



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.

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - February 01, 2026

CLERGY

Parish Priest: FR ALEX CLEMENTE, RCJ

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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 at St Catherine's Church)
- **Thursday & Friday** 9.15 am
(no Mass on public holidays)

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

CONFESSION

St Catherine of Siena Church

Saturday: 5.45 pm | Sunday: 10:30-10:50am/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

Our world continues to look for ways of being happy – a better house, better job, getting married, getting divorced...looking for ways to make more money. We find it hard to understand what real happiness is.

Jesus tells us how to find happiness, by seeking justice and peace with integrity and humility. In this Gospel Jesus gives us nine invitations to turn our lives around and change our attitudes and ways of living. They may not be easy, and others may ridicule us for living that way. But unless we understand where true happiness comes from, we will miss out on our reward, which Jesus says, "your reward will be great in heaven".

Let us reflect on how we seek God in our everyday life. Do I truly believe that God has chosen me to make a difference in the lives of others?



SCHEDULE OF THE MIGRANT

JUBILEE CROSS VISIT

(Melton & Melton Churches)

Feb 21 -25, 2026

Feb 21 (SAT) - Arrival of the Cross in St. Anthony Church around 4pm then followed Holy Mass at 5 pm

Feb 22 (SUN) - Transfer of the Cross in St. Catherine Church around 4pm then Mass at 5 pm

- After the mass the cross will be transferred to St. Anthony's Church.

Feb 23 (MON)- The Jubilee Cross will stay in St. Anthony's Church for Monday evening Mass & Tuesday morning/evening Masses.

Feb 24 (TUE) - The Cross will be transferred in St. Catherine Church in the evening after the 6:30pm Mass in St. Anthony Church.

Feb 25 (WED) - Holy Mass by 9:15 am at St. Catherine Church, followed by veneration of the Cross with the students. Departure of the cross to Springvale, Keysborough

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

Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading

Zep 2:3, 3:12-13

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

Seek the Lord
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity,
seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the
name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **(R.)**
3. It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:26-31

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven. *Alleluia!*

Gospel

Mat 5:1-12

Happy are the poor in spirit.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is
right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of
right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love. O Lord,
let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Prayer for Vocations

O Jesus' gentle heart, in your entire mortal life you sought always the glory of Your Father. Deign to send to Your Holy Church good and evangelical workers, who will incessantly glorify Your Father who is in heaven with the holiness of their life and apostolic work.

Send of Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church.

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 58:7-10 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mat 5:13-16

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

Tossie Duncan, John Anset, Nina & Charlie Camilleri, Fortunato de Jesus, Manil Veylylhau, Grenville Dias, Elena Silao, Carmelo Camilleri, Alex D'Sousza, Carmela Farfalla, Fr William Casey, Charles Downie, Mick Reese, Phyllis Henderson, Joseph Vella, Josephine Vella, Stanistaw & Katarzyna Przybylowski, Stephanie Przybylowska, Antonia Aguitong, Enoch Daniels, Sonia Parker, Ethel Cullis, Frank Mifsud, Simon Jacuta, Francesco Pelligra, Arthur O'Leary, Gerry Hishon, Cornelius Wheelahan, Betty Nolan, Errol Jouany, George Sciberras, Josephine Camenzuli, Nan Fitcher, Nellie Ward, Alan Verlander, Domenico Siciliano, Susan McIlroy, Raul Oropesa, Eugene Kwiecinski, Maurice Mascarenhas, Alfred Micallef

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A prayer for the Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi

Pope Leo XIV had announced that 2026 is a Jubilee Year of St. Francis, to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the saint's death.
The Holy Father has offered this prayer for the occasion:

*Saint Francis,
our brother, you who eight hundred years ago
went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace,
intercede for us before the Lord.
You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano,
teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation
that breaks down every wall.
You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war
and misunderstanding,
give us the courage to build bridges
where the world raises up boundaries.
In this time afflicted by conflict and division,
intercede for us so
that we may become
peacemakers:
unarmed and
disarming witnesses
of the peace that
comes from Christ.
Amen~~~~*



SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

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

THE SACRAMENTS OF PENANCE, EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION 2026

An invitation is extended to join our partnered parishes of Melton and Melton South, Sacramental Program called *St Luke's Sacramental Program* for young people who do not attend a Catholic Primary School, or attend a Catholic Secondary School and are baptised, but have not received one or more of the above Sacraments.

