



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.

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - October 12, 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 Fr. Alex Clemente, RCJ

Leprosy in the Biblical times was a devastating physical, emotional and social affliction. Jesus' healing of the lepers symbolizes God's ability to restore us to physical health, spiritual wellness, and communal relationship. The story in the gospel encourages us to continue seeking God's handiwork in the midst of our own experiences of pain, distress and isolation. There is hope! We are assured of healing and peace. Like Naaman in the first reading, we are to acknowledge the Lord's presence anytime. Indeed, faith brings out miracles!

The Samaritan leper who returned to Jesus to give thanks inspires us to be grateful. Blessings increase when we appreciate them and express our grateful hearts to the giver. In the gospel, Jesus told to the one who returned with thanksgiving "Go on your way, your faith has saved you". The grateful one did not just get cured but gained membership in the kingdom of heaven. After that, he must have been very happy proclaiming the good news of salvation everywhere.

How can I recognize God's grace offered to me day by day?

How do I reach out bringing hope to the sick and ostracized around me?



Next Week's Readings:

Ex 17:8-13 2Tim 3:14-42 Luke 18:1-8

Recently Deceased

Wevina Galea, Garang Deng, Dominador Sarmiento Jr.

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

Eric Huxtable, Stan Wedekind, Victor Biskup, John Lane, Sr Giulia Bruna Corletto, Rita Pisani, Mary Cutajar, Eddie Simbulan, Concetta Pasquini, Audrey Rilling, Justin Seneviratne Snr, Ivan Fisher, Michael Bonnici, David Drummond, Amber Laverick, Bali Vittele, Greg Rowley, Florunce Poli, William Reasonable, John McPhee, Tony Gatt, Phil Licciardo, Ursula Milligan, Lucky Fernando, Rosemari Delazilisa, Melville Callanan, Peter Rouvray, John Sullivan, Denzil Gomez, Frank Mc Cabe, Monica Bradshaw, Vincent Micallef, Nel Trezise, Assunta Stirpe, Peter Wedekind, Margaret Falk, Lorna Abuan, Salvacion Lagaran, Angelo Azzopardi, Francis Rowan, Conching Ventura, Lawrence Dillon, Stephanie Jeffkins,

Wilfredo Snr. de Guzman,

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

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

First Reading *2 Kings 5:14-17*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. *(R.)*
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. *(R.)*
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. *(R.)*

Second Reading *2Tim 2:8-13*

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.
If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.
If we disown him, then he will disown us.
We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 17:11-19*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

THE JUBILEE OF MARIAN SPIRITUALITY



The Jubilee of Marian Spirituality
recognises the ways that devotion to the
Blessed Virgin Mary can strengthen the
faith life of individuals and, in turn, the Church.

PRAYER

Mother, help our faith! Open our ears to hear God's word
and to recognize his voice and call. Awaken in us a desire
to follow in his footsteps, to go forth from our own land
and to receive his promise.

Help us to be touched by his love, that we may touch him
in faith.

Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him and to believe in
his love, especially at times of trial, beneath the shadow
of the cross, when our faith is called to mature.

Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One.

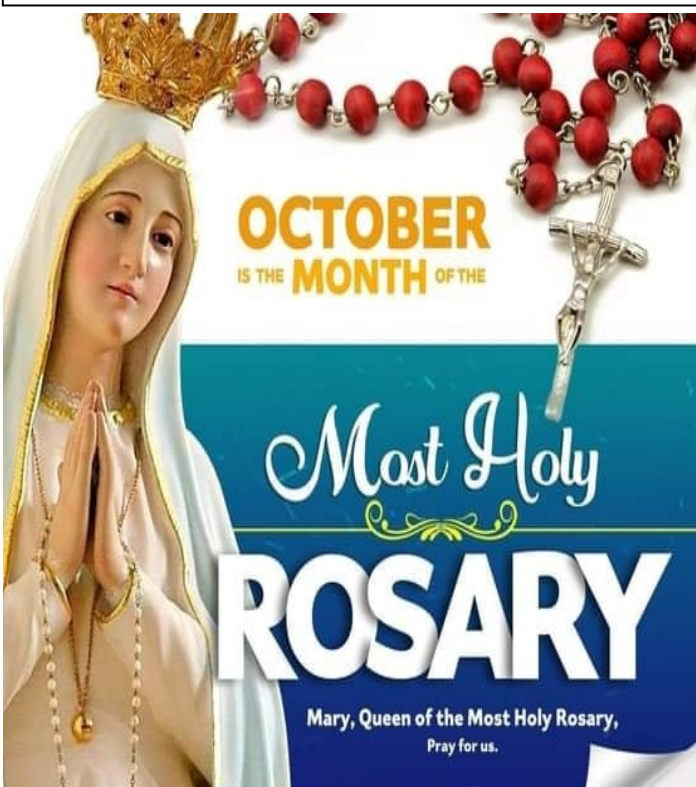
Remind us that those who believe are never alone.

Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he
may be light for our path. And may this light of faith
always increase in us, until the dawn of that undying day
which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord!
Amen.

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



OCTOBER
 IS THE MONTH OF THE

Most Holy ROSARY

Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary,
 Pray for us.

PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE of the
Catholic Parishes in Melton 2025

Celebrate the Jubilee Year with a sacred journey visiting **three churches with Jubilee Doors**. A day of prayer, reflection, and fellowship for the whole community.

15
 NOVEMBER
 2025
SATURDAY

"There is hope for you."
 — Pope Francis, on the opening of the Holy Door for the Jubilee Year



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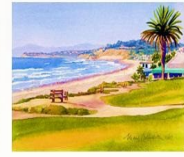
ITINERARY

8AM Bus leaves St Anthony's Church, Melton South

- Visit the **St Mary Star of the Sea** in West Melbourne
- Visit the **Divine Mercy Shrine** in Keysborough
- Visit the **St Macartan's Catholic Church** in Mornington

Adjourn to the beachfront park for a picnic.

Don't forget to pack your picnic baskets!



7.30PM Arrive at St Anthony's Church, Melton South

A Jubilee Year is celebrated by the Church every 25 years.

The Jubilee year commenced with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's on Christmas Eve 2024.

In Scripture

Over the years, other official references point to scriptural explanations outlining the importance of the Holy Door via Jesus' messages and titles.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you" (Luke 11:9)

"I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come into you and eat with you, and you with me" (Revelation 3:20)

"I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved" (John 10:9)

An explanation from St. Peter's Basilica affirms that the Holy Door represents

"Jesus, the Good Shepherd and the gate of the sheep pen: 'I am the gate. Whoever enters through me, will be safe. He will go in and out, and find pasture' (John 10:9)." Consequently, "The message imparted by the Holy Door is that God's mercy reaches out to mankind's frailty."



Don't miss out Book your place today

CONFIRM YOUR SEAT

OPTION 1
 Scan the QR code to register and provide online banking receipt details

OPTION 2
 Register your name on the clipboard at the foyer and pay at the piety stall

COST AUD 50 per person
 Includes light snacks and a goodie bag

Check Pilgrimage Poster & Clipboard at the Gathering Area

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

28 th Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday October 11 & 12, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Kate Mulholland	Faith Tuputala	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Sanyata Creo	Cira Cleary	Janet Estrada
Responder	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Chelsea Amato	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Amy Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Faith Tuputala	Liz Coustley	Danielle Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			

29 th Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday October 18 & 19, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Asther Creo	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tania Walters	Faith Tuputala	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Amy Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Maureen Mohr	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanghaya Creo	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, John Woof			



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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

PRIME TIMER

28th October lunch at The Olive Tree, 111 Evans St.
Sunbury 12 o'clock. Meeting place at
The Waves car park Coburns Rd. at 11.30 am.
RSVP by 27th for more details contact Ineke
#0400 120 401 / ineke49@yahoo.com.

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.

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melton](http://www.melbcatholic.org/melton)

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For Home Visitation & Blessing requests, please speak to
Deacon Chris safter Mass or fill out the online request
form:

TINYURL.COM/HBLESSING

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

OCTOBER

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
Wednesday, 29th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am St Catherine Year 3 students to attend
Thursday, 30th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 31st	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 3 students to attend



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PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING September Update

**Pledged: \$5,877.54
Actual: \$4,745.04**

*Thank
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
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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