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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.

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - August 17, 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

Cobblebank Campus (Year 7-8): Bridge Rd, Cobblebank
+61 3 8099 6000 | info@sfcc.vic.edu.au

Reflection by Fr. Wilford Urmaza, RCJ

THE PATH OF DISCIPLESHIP

The Gospel today speaks of a profound and challenging impact upon Jesus' disciples. Jesus doesn't mince His words by telling them that "I have come to set the earth on fire." The statement does not mean that He brings destruction upon the earth by sending fire, but fire that transforms their hearts into truth, not falsehood, and knowledge, not ignorance.

To be a disciple demands a radical commitment of fervent love and loyalty to Him, their willingness to be purified and transformed according to His purpose, and abiding in His word by demonstrating their commitment through obedience, the readiness to die with Him, as at baptism, embracing sacrifices, and letting go of unnecessary possessions and personal comfort.

Discipleship transcends beyond other priorities and commitments, even familial relationships, which at times result in division within the family. This division underscores the demand for ultimate loyalty to Christ. Jesus emphasizes that one's love for Him must be greater than love for father, mother, son, or daughter, indicating that discipleship may involve a radical reordering of priorities. Jesus calls His disciples to love Him more than their families. He must be the highest in the hierarchical relationship of every disciple. All the rest are secondary.

In summary, discipleship, therefore, is a transformative process that calls for a complete surrender to Jesus Christ, demanding a radical reorientation of one's life and priorities. Jesus encourages potential disciples to consider the cost of following Him before making a commitment. While discipleship may involve earthly hardships, the ultimate reward is eternal life with Christ.



No Masses on the following dates (Clergy Conference)

20 Aug 2025 Wed. - St Catherine of Siena Church
21-22 Aug 2025 Thurs-Fri - St Dominics Church



PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

July Update

Pledged: \$5,122.35

Actual: \$4,505.96

Thank
You

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

Entrance Antiphon *Ps 83:10-11*

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within
your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading *Jer 37:4-6, 8-10*

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. *(R.)*
2. He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. *(R.)*
3. He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. *(R.)*
4. As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! *(R.)*

Second Reading *Heb 12:1-4*

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel *Luke 12:49-53*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

Today's Readings:

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 Heb 12:1-4 Luke 12:49-53

Next Week's Readings:

Isa 66:18-21 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Luke 13:22-30

Eternal Repose for Recently Deceased

Laurie Dalli

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

Lorenza Galea, Peter Paul Borg, Christopher Ryan Lane, Ivy Silva, Paul D'Souza, Jose G Ty, Kevin Nihill, Georgette Bazerghi, Hilda Callanan, Lafaele Matul, Mary Ann Zammit, Zaren Aquinalla, Francisca Silva, Philomina Peters, Christine Curtain, James Dempsey, James Simpson, Helen Van Orsouw, Luisa F Romea, Lois McPhee, Ruth Turner, Joseph Gerada, Rosario Machado, Maurice Vassallo-Grant, Alfred Formosa, Ester Abraham, Lynette Paiva, Dianne Curtin, Nicola D Sante, Marolli Edna Verlander, Robert Hislop, Albert Scott, Anthony Buhagiar, Mark Vassallo-Grant, Melissa Smith, Jim Hctor, John Vella, Vincenzo Coridi

Healing for the Sick:

Alexis Eslao

LUKE 12:49

"I HAVE COME TO SET THE
EARTH ON FIRE
AND HOW I WISH
IT WERE
ALREADY
BLAZING!"

Love never rests
but spreads like fire
that burns everything.
And all of us human beings
should tend towards being set
alight by this fire of love and
that it may burn all souls that
are and will be in the world.
This is the ideal towards which
we should tend.

St Maximilian Kolbe
(1894-1941)

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Bulletin Notice

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Online information meeting

Tuesday, 24 September 2025 beginning 19:00 – 20:00

Location: via ZOOM

Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing *Deacon Kevin Pattison* Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

*Go out to
the whole world;
proclaim the
Good News
to all creation.*

MARK 16:15

St Anthony of Padua Melton South

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Christmas Raffle 2025 for \$25.00

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3rd Prize: Apple Mac Book value \$1699

4th Prize: Apple iPhone 16 value \$1399

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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

20th Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday August 16 & 17, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Kate Mulholland	Anne Stokie	Chelsea Amato	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tania Walters	Lawrence Camenzuli	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Faith Tuputala	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Liz Coustley	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Vickie Cassar	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			

21st Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday August 23 & 24, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Tania Walters	Asther Creo	Daniella Ahmet	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Manoj D’Silva	Jennifer Peters	Chelsea Amato	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Faith Tuputala	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			



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



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

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www.melbcatholic.org/

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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.

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)

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

AUGUST

Wednesday, 20th	NO Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church (Clergy Conference) Baptism Information Night: St Catherine's Church 7.30 pm
Thursday, 21st	NO Mass: St Dominic's Church (Clergy Conference)
Friday, 22nd	NO Mass: St Dominic's Church (Clergy Conference)
Saturday, 23rd	Sacrament of Confirmation for St Dominic's school candidates @ 11 am & St Luke's candidates @ 2 pm
Wednesday, 27th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am St Catherine Yr 6 students to attend 10.15 am St Francis College Bernard House Mass
Thursday, 28th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 29th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am Yr 3 students to attend
Saturday, 30th	Baptisms 11am & 12.15pm

**PRIME TIMERS—19
August 2025—Tues.**

Morning Melodies

Deer Park Club,

780 Ballarat Rd.

Deer Park,

Door cover \$5

Senior Meals from \$10

For more details

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St Vincent de Paul Society
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The Melton Conference of St Vincent De Paul

Urgently needs more Volunteers

30-31st Aug. 2025 there will be guest
speakers at Mass explaining the works &
needs of the society

1st Sept, 2025 information session at the
Parish Meeting Room from 9:30am to
10:30am or 6:00pm to 7:00pm

See Flyers for details or have a chat with

Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr, SVDP
Volunteers

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.