
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. *(R.)*

Second Reading *Col 3:1-5, 9-11*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Gospel *Luke 12:13-21*

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

**ST DOMINIC'S FEAST DAY
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7**

This week we celebrate the feast of St Dominic - our Parish's patron saint. Officially we are St Dominic's Parish, Melton, as in the early days of our parish, the presbytery and office, St Dominic's Church, St Dominic's hall and St Dominic's Primary School were, and still are, situated in Melton.

But as our Parish grew and we built St Catherine's Primary School, St Francis Catholic College and our main church (St Catherine of Siena) in West Melton, we now call ourselves the Catholic Parish of Melton.

Saint Dominic, OP (Spanish: *Santo Domingo*; 8 August 1170 – 6 August 1221), also known as Dominic de Guzmán and was canonized on July 3, 1234.

He was a Castilian priest and was the founder of the Order of Friars Preachers (Dominicans), a mendicant religious order with a universal mission of preaching, a centralized organization and government, and a great emphasis on scholarship. On December 22, 1216, Dominic received formal sanction of his order by Pope Honorius III.

He is a patron saint of the Dominican Republic, astronomers and natural scientists.

Based on a Dominican tradition, in 1208 Dominic experienced a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the church at Prouille, during which she gave him a rosary. This gave rise to the title Our Lady of the Rosary. The prayer beads were well-known at the time; it was not the beginning of rosary devotion, but Dominicans contributed much to its spread.

Members of the Dominican order, who are referred to as Dominicans, generally display the letters *OP* after their names, standing for *Ordinis Praedicatorum*, meaning 'of the Order of

St. Dominic



"I am not capable of doing big things,
but I want to do everything,
even the smallest things,
for the greater glory of God."

PRAYER FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Lord, We lift up the confirmands on their journey of faith.
May Your Spirit guide them as they seek understanding and deepen their relationship with You.

Grant them strength and courage to embrace their beliefs, and surround them with love and support from their community.
May their hearts be open to Your wisdom, and may they grow in grace and truth.
Amen.





God and Beer West
Building resilience and finding purpose through faith
Fr Jude Pirotta mssp & Sean Menere



Date: Thursday, 7th August 2025 at 6.30pm
Venue: Hoppers Club, 180-200 Pannam Dr, Hoppers Crossing

Free event
Register at: GodandBeer.com.au

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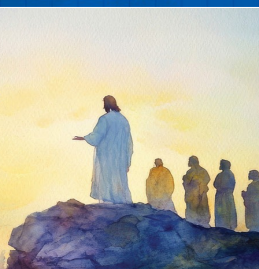
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6 pm Tania Walters 0492 952 478
9 am Theo Franken 0411 040 897

11am Lea Jacuta 0414 390 151
5 pm Josephine Krajina 0407 042 133

18th Sunday Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday August 2 & 3, 2025	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Kate Mulholland	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Tania Walters	Faith Tuputala	Chelsea Amato	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			

19th Sunday Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday August 9 & 10, 2025	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuiness	Karl Metha	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Sanyata Creo	Chlsea Amato	Janet Estrada
Responder	Tania Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Faith Tuputala	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Tania Walters	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
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Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			



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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

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welcome desk to contribute to the Parish.

Couples for Christ Australia (CFCA) Christian Life Program (CLP)

7-Sunday journey,
3rd August, from
1:00 to 4:00 PM,
held at St Dominic
Parish Hall. Grow
spiritually &
connect with
others in a warm,
welcoming
environment. See
flyer for details



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

AUGUST

Saturday, 2nd, 6pm & Sunday, 3rd, 11am	Confirmation Commitment Mass for candidates in St Luke's Sacramental Program
Wednesday, 6th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am Whole school attendance celebrating St Mary of the Cross Feast Day 10:15 am St Francis College - Dominics House Mass
Thursday, 7th	St Dominic's Feast Day Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 8th	St Mary of the Cross Feast Day Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am Yr 5 students to attend
Saturday, 9th	6 pm Mass: Confirmation Commitment Mass for candidates at St Dominic's and St Catherine's schools
Wednesday, 13th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am Whole school attendance celebrating the Feast of the Assumption 10:15 am St Francis College—Mackillop House Mass
Thursday, 14th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 15th	Feast of the Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass: St Dominic's Hall 9.15am: whole school Mass St Catherine of Siena Church 7pm
Saturday, 16th	Sacrament of Confirmation for St Catherine's school candidates 11am & 2pm
Wednesday, 20th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am Yr 5 students to attend Baptism Information Night St Catherine's Church 7.30 pm
Thursday, 21st	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 22nd	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am Yr 4 students to attend
Saturday, 23rd	Sacrament of Confirmation for St Dominic's school candidates @ 11 am & St Luke's candidates @ 2 pm

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