



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.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - September 6, 2026

CLERGY

Parish Priest: FR ALEX CLEMENTE, RCJ

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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: 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

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

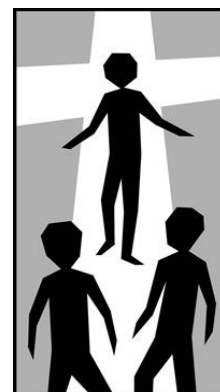
Reflection by Fr. Wilford Urmaza, RCJ

Resolving Conflict in the Spirit of Love

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches His disciples how to address conflicts and differences within the community. He outlines a gentle and structured path toward resolving conflicts and restoring relationships, grounded in truth rather than hearsay or condemnation. Addressing someone directly and privately first honors that person's dignity and creates an opportunity for genuine healing and reconciliation.

In this light, the Gospel reminds us that accountability within a community is an act of charity. By calling one another to growth with patience, humility, and love, we foster authentic unity. Jesus further strengthens this communal bond by promising His presence whenever two or three gather in His name.

Reconciliation, therefore, is not merely a personal responsibility but a spiritual practice that invites Christ into our relationships. When we allow Him to guide us, He can transform conflict into an opportunity for grace, healing, and deeper communion, giving each person the opportunity to experience authentic forgiveness and restored relationships.



Next Week's Readings:

Eze 33:7-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mat 18:15-20

Death Anniversaries:

Peter Corcoran, Charles Welsh, Anna Muscat, Tony Mercieca, Anna Puszkas, Kathleen Jephson, Ivor LaFontain, Lawrie Haber, Anna Asta, Wally Vella, Frank Spiteri, Donato Vannuccini, Maryann Muscat, Henk Van Keulen, Oscar Caruana, Barbara Jeffries, Roy Panter, Donford Maiden, Veronica Smakman, Roy Gillette Parker, Natalie Rioux, Stephen Pace, Noel Hussey, Roserio Simbulan, Reno Chetcuti, Steve Dunn, Bill Nicholls, Anne Connell, Nicola Liquorish, Mary Gordon, Margaaret Nuzzo, Justine Barnett, Rose Mercieca, Danny Frawley, Michael Cooke, May Haig, William Beekhof, Thelma Carron, Jarek Swercz, Teumega Teigoamalie, Fr Pete Sinnema, Teresa Vanuccini, Dorothea Zerafa, Angela Ledbe, Alfred Giacamoto, Peter Linton, Richard Goss, Michael Hrymek, Michael Dillon, James Cabreros

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

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading

Eze 33:7-9

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading

Rom 13:8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation
he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mat 18:15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that
yearns for
running
streams,
so my soul is
yearning for
you, my God;
my soul is thirsting
for God, the
living God.



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.

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.



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

A prayer for the Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi

Pope Leo XIV had announced that 2026 is a Jubilee Year of St. Francis, to commemorate the

800th anniversary of the saint's death. The Holy Father has offered this prayer for the occasion:

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago, went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord. You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall. You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries.

In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen~~~



2026 FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE OF THE PARTNERED PARISHES OF MELTON SOUTH AND MELTON

On Saturday, 10 October 2026, our Partnered Parishes will travel by bus on a special pilgrimage to St Anthony's Church Capuchin Friary, Hawthorn, and St Francis of Assisi Church, Mill Park.

Itinerary 8.30am – Depart Melton/Melton Sth

9.30am – Arrive at St Anthony's Capuchin Friary Church, Hawthorn

12.00pm – Shared picnic lunch (BYO) at Mill Park

2.00pm – Proceed to St Francis of Assisi, Mill Park

3.00pm – Holy Mass

4.00pm – Depart for Melton/Melton Sth

Three buses have been booked. The cost

is \$55 per person,

which includes travel, a snack, and a

Pilgrimage Kit.

Please scan the QR code to book and pay for the pilgrimage.

For those who need assistance with the QR code,

please see our volunteers after Mass or contact the Parish

Office during the week.



