



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.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES SUNDAY YEAR C - June 29, 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)

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 7-8): Bridge Rd, Cobblebank

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

Reflection by Sr. Mary Fermio, RSJ

Leaders of countries have a heavy responsibility, as they are the ones who decide whether their people go to war, who make decisions affecting the well-being of others. Some seem determined to wage war. We are leaders in our own family, town, State, and share decision making through whom we elect.

At a time when the crowds were wondering who this Jesus of Nazareth really was, Jesus questioned the disciples to his identity in their minds. Peter spoke for all naming him "the Christ", that is, the Messiah, the one who was to come. Jesus promptly proclaimed Peter as leader, so strong he renamed him Peter, the rock, giving him the Keys of the Kingdom, allowing him to freely come and go, to make decisions. Peter faithfully followed Jesus, believing him, even to death. Paul also was prepared to travel anywhere to proclaim that Jesus was the Son of God and die for his faith. Let us pray for the leaders of our Church, especially Pope Leo, that in this time of upheaval in parts of the world, they will be able to encourage peace between all nations. Let us be peacemakers in our own part of this world.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord set me free from all my fears.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

Today's Readings:

Acts 12:1-11 , 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18 , Mat 16:13-19

Next Week's Readings:

Isa 66:10-14, Gal 6:14-18 , Luke 10:1-9

Eternal Repose for Recently Deceased

Beverly Stafford

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

Alexander Attard, Spiro Sultana, Jo Franken, Sylvia Palmer, Antonietta Tucci, Veronica Jones, Frank Krajina, Maximus Perera, Midry Resuello, Ken Walters, Christopher Monaltali, Anastazia Sliwa, Frank Robbins, Freda Vella, Anthony Enriquez, Ingrid Shockman, Frank Richards, Sam Wilson, Gina Toth, Dean Stephens, Michael Lane, Paris Walker, Chantale Soobrydoo, Quentin Rowley, Anthony Abraham, Cecilio Bazar, Denzil Tallent, Deng Ring Chan, Santino Wur, Kuche Deng, Bol Mayom, Emily Debono, Sii Laufou Faatui, Anthony Caruana, Phil Walsh, Doris Zerafa, Frank P Kosik Snr, Laurina Murphy, Angelo Pace, Alan Watson, Ruth Johnson, Erlinda Ilagan, Basilisa Degiorgio, Emmnal Candappa, Jane Cassar, Regina Cassar , Joseph & Salvina Camilleri, Salvina & Sylvia Pace

Healing for the Sick:

Ian Grafton Johnson, Brendon Coburn



Parish Offertory Giving

May Update

Pledged: \$5,012.96 Actual: \$4,379.27

Thank You

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

First Reading *Acts 12:1-11*

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 33:2-9*

(R.) The Lord set me free from all my fears.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him ; and rescued his from all his distress. (R.)
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

Second Reading *2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel *Mat 16:13-19*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

Quote from Pope Leo XIV:

'Brother, sisters... I speak to you, especially to those who no longer believe, no longer hope, no longer pray, because they think God has left. To those who are fed up with scandals, with misused power, with the silence of a Church that sometimes seems more like a palace than a home.

I, too, was angry with God. I, too, saw good people die, children suffer, grandparents cry without medicine. And yes... there were days when I prayed and only felt an echo. But then I discovered something: God doesn't shout. God whispers. And sometimes He whispers from the mud, from pain, from a grandmother who feeds you without having anything.

I don't come to offer you perfect faith. I come to tell you that faith is a walk with stones, puddles and unexpected hugs.

I'm not asking you to believe in everything. I'm asking you not to close the door. Give a chance to the God who waits for you without judgement.

I'm just a priest who saw God in the smile of a woman who lost her son... and yet she cooked for others.

That changed me.

So if you're broken, if you don't believe, if you are tired of the lies... come anyway. With your anger, your doubt, your dirty backpack. No one here will ask you for a VIP card.

