



THE TIDINGS

SERVING THE AREAS OF MELTON, WEST MELTON, HARKNESS, KURUNJANG, TOOLERN VALE, PLUMPTON, GRANGEFIELDS, BONNIE BROOK (WEST), ROCKBANK (WEST).

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.

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A - April 19, 2026

CLERGY

Parish Priest: FR ALEX CLEMENTE, RCJ

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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9.15am - 4.45pm

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)

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: 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

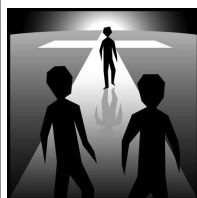
Melton West Campus (Year 7-12): 109-141 Bulmans Rd, Melton West

Cobblebank Campus (Year 7-9): Bridge Rd, Cobblebank

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Reflection by Fr. Wilford Urmaza, RCJ

FROM DARKNESS TO FAITH

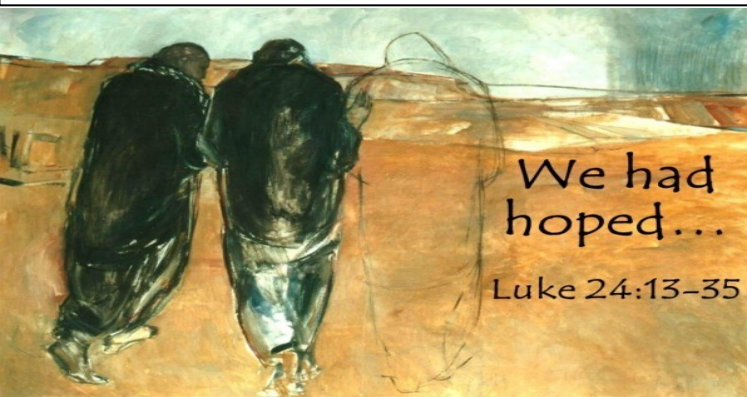


The journey of the two disciples to Emmaus is a manifestation of a profound disappointment during the events that had transpired in Jerusalem. These disciples walked away from a place that was meant to offer them freedom from the Roman authorities; instead, it led them into deep desperation and

hopelessness. The crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus held no significance for them, leaving them in a state of complete confusion.

As they walked along the road, Jesus joined them and started a conversation, explaining about the scriptures from Moses to the prophets. Such was a catechetical moment that made their hearts burn with understanding of the old covenant prophecy. As they reached the place to have a meal, Jesus began to demonstrate Eucharistic actions; He took bread, blessed it, gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with them. It was only then that their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus' presence, indeed, a resurrection appearance.

Convinced of Jesus' presence in "the breaking of the bread" leads them to return to where they "should be going" and then, with the rest of the disciples, to receive the mission as witnesses of the risen Christ.



We had hoped...

Luke 24:13-35

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 2:14, 36-41 | 1Pet 2:20-25 | John 10:1-10

Death Anniversaries:

Av Paul, Bill Coburn, Policarpo Perez, Porfirio Alea, Thomas Dillon, Olympia Agcang, David Nauer, Annette Cutajar, W Van Orsouw, Anne Stewart, Zen Magpantay, Barbara Hoenig, James Spillman, Gerard Coupe, Br. Charles Hennessy, Margery McComb, Charlie Cassar, Tim Gomez, Ronald Perez, Andrew Caruana, John Gnariniski, Jeff Micallef, Sig Hoenig, Margaret Silva, Bill Marechal, Trevor Blakey, Ludwik Zwolanski, Charlie Ellis, Elizabeth Bloomfield, Emerenciana Bulan, Jennifer Barrow, Peter Wheelahan, Lucila Itliong

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

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 2:14, 22-33

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.

So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' **(R.)**
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1Pet 1:17-21

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.



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

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.

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.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

19 April (Third Sunday of Easter)

Good Shepherd Sunday
2026

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

A Vocation View

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for yourself. Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a Priest, Sister or Brother. Pray!

Catholic Vocations
 Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002 Australia
 PO Box 146, East Melbourne VIC 3002 Australia
 Telephone: (03) 9026 5723 Email: vocations@cam.org.au
www.vocationsmelbourne.org



Have you been Encountered?

Marriage Encounter is coming to Melton

Come along and experience your special weekend at:

St Dominic's Parish Melton

When: June 26 – 28th 2026

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday 4:30pm

For further details, please contact:

Mercy & James Bvirakare Ph: 0409 183 676

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Visit wwme.org.au

Flyers available at the gathering area

PROJECT COMPASSION



Project Compassion Box

Please Return Project Compassion Boxes

KSC Men's Rosary

Saturday, 3rd May 2026

10:00am

Outside ST PATRICK'S Cathedral, Melbourne at St Catherine of Siena Statue
 For More Info Call Lawrence
 #+61448398344

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

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

PLEASE RING MASS MANAGER IF UNABLE TO ATTEND AND PERFORM YOUR ROSTERED DUTY



6pm—Tania Walters 0492 952 478 11am— Lea Jacuta 0414 390 151
 9am Theo Franken 0411 040 897 5pm - Josephine Krajina 0407 042 133

Third Sunday of Easter Year A

Saturday & Sunday April 18 & 19, 2026

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Chelsea Amato	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Marissa Tuason	Chelsea Amato	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Liz Coustley	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration	Veritas	Tongan
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A

Saturday & Sunday April 25 & 26, 2026

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Kate Mulholland	Asther Creo	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Sanyata Creo	Chelsea Amato	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Charlu Chua	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Liz Coustley	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration	Veritas	No Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maria Abela			



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You're invited to Alpha at our Parish

Alpha is an informal and welcoming series of interactive sessions that creates a safe and honest space for people from all backgrounds to explore life, faith, and meaning—no matter where they are on their faith journey.

The program runs every **Wednesday for 10–11 weeks**, with each session lasting just two hours. Each week, participants gather in a small group to **share a meal, watch a short video, and engage in open and respectful conversation.**

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners, make new friends, and explore life's big questions together in a supportive environment.

To reserve your place in our future Alpha program please email your details to melton@cam.org.au or send an SMS to **0422 808 018**.

We hope you can join us! We look forward to meeting you and sharing this journey together.

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

APRIL

Wednesday, 22nd	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 23rd	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church 7:00pm St Lukes Program Day1 First Eucharist
Friday, 24th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Wednesday, 29th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church Feast day of St Catherine of Siena 7:00pm St Dominic's Parish Hall - ALPHA Prog.
Thursday, 30th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church 7:00pm St Lukes Program Day2 First Eucharist

MAY

Friday, 1st	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Tuesday, 5th	7:00pm Baptism Information Night St Catherine of Siena Church
Saturday, 9th	11am BAPTISM St Catherine of Siena Church
Wednesday, 15th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church Mother's Day Mass 10:15am Mass : SFC Glowrey House 7:00pm St Dominic's Parish Hall - ALPHA Prog.
Thursday, 16th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Friday, 17th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church

Prime Timers LA PORCHETTA

Tuesday, 28 April 2026, 12noon RSVP by 24/04/26

For more info contact: Mary Conheady

#0421 778 126 or email maryco2@bigpond.com

MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE WEEKEND LITURGY ROSTER ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP?

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.

Prayer for the Synod

Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,

make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path

nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity

so that we may journey together to eternal life

and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You,

who are at work in every place and time,

in the communion of the Father and the Son,

forever and ever. Amen.



PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

March 2026 Update:

Pledged: \$5,794.23

Actual: \$4,564.23

Thank You

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](https://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.



PARISH BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Announcements & Notices: Please submit your announcement or notices no later than 9am 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. All subject to approval.



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