



THE TIDINGS

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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.

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY) - 02 Nov, 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 at St Catherine's Church)
- **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 Sr. Mary Fermio, RSJ

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Today we remember those who have died, especially our loved ones – friends and relations – we pray for them and ask them to pray for us. Those who were close to us, we remember them especially and consciously miss their presence.

Over the years, the question: Where is heaven? I am sure puzzles people, as well as me. We know that beyond earth seems to be endless space, yet we are taught there is endless life after death. People, like St Mary MacKillop who has died, have been seen by people, whom have been helped or spoken to. For me, heaven is here with us, another dimension, where those who have died, live in another way in joy and peace.

After my mother died, I had a "vision" of mum and dad together, looking over a fence in the country, a place they both dearly loved, and I thought: "You are okay!"

During this month pray as a family the simple prayer: Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen



Remembering Death Anniversaries:

ALL SOULS in PURGATORY

John Logan Snr, May McConnell, John Victor Wilson, Hilda Alice Callanan, Eugenia Muscat, Josephine, Godfrey & George Farrugia, Fred, Rosario, Jose Sr Jeng, Eddie, Bernard, Tin Tin Simbulan, Felix Prulan, Aileen Lacey, Elton Rowley, Deana Alexandra Shakila, Margaret Machado, Mauro Delarosa, Kevin Fahler, Terry Sim, Maryanne Armeni, Fredisvinda M Pintor, Juan Malibiran Sr., Guiseppe & Maria Farfalla, Dan Hanrahan, Anton Tettman, Frank Hallinan, Corey Grima, Dora Galati, Stanislaw Rychlewski, Carmen & Philip Galea, Michael Mercieca, Fr Bryan Donovan, Nola Hughes, Paul Cini, Ivan Netto, Vincent Cutajar, Ray Couglin, Mary Orsouw, Alain Louise, Ann Cole, John & Paul Spiteri, Jenette Hunter, Megan Timms, Richard Kealy, Doreen Mary Drew, Stan & Gwen Burke, Terry Mc Shane, Bryan Lane, Phoebe O'Keeffe, Helen Bourguignon, Jagaraj David Nauer, Liua Tovia, Tovia Muagututia, Lui Asiasiga, Philip Wright, Mary Carmel Vincent, Ben Galea, Robert McLarry, Nell Haslam, Joe Psaila, Gabriel Rhyan Mallari, Leslie McConnell, Glenn Misso, Heather Smith, Ron Gauci, Eliyamma Joseph, Valentin, Josefa, Primo, Catalina, Romana, Glen, George

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

God, who raised Jesus from the dead,
will give life also to your mortal bodies,
through his Spirit that dwells in you.

First Reading

Isa 25:6-9

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food.

On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life, to savour the
sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **(R.)**
3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face. **(R.)**
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

Second Reading

Rom 5:5-11

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When

we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the will of my Father, say the Lord.
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me,
and that I should raise it up on the last day. - *Alleluia!*

Gospel

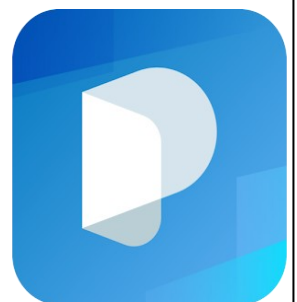
Luke 7:11-17

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up'. And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.' And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

Communion Antiphon

Let perpetual light shine upon them, O Lord,
with your Saints for ever, for you are merciful.

Parishioners can use the **Parousya Faith** app to automatically check-in when they arrive at their parish, receive the Day's Readings, and make a quick, simple, and secure donation using their Apple Wallet, all without registering an account and anonymously. *Download App now*



**Personal Support Training
Psychological First Aid &
Emotional Spiritual Care**

22 Nov 2025, Sat. 9am-4pm

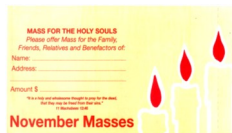
Cobblebank Meeting Room

Register www.vccem.org.au

info@vccem.org.au 7037 6010 see poster for more details

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS MASS INTENTIONS

As we approach November, we have the opportunity to honour our departed loved ones in a special way. We are encouraged to use dedicated envelopes to inscribe the names of our cherished departed family and friends. These envelopes will be placed before the altar, where Masses will be offered for their souls throughout the entire month of November. The envelopes will be blessed with holy water, symbolizing our baptism and our connection to the Church. 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. It's important to note that public announcement of the names in the envelopes is not necessary for the effectiveness of the prayers. The intention is a spiritual act, and its effectiveness is not influenced by public announcement. Additionally, we kindly ask for your support in offering mass intentions with a donation, which will concretely show our participation in the celebration. This year, the proceeds of the donation through the November envelopes will go to the Rogationist Mission Project 2025 - Housing for the Poor, Pasay City Philippines.



ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING AREA.

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. Your participation and support in this meaningful initiative are greatly appreciated. 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

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.

SOCIAL MEDIA MINIMUM AGE



Resources for parents and carers navigating the social media changes

From 10 December 2025, certain social media platforms won't be allowed to let Australian children under 16 create or keep an account. The aim is to protect them at a critical stage of their development and giving them more time to develop important skills and maturity.

For information for young people, parents/carers, conversation starters and lots more, go to the Age Restrictions Hub at www.esafety.gov.au

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

Commemoration Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

Saturday & Sunday November 1 & 2, 2025

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tania Walters	Lawrence Camenzuli	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Tania Walters	Maureen Mohr	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Faith Tuputala	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Saturday & Sunday November 8 & 9, 2025

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Kate Mulholland	Karl Metha	Amy Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Responder	Tania Walters	Faith Tuputala	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Faith Tuputala	Amy Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Chelsea Amato	Danielle Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas 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

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.



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.

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

www.melbcatholic.org/melton

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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

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

NOVEMBER

Saturday, 1st	All Saints Day
Sunday, 2nd	All Souls Day
Tuesday, 4th	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Wednesday, 5th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am All Saints & Souls Whole School Mass
Thursday, 6th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 7th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 2 students to attend
Wednesday, 12th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am Year 2 students to attend
Thursday, 13th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 14th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 1 students to attend
Wednesday, 19th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am Year 1 students to attend Baptism Information Night 7.30 pm St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 20th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 21st	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year Prep students to attend
Saturday, 22nd	Baptisms: 11am & 12.15pm

St Anthony of Padua Melton South

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Christmas Raffle 2025 for \$25.00

1st Prize: MG ZS value 28,799

See Poster for full list of prizes. Tickets available soon.



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September Update

**Pledged: \$5,877.54
Actual: \$4,745.04**



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
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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