



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.

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - September 28, 2025

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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)

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

Many of you, I am sure, have walked past someone on our city streets who was begging for assistance. Maybe just sitting there expecting, hoping for some help. One may wonder "Is he in genuine need, or not!"

Jesus tells a story in today's gospel of Lazarus sitting at the rich man's gate hoping for some help. Covered in sores he would not have been a pretty sight and would have repulsed those who walked past. He died and went to heaven.

Many refugees have arrived on our shores looking for a better life, sometimes finding a welcome, sometimes being locked in detention centres, hoping each day to be allowed to leave, to provide an education for their children. Are they treated like Lazarus and ignored?

May our ears and hearts be opened to feel the discomfort of the Gospel.



Next Week's Readings:

Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4 2Tim 1:6-8, 13-14 Luke 17:5-10

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

Leslie Butler, R. S Irving, Rose Sarmiento, Ann Mc Keown, Chris Said, Mary Roe Camenzuli, Emaneul Zarb, Margaret Peters, Emanueul Calleja, Peter Calleja, Toni Calleja, Patricia Dean, Angelina Perez, Sheila Jongebloed, Percy Motha, George Said, Dulce Corazon Caancan, Gerry Gomez, Krystyna Drozd, Anthony Gatt, Ron Nicholas, Anthony Zahra, Robert Patterson, Robert Hoare, Sr. Catherine Quilligan, Colleen O'Meara, Joseph Glowacki, Phyllis Woods, Paul Cara, Sonny Parnis, Dominic Santa Maria, Melville Callanan, Don Tallent, Priscila Rodriguez, Vin Gerber, Daniela DiSante, Sigmund Hoenig Sr, Giuseppe Montalti, Jim Lawson, Brian Dobson,

Healing for the Sick:

Alexis Eslao, Nicasia - Anna Orallo

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.



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

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading *Amos 6:1, 4-7*

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.
Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like David,
they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
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.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. *(R.)*
3. He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. *(R.)*

Second Reading *1Tim 6:11-16*

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed
by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,
the King of kings and the Lord of lords,
who alone is immortal,
whose home is in inaccessible light,
whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:
to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 16:19-31*

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.'"

Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

**St Anthony of Padua
Melton South**

WANT TO WIN A CAR?

Christmas Raffle 2025 for \$25.00

1st Prize: MG ZS value \$28,799

2nd Prize: Travel Voucher value \$3,000

3rd Prize: Apple Mac Book value \$1,699

4th Prize: Apple iPhone 16 value \$1,399

5th Prize: Apple Watch value \$649

See Gathering Area & Posters for Details



eSafety Commissioner

TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT THE AGE RESTRICTIONS

As we approach **December 10**, when the new **Social Media Minimum Age** law comes into effect, it's important for families to start preparing for the changes. If you have children under 16 who currently use age-restricted social media platforms, they will be directly impacted by the new law.

To support your children through this transition, it's helpful to:

- Talk openly about the new age restrictions and why they're being introduced.
- Understand how your child currently uses social media and explore how these changes might affect them.
- Reassure them that these changes are about safety and wellbeing, not punishment.
- To help guide these conversations, eSafety has developed practical tips for parents and carers to start these conversations to support you in starting and managing discussions in a calm and constructive way.

Find out more at: www.safety.gov.au

Search: social media age restrictions **FAQ**

THE ARCHANGELS



SAINT MICHAEL

glorious prince of heaven, protector of souls, I call on you to free me from all adversity and all sin, and to make me useful in God's service, obtaining from Him the grace of final perseverance. Amen.

SAINT GABRIEL

glorious archangel, God's stronghold and voice, I call on you to obtain for me the grace of being preserved from evil, victory over the devil and domination of my bad inclinations until the end of my life. Amen.

SAINT RAPHAEL

glorious archangel, God's remedy, I call on you to heal all my body and soul's infirmities and help me flee from the sins that do such harm. Deliver back to us the gift of recovery and conversion. Amen.

HOLY ARCHANGELS, PRAY FOR US!

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www.melbatholic.org/melton

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29th September 2025

Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

GUARDIAN ANGEL PRAYER

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light, to guard, to rule, to guide.

Angel of God, my guardian dear, as daylight fades, be ever near. Watch over me throughout the night, until the morning's gentle light.

Guardian Angel, lead me right, through each day and every night. Grant me wisdom, pure and bright, in your guidance, I'll find delight.



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

26 th Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday September 27 & 28, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Karl Metha	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Sanyata Creo	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Amy Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	Sanghaya Creo	Faith Tuputala	Daniella Ahmet	Danielle Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			

27 th Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday October 4 & 5, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuiness	Anne Stokie	Amy Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tania Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Faith Tuputala	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Asther Creo	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanghaya Creo	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration 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

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BREAKFAST PROGRAM

WWC required (usually St Dominic's 7:20-8:45am)

More details contact Maureen #0437 463 449
or Anne #0417 149 472

PRIME TIMERS

30 September 2025, Tuesday 12:00pm
The Border Inn, 139 Main St Bacchus Marsh
(Flanigans)

Enquiries contact Ineke 0400120401/
ineke49@yahoo.com

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

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

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, 27th **Baptisms 12.15 pm**

OCTOBER

Wednesday, 1st	School Holidays No Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 2nd	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 3rd	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Monday, 6th	Back to school for Term 4 to begin
Wednesday, 8th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am St Catherine Year 6 students to attend
Thursday, 9th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 10th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 6 students to attend
Wednesday, 15th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am St Catherine Year 5 students to attend Baptism Information Night 7.30 pm at St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 16th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 17th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 5 students to attend
Saturday, 18th	Baptisms 11 am & 12.15 pm
Wednesday, 22nd	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am St Catherine Year 4 students to attend
Thursday, 23rd	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 24th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 4 students to attend
Saturday, 25th	Baptisms 11 am & 12.15 pm

**Having God in your boat doesn't mean
you won't face any storms.
It means no storm can sink your boat.**



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The Tidings before the weekend?

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simply scan the QR code to enter your email to
receive a digital copy.



PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

August Update

**Pledged: \$6,252.54
Actual: \$4,517.13**



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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](https://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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