



THE TIDINGS

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GRANGEFIELDS, HARKNESS, KURUNJANG, PLUMPTON, ROCKBANK & TOOLERN VALE



The Catholic
Parish of Melton
is committed
to the safety,
wellbeing and
dignity of all
children and
vulnerable
adults

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — Year B | 10 November 2024

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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 & 5pm
- Wednesday 9.15am

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

- Thursday & Friday 9.15am

CONFESSION

St Catherine of Siena Church

Saturday: 5.45 pm | Sunday: 4.45pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT & ROSARY

St Dominic's Church

- Thursday following the 9.15am 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@sfcc.vic.edu.au

Living the Gospel

Hypocrisy

THROUGHOUT the gospels, what Jesus appears to abhor more than anything else is hypocrisy. His harshest condemnation of the scribes and the Pharisees is that they are hypocrites.

In this passage, whilst Jesus hates the scribes' parading around and claiming honour that is not their due, what really sees him condemn them is their mistreatment of widows 'while making a show of lengthy prayers'.

We cannot praise God in prayer while at the same time mistreating our neighbour. That is hypocrisy! Our actions are an extension of our prayer. We cannot celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays and fail to live it the rest of the week!



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Happy are the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.*

Alleluia!

Today's Readings: 1 Ki 17:10-16 ; Ps 145 (146); Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44
Next Week's Readings: Dan 12:1-3; Ps 15 (16); Heb 10:11-14,18; Mk 13:24-32

Prayer Requests

Recently died: Richard Kealy (5 November 2024)

Death Anniversaries: Rennae Jane Stevens, Grace Spiteri, Pat Woods, Manuel Psaila, Eibhlean Grace Beatty, Anthony Buhagiar, Emidia Buhagiar, Regina Tolosa, Delia Coots, Mary Connor, Joseph Pace, Peter Demicoli, Aurora P Ramirez, Mariano Cruz, Maureen Bristow, Dodwell DeSilva, Marjorie Noelene Blake, Edith Wilson, Josephine Farrugia, Bruce Rayner Jnr, Paul Seneviratne, Charie Alea, Angelo Haber, Franco Respondino, Rita DeVellis, Peter Sinnema, Angelo Haber, Jocelyn Fantasia, David Nauer, Tovia Muagututia, Liua Muagututia Mikaele, Vitolina Victoria (Silao), Joe De Beaufort, Geraldine Nihill, Sam Sammut, Filix Perera, Alosios Fernando, Madushi Fernando, Sebastiana Perera, Punchi Perera, Mark Gerada, Patricia Peck, Gorga Buttigieg, Imelda Thomson, Polly Vassallo, Christopher Fenlon, Maria Assunta Calleja, Angelo Calleja, Josephine Calleja, Francis Zaviera Calleja, Margaret Felicia Calleja, Emanuel Calleja, Peter Calleja, Toney Calleja, Gorga Calleja, Kew Johnson, Rex DeSilva, Aloysius Maryanto, Brian Rayner, Francis Zahra, Leno Zahra, Evelyn Menezes, Donald Graham, Barry Reardon, Antonia Bazar, Roshan Emanuel, Kathy Oates



Parish Offertory Giving October Update

Pledged: \$6,582.85 • Actual: \$4,868.81

Reflection by Fr Alex Clemente, RCJ

We are presented with two poor widows in the readings. In the Bible, widows are among the anawin (the poor of the Yahweh), which also include orphans and strangers. These are not only economically poor, but also excluded and oppressed in society. That is why God sides with them and uses them to convey a powerful message to all.

The first widow (1 Kings) trusted God totally by surrendering to the prophet all the food she and her child had to live on. After offering food to God's messenger, they were ready to die of hunger until one of the most beautiful prophecies was given her: your jar of flour will never be empty, your jug of oil will never run dry... What an abundance! The promise came not only because she was a widow but because the Lord saw that she was generous!

In the gospel, Jesus directs his disciples' attention to a poor widow who approaches the treasury. He observes as the wealthy individuals contribute large sums of money. Yet, it is the widow who catches His eye. With humility and sacrificial love, she places two small coins worth only a few cents into the treasury.

In this encounter, Jesus reveals the true measure of generosity and devotion. It is not the amount of money or possessions that we give but the disposition of our hearts. The widow, though materially poor, offers her entire livelihood, demonstrating a deep trust in God's providence and a willingness to give sacrificially.

Both widows act of giving a become powerful lesson for us all. Despite their poverty, they do not hold back or make excuses. Instead, they offered everything they have, displaying a profound faith and a heart filled with love for God.

Am I like the widow, giving from a place of selflessness and genuine devotion?

How can my offering to the church reflect my faith and trust to God's providence?

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS MASS INTENTIONS

During November, we have the opportunity to honour our departed loved ones in a special way by:

- **Using dedicated envelopes to inscribe the names of our cherished departed family and friends**
- Showing your support in offering Mass intentions with a donation into the envelope which will concretely show our participation in the celebration
- Placing the envelope in the basket on the pedestal in front of the font
- Masses will be offered for their souls throughout the entire month of November.
- Envelopes will be blessed with holy water, symbolizing our baptism and our connection to the Church.
- the proceeds of the donations through the November envelopes will go to the Rogationist Mission in Kigali, Rwanda for the construction of a school for underprivileged children in the countryside.

We believe that the use of holy water is a powerful representation of our love for the Trinity and our commitment to living according to Christ's teachings. This tradition provides a beautiful way to honour our departed loved ones and deepen our connection to the Sacraments and to God.

