THE TIDINGS

CATHOLIC PARISH MELTON

Serving the areas of Melton, West Melton, Harkness, Kurunjang, Toolern Vale, Plumpton, Grangefields, Bonnie Brook (west), Rockbank (west).

ALL SAINTS DAY - NOVEMBER 1, 2026

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.

CLERGY

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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)

Please Note: There is no Mass on a Public Holiday.

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

Beatitudes: the Framework of Holiness

On the Solemnity of All Saints, the Gospel gives us a blueprint of holiness, a sort of spiritual biography of Jesus. When we look at the lives of the canonized saints, we see that they lived out this message not merely by understanding it, but by embodying it just as Jesus did at the very outset of His public life. The Beatitudes are not just a pattern for a holy life, but a solemn invitation into a radical inversion of worldly values.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." To be "poor in spirit" is to empty oneself and lean entirely on God, recognizing one's profound spiritual need. This forms the core of Jesus' entire sermon to His disciples and extends even to us today.

But what does it take to be blessed, or to be happy in this life? It truly means sharing in the very happiness and life of God. The Anawim understand exactly what it means to be poor in every sense of the word, having nothing left to do but rely on God alone. Regardless of one's status in society, recognizing our utter dependence on God is of paramount importance.



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.

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

Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

First Reading

Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.
After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'
One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. ***(R.)***

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. ***(R.)***

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. ***(R.)***

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John
We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father
has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people,
we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet
been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself,
must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak.
This is what he taught them:
'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Next Week's Readings:

Wisdom 6:12-16, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

Recently Deceased: Leticia Balod

Death Anniversaries:

Neil Crowley, Russell Jardine, Erlinda Perez, Roger Pereira, Allan Johnson, Josephine Bugeja, Emelita Suniga , John Logan Snr., May McConnell, John Victor Wilson, Hilda Alice Callanan, Eugenia Muscat, George Farrugia, Fred, Rosario, Jose Sr,Jeng, Eddie, Bernard, Tin Tin Simbulan, Felix Prulan, Aileen Lacey Elton Rowley, Deana Alexandra Shakila, Margaret Machado, Mauro Delarosa, Kevin Fahler, Terry Sim, Maryanne Armeni, Fredisvinda M Pintor, Juan Malibiran Sr., Guiseppe & Maria Farfalla, Dan Hanrahan, Anton Tettman, Frank Hallinan, Corey Grima, Dora Galati, Stanislaw Rychlewski, Carmen Galea, Philip Galea, Michael Mercieca, Fr Bryan Donovan, Nola Hughes, Paul Cini, Ivan Netto, Vincent Cutajar, Ray Couglin, Mary Orsouw, Alain Louise, Ann Cole, John Spiteri, Paul Spiteri, Jenette Hunter, Megan Timms, Richard Kealy, Doreen Mary Drew, Stan & Gwen Burke, Terry Mc Shane, Bryan Lane, Phoebe O'Keeffe, Helen Bourguignon Jagaraj, David Nauer, Liua Tovia, Tovia Muagututia, Lui Asiasiga

ALL SOULS in PURGATORY *253110-0611*

Canonical Visit

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

Our parish community looks forward to welcoming Auxiliary Bishop Martin Ashe for his Canonical Visitation from 20 to 22 November 2026. Please pray for the fruitfulness of this visitation, that it may be a season of grace, renewal, and deep spiritual encouragement for our entire faith family.

Everyone is warmly invited to gather for a discussion about our parish life at the Parish Forum with morning tea on **Saturday, 21 November at 10:00-11:00am St Dominic Parish Hall on Unitt Street, Melton**.

eSafety News

New focus on safer online gaming

Online gaming can be a great way for children and young people to connect, learn and have fun. But like any online space, gaming also comes with risks including unwanted contact, scams, harmful behaviour, in game purchases and privacy concerns.

We recently published a report that examines the measures Roblox, Fortnite, Minecraft and Steam have in place to protect users from serious online harms. Our findings show that while some platforms have introduced positive safety updates, approaches to preventing exposure to serious harm remain inconsistent.