Kindly return all tear off pledge card and envelopes
You may also use the QR Code
on the envelope
to make an online donation.

Your prayerful and generous donations helps make this Archbishop campaign possible. Thank you for your faithful support and partnership in this shared mission.

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.

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

Twenty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday September 5 & 6, 2026

Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
WELCOME	Kate Mulholland	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Samuel
THE WORD	Tania Walters	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Josephine Krajina
RESPONDER	Tetchie Hadfield	THEO FRANKEN	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Maria Alvarado	Charlu Chua	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
HOLY COMMUNION	ROBERT OBTINALLA	KALAMELI	LIZ COUSTLEY	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
HOLY COMMUNION	LENY OBTINALLA	CHARLU CHUA	MARISSA TUASON	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
POWERPOINT OPERATOR	James Taniman		DANIELLA AHMET	NINA AHMET
GIFT SHOP	MARGARET RICHARDS	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
CHOIR	DIVINE MERCY	Veneration	Veritas	Tongan
COUNTERS	Jennifer Peters, Tania Walters			

Twenty-Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday September 12 & 13, 2026

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
WELCOMER	Maria Alvarado	Anne Stokie	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
THE WORD	Tetchie Hadfield	Jennifer Peters	Chelsea Amato	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
RESPONDER	Maria Prasetyono	Vickie Cassar	LEA JACUTA	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	GAIL VAS	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	ELAINNE DE LOS SANTOS
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	KATE MULHOLLAND TANIA WALTERS	THEO FRANKEN CHARLU CHUA	LIZ COUSTLEY LEA JACUTA	Josephine Krajina Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
POWERPOINT OPERATOR	James Taniman	Marissa Tuason		DANIELLA AHMET
GIFT SHOP	TANIA WALTERS	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
CHOIR	DIVINE MERCY	Veneration	VERITAS	Filipino
COUNTERS	John Woof, Leslie Gordon			



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Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 6pm Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm	
SEPTEMBER	
Tuesday, 8th	7:00pm Information Night—Baptism St Catherine of Siena Church Gathering Area
Wednesday, 9th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church Prep Mass SCPS
Thursday, 10th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church
Friday, 11th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church - Year <i>St Francis Feast Day</i> 9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church SFC Cobblebank students <i>SFC Melton Stadium</i> 9:15am Mass: SFC Melton Students 12:10pm Mass: SFC Cobblebank Students
Saturday 12th	11am / 12:15pm—Baptism St Catherine of Siena Church
Wednesday, 16th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church End of Term —whole school
Thursday, 17th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church
Friday, 18th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church—Prep
Wednesday, 23rd	9:15am NO Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 24th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church
Friday, 25th PH	9:15am NO Mass: St Dominics Church

Melbourne Synod 2026

"journeying together," reflecting the Church's commitment
to collaboration and shared decision-making.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE



PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING 2026

August Update
Pledged: \$6,135.77
Actual: \$4,563.42

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.



PRAYER

TO ALL FATHERS THIS FATHER'S DAY

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of fatherhood. Today, we lift up all fathers, grandfathers, and father figures. Grant them wisdom to guide, patience to endure, and strength to lead their families with unconditional love. Bless their sacrifices, comfort those who are weary, and let their legacy reflect Your grace.

St. Joseph, patron saint of all fathers, pray for us! Amen.



SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY
In the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne,
the safety and wellbeing of all persons
is of highest priority.

Dinner with the Archbishop

Organised by: Knights of the Southern Cross
Friday 16th October 2026 at 7.00 pm
Grand star Reception convention centre Altona North
Speaker: Peta Credlin AO
Guest of Honour :
Melbourne Archbishop Peter Comensoli
Cost: \$170 per person
Proceeds will support the education of clergy in Victoria

Memorial Wall Plaques

There are still spots available on our Memorial Wall next to St Dominic's Church to commemorate former parishioners and loved ones whose remains are buried or interred elsewhere with a memorial plaque. For more details or to arrange or reserve a spot, please contact the Parish Office directly. Forms are also available in the Gathering Space to fill out and return to the Parish Office.



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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