



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 OF LENT YR C | March 30, 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

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

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+61 3 8099 6000 | info@sfc.vic.edu.au



Truth and Reconciliation

For Jews, pigs are ritually unclean, so that living in a pig sty would make this young man unapproachable.

So, imagine the reaction of his Jewish audience when Jesus told the story of the father running to his son and embracing him still stinking of the pig sty, exclaiming, 'You were lost and now you are found.'

That is Jesus' portrayal of his heavenly Father's relationship with us.

Of course, sometimes we are the older brother, resentful that someone seems to have had too easy a time of God's forgiveness. Is this the attitude of many who challenge the emphasis by Pope Francis on Mercy as the core of God's relationship with us?

More often, we are like the younger brother who has strayed to a far off place, sometimes quite deliberately.

We could resolve to approach the Sacrament of Mercy during Lent, knowing that our heavenly Father will run towards us, embracing us, exclaiming, 'You were lost but now you are found.' That is worth a celebration!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Today's Readings:

Josh 5:9-12 2Cor 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Week's Readings:

Isa 43:16-21 Phil 3:8-14 John 8:1-11

Recently Deceased

Paul Christopher Olinowski

Marieta DG Geronimo, Norma DJ Donado

Death Anniversaries:

Mariano de Jesus, Mary Buttigieg, Dorothy Corera, Enrico Garde, Mark Mario Dubouzet, John Willmott, Dorothy Mulready, Tess Hodgson, Francis Fernando, Leodigario Abrenica, Tonino DeVellis, Leodigario Abrenica, Prince Machado, Carmela Aguis, John Spiteri, Jenette Hunter, Christobell DeJong, Patrick Jansz, Eufemia Agbayani, Joseph Muscat, Michael Bradshaw, Hennessey Harmony Buttigieg, John Arlette, Pat Fisher, David Dobson, John Woof Snr, Chris Apap, Lourn Teano James, Neil Hedgcock, Valarie Stafrace, John Litchfield, Kath Coburn, Stephen Vella, Pauline Muscat, John Aquilina, Felica Vella, Karmen Vella, Vincent Vella, Catherine Caruana, Maurice Vella

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

Reflection by Sr Mary Fermio, RSJ

In many families there is often one member who is a bit wilder, more unorthodox than the rest of the family, who may consider themselves “better” people.

In this parable we know so well, the older brother thought he deserved more than his younger brother. He had stayed home, cared for his father, worked the farm, brought in the money; surely, he deserved a party, a night out with his friends! But in his wastrel brother, his father recognised a beloved “son”, one he had dearly missed, had kept watch for, knowing, sometime, he would come home penniless. Hence the welcome home party.

God treats us the same because of love for us. No matter how lost we may be, how distant we feel from God and the Church, open arms are always there to welcome us home.



I am the Church – am I a welcoming member of the Church family?

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.



LENT MOTIVATION

“Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.”

Pope Francis

PARTICIPATE IN THE 2025 JUBILEE OF HOPE

For those who are able to travel, the Archdiocese of Melbourne is offering a pilgrimage for youth to Rome this Jubilee Year. Registrations close April 11.

If you are unable to travel to Rome during the Jubilee Year, you are invited to join in on a local journey of reconciliation and renewal by participating in the 2025 Jubilee at one or more of the many Pilgrim Places across the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, where plenary indulgences may be obtained as part of this very special time.

VISIT LOCAL PILGRIM PLACES

Pilgrim Places across the Archdiocese of Melbourne will offer various experiences for pilgrims this Jubilee Year, including Masses, Reconciliation and adoration.



Please visit the website of each Pilgrim Place for details of what is offered, the time it is offered and who to contact to make arrangements for group pilgrimages.

- St Parick's Cathedral, East Melbourne
- St Luke's, Lalor
- Polish Marian Shrine, Aberfeldie
- At Mary Magdalen's, Trentham
- Divine Mercy Shrine, Keysborough
- St Patrick's, Mentone
- St Macartan's, Mornington
- St Mary's Star of the Sea, West Melbourne
- St Mary MacKillop, Keilor Downs
- Holy Trinity, Queenscliff
- St Dominic's, Camberwell East
- Sacred Heart, Croydon
- St Francis Xavier, Mansfield

JUBILEE PLENARY INDULGENCES

While indulgences do not absolve us of sin - that is for the sacrament of Reconciliation - they do orient our hearts towards God and free us to continue the journey to heavenly glory unhindered. There is a mysterious interior renewal that takes place. Just taking the time out of your day to visit a Pilgrim Place is an occasion to receive the Jubilee indulgence.

