



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.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - July 12, 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

Human Heart's Perspective

The Parable of the Sower/Soil is Jesus' way of putting across his message to his disciples and audience about God's Kingdom, which can be received or rejected inside the human heart. Jesus uses parables to first engage listeners' minds, making them more receptive to difficult teachings and easier to remember.



When the disciples ask why He speaks in parables, Jesus answers that the "secrets of the kingdom" are given to the disciples, while others do not have that openness to receive them.

In this parable, the seed, the "word of the kingdom," is sown widely, but results differ because of varied kinds of soil—path, rocky ground, thorny ground, and fertile soil.

Jesus uses the soil parable to teach through a simple, everyday scenario how the Kingdom's word is received in different hearts and why understanding requires an open, receptive interior life. God's message is never weak, but it's the heart's condition that affects whether grace can take root, endure, and produce fruit abundantly.

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.



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

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading

Isa 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **(R.)**
2. And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. **(R.)**
3. You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **(R.)**
4. The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Rom 8:18-23

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mat 13:1-9

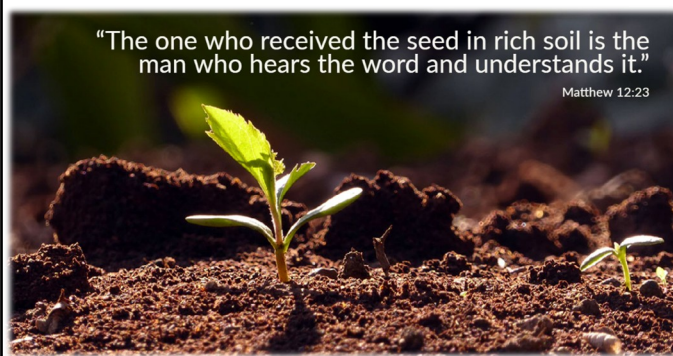
A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.



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.

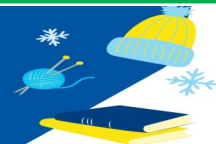
Send of Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

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

 **Vinnies**
good works

2026 VINNIES WINTER APPEAL



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

Next Week's Readings:

Isa 55:10-11 Rom 8:18-23 Mat 13:1-23

Recently Deceased

Elizabeth Kwiecinski (funeral 17.07.26)

Death Anniversaries:

Charlotte Adams, Joseph Cassar, Adrian Gaffy, Teodisio Sison, Rufina Fidel Magtibay, Jim Ritchie, Catherine Masterson, Mabel Mc Shane, Joe Fenech, William Mullins, Rita Psaila, Matilda Kozina, Lawrence DeBrincat, Frank Gabor, Mary Doris Rizzo, Godwin Grero, Valentin Sepe, Trieu Lunasin, Vincente Perez, Zygmunt Nowak, Dawn Freeman, Jean Bugden, Ellen Fitzgerald, Gracie Bonnici, Ellen Fitzgerald, Mario Pieris, Danica Turčić, Robert Mathieson, Ludwick Madej, Michael Muscat, Les Freney, Margaret Whitehand, Rosalia Castro, Margaret Dagge, Gerard Coupe, George Magri Vincenzina, Brian Hawkins, Mary Camilleri, David Sweeney, Alan Raymond Stowe, Bernie Breney, Dennis Drape, Adela Taguines, Jennifer Simbulan, Sandra Jane Alipud, Bol Agear, Luxhman Thilakeratne, Carmen Bartolo, Stella Rimmer, Agostino Inglesi, Elsie Perera, Paul Spiteri, John Spiteri, Hilda Callanan, Steve Woodhouse, Christopher Montalti 250711-17_34

Safeguarding Essentials—Group Training

Partnered Parish of Melton & Melton South

Saturday, 25 July 2026

1-3pm (registration from 12pm)

Padua Hall, Exford Road Melton South

Volunteers will have the opportunity to do their Safeguarding Essential Training if they have not already done so online.