We understand that there may be special occasions during November, such as death anniversaries or birthdays of loved ones, and we will still accept separate Mass intentions for them. These special occasions will be mentioned in the bulletin and prayers of the faithful. However, for all other intentions for our departed loved ones, we kindly request that they be channelled through the November envelopes.

Let us come together as a community to remember and honour our departed loved ones and to support a noble cause.

With gratitude, Fr Alex Clemente RCJ

Hope DOES NOT DISAPPOINT

A retreat night of reflection, prayer & songs on the real value of the sacrament of reconciliation in this 'Year of Hope' as we usher the Jubilee Year

3rd
DECEMBER
2024

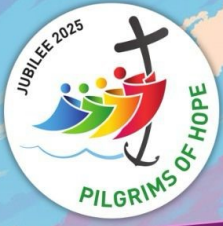
7:15-9.30pm
at St Anthony's Church, Melton South

SEE YOU THERE

ABOUT THE SPEAKER
Deacon Dave Reaves is from the Diocese of Richmond, Virginia in the United States. He has been serving as a deacon for over six years. He is the President of the Philipians 2 Foundation which runs the Saint Clare of Assisi Retreat Center in Hampton, Virginia. Deacon Dave has a passion for retreats and missions.

As we enter into the Jubilee 2025 'Year of Hope', Deacon Dave will share with us the power and importance of the sacrament of reconciliation.

Please join him as he takes us deeper into the sacrament through story and song.



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
11 ST MARTIN OF TOURS	12	13 9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church	14 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	15 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	16 Baptisms: 11am & 12.15pm 6pm Vigil Mass	17 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses
18 DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF STS PETER & PAUL	19	20 9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church 7.30pm Baptism Info Night @ St Catherine of Siena Church	21 PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	22 ST CECILIA 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	23 Baptisms 11am 6pm Vigil Mass	24 SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses Youth Sunday
25	26	27 9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church	28 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	29 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	30 ST ANDREW Baptisms 11am 6pm Vigil Mass	1 1st Sunday of Advent 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses DEC

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.

God & Beer: Building Positive Relationships w. John Hendry OAM

Thursday 14th November • 6.30pm dinner, 7.30pm talk
Hoppers Club (180-200 Pannam Drive, Hoppers Crossing)

Positive relationships are at the heart of a good life and essential for healthy societies. Come along and hear from John Hendry OAM on how you can build more positive relationships with your friends and family. Learn how to build connections centred on trust, communication and empathy.

Register: GODANDBEER.COM.AU —book now to ensure a ticket!
Contact: JARED.REVELL@GMAIL.COM

PLEASE RING THE MASS MANAGER IF UNABLE TO ATTEND:

6 pm	Tania Walters	0492 952 478
9 am	Theo Franken	0411 040 897
11am	Bruna Tomassi	9743 0341
5 pm	Josephine Krajina	0407 042 133

Pastoral Care Appeal 2024

This weekend is CatholicCare Victoria's annual Pastoral Care Appeal (previously



known as Chaplaincy Appeal). Donations from our parish community will support the most vulnerable people in our community.

Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Prison Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria.

The presence of Catholic Chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages.

You can donate using the envelopes available at the welcome desk, online at WWW.CATHOLICCAREVIC.ORG.AU or by calling (03) 9967 2515.

32 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday November 9&10, 2024	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Cira Cleary	Janet Estrada
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Tania Walters	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Theo Franken	Bruna Tomassi	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Liz Coustley	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			
33 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday November 16&17, 2024	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuiness	Asther Creo	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Sanghaya Creo	Cira Cleary	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Janet Estrada
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Vickie Cassar	Bruna Tomassi	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			



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

Prayer for All Faithful Departed for the month of November

God our Father, Your power brings us to birth,
Your providence guides our lives,
and by Your command, we return to dust.
Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,
their lives change but do not end.

We pray in hope for our families, relatives and
friends, and for all the dead known to You
alone. In company with Christ, Who died and
now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom,
where all our tears are wiped away.
Unite us together again to sing Your praise in
the company of Your elect, forever and ever.
Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon them. May their
souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



The famous question is asked for the first time.

Engaging Your Faith Online October Series



A series of short, online
presentations from experienced
lecturers from CTC present on a
variety of topics such as Theology,
Scripture, Meditation, Science and
Religion, Science, and Faith

From \$25 per session.

For more information and to
register: ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

Christmas Tree Hampers

This weekend marks the beginning of our Christmas
hamper collection! Our goal is to gather enough
items to fill 20 hampers, each of which will be given
to a family in our community to help them
celebrate Christmas.

In the gathering area, you'll find a tree with tags
listing different needed items. Please take one or
more tags, purchase the listed items, and place
them in the hamper under the tree
with the tag.

All items are requested by
December 8th.

Thank you for your generosity!



NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome!

Please collect a Welcome Pack from the Gathering Area
of the church. Once census form is completed place it in
the white return box in the Gathering Area.

MISSED OUT ON THE TIDINGS?

Back issues of The Tidings are
available on our parish website:
www.melbcatholic.org/melton

CLICK to VIEW
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The Tidings before the weekend?

Head to our website to subscribe to The
Tidings or simply scan the QR code to
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You will then receive a verification link
via email to confirm your subscription.



Parish Offertory Giving

If you would like to make either a one-off
donation or to 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.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

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

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

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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