



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.

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR C | February 9, 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 & 5pm
- Wednesday Mass 9.15am

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

- Thursday & Friday 9.15am

CONFESSION

St Catherine of Siena Church
Saturday: 5.45 pm | Sunday: 4.45pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & ROSARY

St Dominic's Church

- Thursday following the 9.15am 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

Do not be afraid

When Peter is overcome by the catch of fish and falls on his knees before Jesus, the response Jesus makes is to simply say, 'Do not be afraid'. This phrase is the most often repeated phrase in the Bible. It appears more than 60 times throughout the Bible – depending on which translation one uses. This is an extraordinary number of times for the one phrase to appear. And the references stretch from the first book, Genesis, to the last, Revelation. It is God's message to us echoing throughout the Bible: Do not be afraid!



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 6:1-8 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11 Luke 5:1-11

Next Week's Readings: Jer 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Luke 6:17, 20-26

Prayer Requests

Recently Deceased:

Gilda "Dhang" Geronimo Tabora

Death Anniversaries:

Michael Cirillo, Edward Woodward, Bernard Breslin, Thelma Luff, Gordon Weiland, Mieczyslaw Wojcysz, John Haugh, Josephine Vella, John Cullis, Digger Dunn, Marie Rayner, Margeaux Elise Abella, Rudolf Bada, Phillip Drew, Abraham Groot, Elmer Layaden, Rita Knight, Len Kennedy, Pauline Williams, Travis Taylor, Frank Coburn, Ernest Hawira, Joseph Wojcik, Rosemary Magri, George Mitchell, John Caldwell, Nina James, Bill Van Orsouw, Fr Francesco Ceravolo, Angel De Luna, Ildefonso Punzalan, Charles de Pares, Sofia Liwanag, Joyce Balnaves, Roseo Huerto, Antony Vadassery, John Donovan, Michael Bilson, Katana Bulic, Laura V. Morcozo, Loreto Clemente

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.



Parish Offertory Giving

January Update

Pledged: \$6,500.23 Actual: 4,925.25

Thank
You

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

Reflection by Fr Alex Clemente, RCJ

The fisherman, Simon Peter is the first to be called personally by Jesus. His calling resembles Isaiah's commissioning in the First Reading. Confronted with the holiness of the Lord, both Peter and Isaiah are overwhelmed by a sense of their own sinfulness and inadequacy. Yet each experiences the Lord's forgiveness and is sent to preach the good news of His mercy to the world.

"I hardly deserve the name apostle" Paul recognizes in today's Epistle. But by "the grace of God," even a persecutor of the Church, as Paul once was, can be lifted up to be a great preacher and an outstanding missionary.

Simon put out into deep waters even though, as a professional fisherman, he knew it would be foolhardy to expect to catch anything. In humbling himself before the Lord's command, he was exalted. His nets filled to overflowing. Later, he became the leader of the apostles and as Paul tells us, he will become the first to see the risen Lord.

Have you heard an invitation from God to go into the deep lately? What are the deeps that God is inviting you to explore? As we make ourselves available for the Lord's service, let us seek the grace of courage and endurance.



So do not fear, for I am
with you; do not be
dismayed, for I am your
God.
I will strengthen you and
help you;
I will uphold you with
my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

PRIME TIMERS February Outing

BBQ at Melton Botanic Gardens, Tuesday 25th, 11:30 am

Sausage sizzle will be provided BYO salad, drinks etc.

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10 Things to Know About Jubilee 2025

Maria Wiering



Signs around the Eternal City declare "Roma si trasforma" — "Rome is transformed" as an explanation for the ubiquitous infrastructure projects underway, including the restoration of iconic sculptures and monuments, ahead of Jubilee 2025, a Holy Year that begins Christmas Eve.

While the metropolis is seizing the opportunity for renewal, that is ultimately the jubilee's expectation for the entire church. "For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the 'door' ... of our salvation, whom the church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as 'our hope,'" Pope Francis wrote in the document that officially declared the year.

Here are 10 things to know about the upcoming Jubilee Year.

1. A jubilee year, also known as a "holy year," is a special year in the life of the church currently celebrated every 25 years. The most recent ordinary jubilee was in 2000, with Pope Francis calling for an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy in 2015-2016.

Jubilee years have been held on regular intervals in the Catholic Church since 1300, but they trace their roots to the Jewish tradition of marking a jubilee year every 50 years.

According to the Vatican website for the jubilee, these years in Jewish history were "intended to be marked as a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation, and involved the forgiveness of debts, the return of misappropriated land, and a fallow period for the fields."

2. Jubilee 2025 opened Christmas Eve, 24 December, at 7 pm, with the rite of the opening of the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican immediately before Pope Francis celebrated midnight Mass.