Explore our gaming guide for parents and carers for practical advice and conversation starters to help you understand your child's gaming experiences and keep the dialogue going.





Please Ring Mass Manager If Unable To Attend And Perform your Rostered Duty ➡ 6pm—Tania Walters 9am Theo Franken 11am— Lea Jacuta 5pm - Josephine Krajina

November Rosters have been emailed. Thank you.

All Saints Day **Saturday & Sunday 31 October - November 1 2026**

Minister of	6 PM	9AM	11 AM	5PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Marissa Tuason	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Sarah Olayvar
Responder	Tania Walters	Fred Smith	Cira Cleary	Janet Estrada
Presentation of Gifts	Gail Vas	Kalameli Lole	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Extra-ordinary Ministers	Maria Alvarado	Charlu II Chua	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Gail Vas	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Daniella Ahmet	Samuel Heckeroth
Gift Shop	Tania Walters		Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	No Choir	Veneration	Veritas	Tongan
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			

Thirty-Second Sunday Ordinary Time **Saturday & Sunday November 7 & 8, 2026**

Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuiness	Charlu II Chua	Lea Jacuta	Samuel Heckeroth
The Word	Gail Vas	Lawrence Camenzuli	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Sarah Olayvar
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Marissa Tuason	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Extra-ordinary Ministers	Leny Obtinalla	Kalameli Lole	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Asther Creo	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo		Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards		Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration	Veritas	No choir
Counters	John Woof, Anne Stokie			

Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 6pm Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm November 2026

Wednesday, 4th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church All Souls All Saints Day - Whole School Mass
Thursday, 5th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church 6:00pm SC Hall SCPS Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday, 6th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church SDPS Yr. 1 to attend / 7:00pm Mass St Catherine of Siena Church: Sri Lankan Mass
Tuesday, 10th	7:00pm St Catherine Church: Baptism Info Night
Wednesday, 11th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church SCPS Yr 3 / Penance Retreat / Remembrance Day
Thursday, 12th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church
Friday, 13th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church SDPS Prep Class to attend
Saturday, 14th	11:05am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church BAPTISM

All Souls Day Masses

St Anthony of Padua Melton South
November 2, 2026
Monday 9:30am 6:30pm



Parish Offertory Giving 2026

September Update:
Pledge $4,888.35
Actual: $3,828.12

Thank You

If you would liketo:
• 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



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.

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During November, Masses will be offered for our deceased loved ones. Parishioners are invited to place the names of departed family and friends on the November envelopes now available in the gathering space. The envelopes will be placed before the altar throughout the month. The envelopes will be blessed with holy water, symbolising our baptism and our connection to the church. While names need not be publicly announced, your spiritual intention and support are deeply appreciated. Donations received through the envelopes will support the construction of a small church for a needy and developing community in Tonala, Jalisco, Mexico where the Rogationist Fathers are working. We will continue to accept separate Mass intentions for special occasions like anniversaries or birthdays, which will be noted in the newsletter and prayers of the faithful.
A basket is available on the sanctuary.
With gratitude,
Fr Alex Clemente RCJ



St Anthony of Padua Church & School Fete
Friday, December 11, 2026 2:00pm-7:00pm

A wonderful afternoon of fun, market stalls, entertainment & community spirit. Proceeds will support important school initiatives & contribute to the extension of the Church Hall.

VICTORIAN RALLY AGAINST FREE ABORTIONS

Tuesday , 10 November 2026 , 6-7PM
Outside Victorian Parliament, Melbourne
Your Presence Matters.

Faith in Action: An election guide from the Bishops of Victoria

Ahead of the 2026 Victorian election, the Bishops of Victoria have issued an election statement highlighting key issues for Catholics to consider when deciding their vote. You are invited to read the statement and prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good. View the statement online at: **bit.ly/StateElection2026** or via the QR code.

Safeguarding Is Everyone's Responsibility

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

The 2027 Columban Calendar is now available for purchase at our Piety Stall
Cost: $11
Share a gift that brings Christmas cheers all year round



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.

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