Information and the application form for these programs is available online on our Parish website: www.melbocatholic.org/melton or in hard copy from the Gathering Area of St Catherine of Siena church. Please complete the application form and either:

- Email it to the parish office at: melton@cam.org.au,
- Drop it off personally at the parish office (10 Unit St Melton) Tuesday - Friday between 9.30am and 4.30pm, or
- Place it into the white return box in the Gathering Area of St Catherine of Siena church.

**The Sacrament of Penance
program begins next
Thursday,
February 5, 2026.**

Growing Together In Faith



eSafety Commissioner

Delaying account access until 16 gives young people more time to develop important skills and maturity. It's breathing space to build digital literacy, critical reasoning, impulse control and greater resilience. At eSafety, we're here to help families navigate this transition. We have practical resources available specifically for parents and carers, including:

- **Social Media Age Restrictions Hub** – Information, guidance and tools to help you talk to children and young people about the changes and support their online experiences.
- **FAQs for parents and carers** – Responses to frequently asked questions addressing families' concerns about the change.
- **First Nations resources** – Co-designed with First Nations communities, the parent and carer yarning guide, student workbook and digital toolkit explain the change, why it matters and how to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people through the transition.
- **Regional family support** – Explore the dedicated online hub with FAQs and practical guidance for parents and carers, including conversations starters, youth-friendly content, and where to go for support.

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

4th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Saturday & Sunday Jan 31, 1st Feb, 2026

Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Charlu Chua	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Lawrence Camenzuli	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken	Chelsea Amato	Ismael Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Charlu Chua	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Maria Alvarado	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Faith Tuputala	Liz Coustley	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			

5th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Saturday & Sunday February 7 & 8, 2026

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Maria Prasetyono	Vickie Cassar	Chelsea Amato	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Faith Tuputala	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			



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Visit of the "Jubilee Cross Migrants Australia"

21-25 Feb 2026, to our partnered churches of Melton & Melton South.

This visit is in line with the Pilgrimage of the Migrant

Jubilee Cross, a national Catholic initiative marking the 2025 Jubilee Year to honour the contributions, faith, and resilience of migrants in Australia.

Details available in the gathering area.

Parish Lenten Groups 2026

This year the theme is "**Compassio**" *To suffer with.*

Let the beautifully designed, booklet guide your spiritual renewal through daily reflections, Sunday readings and reflections, spiritual direction, prayers, and group discussion questions. The program commences week of 16/02/26 and runs over 6 weeks. The supplied booklet, is free and easy to follow.

Names are required by 08/02/26 (Feel free to organise your own group, but let Brendan know).

Contact: Brendan Richards (Co-Ordinator)

Telephone 0418 883 550 or bmrichards@ozemail.com.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 3337**

NOT St Catherine of Siena Parish, Bulmans Rd., as this is **not** the name of our Parish.



Would you like to receive

The Tidings before the weekend?

Head to our website and subscribe to The Tidings or simply scan the QR code to enter your email to receive a digital copy. Back issues are also available.



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

FEBRUARY

Wednesday, 4th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church St Catherine's School Opening Mass
Thursday, 5th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Hall St Dominic's School Opening Mass St Luke's Sacrament of Penance Program begins 7pm St Dominic's Hall
Friday, 6th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Tuesday, 10th	7:00pm St Catherine of Siena Church Baptism Information Night
Wednesday, 11th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 12th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Friday, 13th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Saturday, 14th	Baptisms 11am
Wednesday, 18th	Ash Wednesday St Catherine of Siena Church 9:15am & 7:00pm Project Compassion begins
Thursday, 19th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Friday, 20th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church

PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

**December Update: Pledged: \$6,156.08
Actual: \$4,802.39**



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

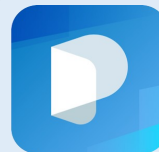


A smart terminal is situated on the table by the wall in the Gathering Area of the church. You can tap & give with your card or smart device to support the Parish too.



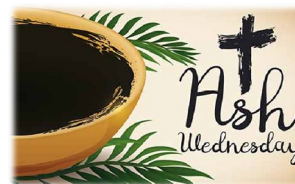
Parishioners can download and use the **Parousya Faith** app to automatically check-in when they arrive at their parish, receive the Day's Readings, and make a quick, simple, secure and anonymous donation using their Apple Wallet, all without registering an account.

Thank You



PALM LEAVES BURNING FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

*Kindly bring your dried 2025
Palm leaves to weekend masses
(Feb 7-15) to be use on Ash
Wednesday (18 Feb 2026)
Thank you.*



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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