Holy Doors also opened at Rome's three other major basilicas: St John Lateran on 29 December, St Mary Major on 1 January, and St Paul's Outside the Walls on 5 January.

The dome of St. Peter's Basilica was seen over a cloth barricade reading "Rome Jubilee 2025" that surrounded a construction site at the beginning of the broad boulevard leading to St. Peter's Square Dec. 4, 2024. The city of Rome prepared for the Holy Year with hundreds of roadworks and restoration projects.



A Holy Door was also opened 26 December at Rebibbia Prison, a Roman prison Pope Francis has visited twice before to celebrate Mass and wash inmates' feet on Holy Thursday.

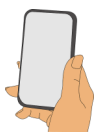
The doors represent the passage to salvation Jesus opened to humanity. In 1423, Pope Martin V opened the Holy Door in the Basilica of St John Lateran - the Diocese of Rome's cathedral - for the first time for a jubilee.

For the Holy Year of 1500, Pope Alexander VI opened Holy Doors at Rome's four main basilicas. At the end of a holy year, the Holy Doors are formally closed and then bricked over by masons.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11 February 2025 – is a global day of action dedicated to raising awareness of online safety. Did you know that children aged 8-17 are engaging in beneficial activities online. Children are going online to learn, play and socialise.

- 87% watched video clips
- 79% completed schoolwork
- 67% searched for and learnt something new
- 61% played games alone
- 56% played games with other people
- 51% used social media
- 31% looked at news
- 19% created and posted own video or music
- 16% posted own story or blog
- 13% discussed political or social problems



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



SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

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

PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM 2025

Theme: **Metanoia**

a transformative change of heart

Inspired by the Gospels



Let the beautifully designed, 76 page, full colour booklet guide your spiritual renewal through daily reflections, Sunday readings, spiritual direction, prayers and group discussion questions.

Program commences the week of March 3 and runs over 6 weeks. The provided free booklet is easy to follow.

Generally, groups meet in the Parish Meeting Room and on a variety of days and times suitable to participants. Sometimes meetings are held in a parishioner's home.

Feedback over the past 18 years has been very positive as participants were able to share their faith and life experiences within a welcoming and caring environment. The entire program is a faithful and enjoyable experience.

**Come along and give it a try ...
you will be delightfully surprised.**

Names are required by February 18.

Feel free to organise your own group - but let Brendan know.

Complete your details on the sheet in the Gathering Area of the church and Brendan will contact you to confirm details of night / day / group.

Contact Coordinator: Brendan Richards

0418 883 550 or bmrichards@ozemail.com.au



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday February 8&9, 2025	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Kate Mulholland	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Sanghaya Creo	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Tania Walters	Karl Metha	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday February 15&16, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Karl Metha	Liza Fernandes	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Lawrence Camenzuli	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Vickie Cassar	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Faith Tuputala	Chelsea Amato	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			



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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

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 12th	*Mass: St Catherine's Church 9.15 am St Catherine's Year 6 students to attend *Baptism Information Night @ 7.30pm St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday 13th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday 14th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15am: St Dominic's Year 6 students to attend
Saturday 15th	Baptisms @ 11am & 12.15pm
Saturday & Sunday 15th @ 6 pm or 16th @ 11am	Presentation Weekend for St Luke's Penance Sacramental Program
Wednesday 19th	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9.15 am: St Catherine's Year 5 students to attend
Thursday 20th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 21st	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15am: St Dominic's Year 4 students to attend
Saturday, 22nd	Baptisms @ 11am & 12.15pm
Wednesday, 26th	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9.15 am: St Catherine's Year 4 students to attend
Thursday, 27th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 28th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15am: St Dominic's Year 3 students to attend

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)



Soup Van

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Do you:

- Have a passion for giving a 'hand up' to individuals experiencing food and financial insecurity?
- Love giving back to your local community?
- Enjoy engaging with people from all walks of life?

What could I be doing on the Soup Vans?

Preparing and packing food, assisting with loading the Soup Vans, distributing food on a 'Soup Van Run' and assisting in cleaning up the kitchen and soup van vehicle as a team.



Sign up now using our QR code!



VINNIES SOUP VANS STREET SERVICE MELTON



Soup Vans will continue its Street Service
around Melton as follows:

Tuesday 6.00-6.30pm

Melton Town Centre Amphitheatre
Palmerston St, Melton

Tuesday 7.00-7.30pm

Melton Station Square Shopping Centre
11-25 Station St, Melton Sth

Thursday (new stop) 6.00-7.00pm **Melton
Town Centre Amphitheatre**
Palmerston St, Melton

- Non-perishable pantry items
- Toiletries Soup,
- Sandwiches, hot food

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.

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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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