To obtain the Jubilee plenary indulgence, either during, before or within a short time after your visit to a Pilgrim Place, you are required to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, be refreshed by Holy Communion and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father with at least an Our Father and a Hail Mary.



CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at:

caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling:

1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we

**UNITE  AGAINST
POVERTY**
this Lent

**Project Compassion
boxes are available
in the Gathering
Area of the church.**

**The Lord is near to the
brokenhearted,
and saves the crushed
in Spirit.**



PSALM 34:18

beyond the vows

Saturday 12th April • 9:45am to 5pm
St Catherine of Siena Parish, Caroline Springs

\$50 per couple

A one day Catholic marriage retreat designed to help couples navigate life and draw closer together.

To register, scan the QR code or visit **beyondthevows.site**



Deepen in Intimacy

Connect with God

Be Renewed



**Parish Offertory Giving
February Update**

**Pledged: \$5,776.12
Actual: \$4,877.96**

*Thank
You*

Knights of the Southern Cross Men's Rosary

Date: 1st Saturday 5th April / Time: 10:00 am
Venue: outside St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne
Bring your Rosary

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.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER TRIDUUM 2025

St Anthony of Padua Church, Melton South

Friday, April 11 6.30pm Stations of the Cross

7pm Recollection Talk by Fr Ronaldo Masilang RCJ followed by Lenten Reconciliation

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH, WEST MELTON



Maundy Thursday April 17

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10 pm



Good Friday April 18

10.30am Stations of the Cross followed by Reconciliation
3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion



Holy Saturday April 19

10.30am Blessing of the Easter food baskets
7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday April 20

9am & 11am Easter Sunday Masses
Please Note: no 5pm Mass

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

HOME VISITATION & BLESSING REQUESTS

For Home Visitation & Blessing requests, please speak to one of our priests after Mass or fill out the online request form: [TINYURL.COM/HBLESSING](https://tinyurl.com/HBlessing)

PLEASE RING THE MASS MANAGER IF UNABLE TO ATTEND:

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

4th Sunday of Lent			Saturday & Sunday March 29&30, 2025	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Faith Tuputala	Liza Fernandes	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Lawrence Camenzuli	Liza Fernandes	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Tania Walters	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinala	Karl Metha	Liz Coustley	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinala	Maureen Mohr	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Chelsea Amato	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie		Janet Estrada
Choir		Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			
5th Sunday of Lent			Saturday & Sunday April 5&6, 2025	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Kate Mulholland	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Jennifer Peters	Cira Cleary	Josephine Krajina
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Alzira Mascarenhas	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Tania Walters	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion		Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Faith Tuputala	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan 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

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

APRIL

Wednesday, 2nd	No Mass at St Catherine's Church Mass at St Anthony's Melton South 9.30am
Thursday, 3rd	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 4th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am Term1 of the school year ends
Wednesday, 9th	No Mass at St Catherine's Church Mass at St Anthony's Melton South 9.30am
Thursday, 10th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 11th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Sunday, 13th	Palm / Passion Sunday
Wednesday, 16th	No Mass at St Catherine's Church Mass at St Anthony's Melton South 9.30am
Thursday, 17th	No morning Mass at St Dominic's
Friday, 18th	No morning Mass at St Dominic's

See Holy Week & Easter Triduum Liturgy Times on page 3 of the Tidings

Wednesday, 23rd	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15 am Year 6 & Prep students to attend Baptism Information Night 7.30 pm St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 24th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 25th	ANZAC Public Holiday No Mass at St Dominic's Church Mass: 9.30 am at St Anthony's Melton South
Saturday, 26th	Baptisms: 11am & 12.15pm

ENGAGING YOUR FAITH

Engaging Your Faith (EYF) is a **series of short, online presentations** that invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world. Experienced academics from Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics such as: science and faith issues including AI, Vatican II, Blessed Virgin Mary, Scriptures, religion and ethics, and Jubilee of Hope. For further information visit the Catholic Theological College at <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/>

These sessions would be an ideal opportunity for lay leaders and other interested people in our parish to explore the possibilities offered at CTC for personal, theological, and spiritual development.



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](https://tinyurl.com/GIVEMELTON)

You may also like to use the Smart Terminal at the welcome desk to contribute to the Parish.



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Head to our website and subscribe to The Tidings or simply scan the QR code to enter your email to receive a digital copy. You will then receive a verification



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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