If you are unable to attend the session you are required to complete the online module.

To Register in advance please use

Poster with QR Code

Located at the gathering area.



For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility.

This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with

families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.

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



6pm—Tania Walters 0492 952 478
9am Theo Franken 0411 040 897

11am— Lea Jacuta 0414 390 151
5pm - Josephine Krajina 0407 042 133

Fifteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday July 11 & 12

Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Kate Mulholland	Charlu Chua	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	THEO FRANKEN	Cira Cleary	Josephine Krajina
Responder	Tania Walters	JENNIFER PETERS	Chelsea Amato	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Charlu Chua	Lea Jacuta	ELAINE DE LOS SANTOS
EM of Holy Communion	MARIA ALVARADO	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	MARISSA TUASON	Frank Unferdorben
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	ANNE STOKIE	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	VENERATION	VERITAS	Filipino
Counters	JOHN WOOF, LESLIE GORDON			

Sixteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday July 18 & 19

Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Asther Creo	Chelsea Amato	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Sanghaya Creo	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Maria Prasetyono	Alzira Mascarenhas	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
EM of Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Marissa Tuason	Frank Unferdorben
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Christ the King	Veritas	Tongan
Counters	Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr, Karl Metha			



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

JULY

Wednesday, 15th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 16th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's church 7:00PM: St Dominic's Parish Hall St Luke's Sacramental Prog. - Confirmation
Friday, 17th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's church
Wednesday, 22nd	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 10:15am Mass: SFC Lawrence House St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 23rd	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's church 7:00PM: St Dominic's Parish Hall St Luke's Sacramental Prog. - Confirmation
Friday, 24th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's church Grand Parents Day Whole School Mass
Sat, 25th	11am Baptism: St Catherine of Siena Church
Wednesday, 29th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church Grandparents Day
Thursday, 30th	9:15am NO Mass: St Dominic's church 9:30am Mass : St Anthony Melton South 7:00PM: St Dominic's Parish Hall St Luke's Sacramental Prog. - Confirmation
Friday, 31st	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Hall St Dominic's Feast day Whole School Mass

Couples for Christ Australia—(CFCA)

Warmly invites everyone to a Christian Life Program (CLP). Integrated Program Designed to a Renewed understanding of God's call to Christian Couples. Each Sunday features different inspiring talks.

Cost : FREE

Sundays from 26 July to

6 September 2026

1:00—4:00 PM

St Anthony of Padua Hall,
Melton South



GOD and BEER

Topic: Creative Catholicism

Speaker: Fr James Grant

Date: Tuesday 14th July 2026 Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Dunlop Pavilion (DW Lucas Oval),
Dunlop St, East Malvern

Transport: Parking available, Train to Darling Station (venue is 100m from Darling Train Station - Glen Waverley Line)

Dinner for pre-purchase \$35

Godandbeer.com.au

More Info Contact Lawrence Camenzuli +61448398344

**PARISH OFFERTORY
GIVING 2026**

June Update

Pledged: \$5,900.35

Actual: \$4,925.62



Thank You

If you would like to:

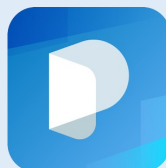
- Make a **one-off donation**
- Set up **recurring donations** to the parish
- Or **request a payment report**

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.



You're invited to Alpha at our Parish

Alpha is an informal and welcoming series that brings together people from all backgrounds, regardless of where they are on their faith journey. Whether you are new to Alpha or simply curious, everyone is encouraged to join and participate.

The program will run every Wednesday for 12 weeks, with each session lasting just 2 hours. Each week, a small group will share a meal, watch a video, and engage in open conversation.

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners, make new friends, and explore questions together in a supportive environment.

Our first meeting is scheduled for **Sept 2, 2026, at 7pm at St Dominic's School Hall in Unitt Street.**

Hope you can join us! We look forward to meeting everyone and sharing this experience together.

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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