Because this Church, as long as I breathe, will be a home for the homeless, and a rest for the weary.

God doesn't need soldiers. He needs brothers. And you, yes, you... are one of them."

Robert Prevost (Leo XIV)



St Anthony of Padua Melton South

Aug 2 Sat 6:30 pm Trivia Night
facilitated by Youth Ministry

Aug 15 Friday 6:30 pm Solemnity of the
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass with Procession of the Blessed
Mother and fellowship at the Padua Hall

Everyone is invited

PETER'S PENCE

Without fear, together, hand in hand
with God and with one another! We are
followers of Christ. Christ
goes before us. *Lea PP. XIV*

HOPE IN THE LORD! HOLD
FIRM, TAKE HEART AND
HOPE IN THE LORD! *Ps 27:14*

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that have not been
collected at
St Catherine of
Siena church over
the past fortnight,
have now been posted.**

Do you require a copy of your transaction payments to our parish?

As long as your email address is in
our parish data system, you are
now able to download your
payment statement by validating
the email with a one-time code.

Payments are then matched to the
contacts with the
same email in our
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**If there were mobile phones at the
Red Sea.**



**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.

ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR ST MARIANNE COPE

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL MOUNT ATKINSON

Enrolment interest for St Marianne Cope Catholic
Primary School is now open for students
from **Grades Prep to 6**.

Enrolment enquiries for the **3- and 4-year-old
kindergartens** will be open soon.

*Please note that the enrolment criteria for the
Primary School differ from those of the Children's
Hub, and each enrolment process is separate and
independent.*

**Enrolment Enquiries | St Marianne Cope Primary
School website:**

www.smcmountatkinson.catholic.edu.au

ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR ST PADRE PIO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL THORNHILL PARK

Enrolment interest for St
Padre Pio Catholic Primary
School, Thornhill Park, is now
open for students
from **Grades Prep to 6** for
2026.

**Enrolment Enquiries:
St Padre Pio Catholic
Primary School website:**
www.sppthornhillpark.
catholic.edu.au

St Anthony of Padua Parish
Melton South

Christmas Raffle 2025
ABN: 43 130 715 523
Permit Number 10082/25
Number of tickets available 5000
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1st Prize: MG ZS Excite: Value \$28,799.00
2nd Prize: Travel Voucher Value \$3000
3rd Prize: Apple Mac Book Value \$1699.00
4th Prize: Apple iPhone 16 Value \$1399.00
5th Prize: Apple Watch Value \$649.00

Tickets available 15th June 2025 until 21 December 2025
Raffle Draw 11.30am 25th December 2025 At St Anthony's Church Melton South
Results published: stanthonyofpadua.com.au and FB St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Melton South

**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

Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles			Saturday & Sunday June 28 & 29, 2025	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Kate Mulholland	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Responder	Tania Walters	Jennifer Peters	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Faith Tuputala	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Choir	Need Help
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woolf			
14 th Sunday Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday July 5 & 6, 2025	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Lawrence Camenzuli	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Alzira Mascarenhas	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Tania Walters	Faith Tuputala	Daniella Ahmet	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Asther Creo	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Chelsea Amato	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			



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



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

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.

Would you like to receive The Tidings before the weekend?

Head to our website and subscribe to The Tidings or simply scan the QR code to enter your email to receive a digital copy. You will then receive a verification link via email to confirm your subscription.



SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

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



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](https://tinyurl.com/GiveMelton)

You may also like to use the Smart Terminal at the welcome desk to contribute to the Parish.

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

JUNE

Saturday, 28th Baptisms: 11 am

JULY

Wednesday, 2nd	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15am Year 5 students to attend
Thursday, 3rd	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 4th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am School holidays begin
Wednesday 9th	No morning Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 10th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 11th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Wednesday, 16th	No morning Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 17th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 18th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Monday, 21st	A new school term begins
Wednesday, 23rd	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15am Year 6 and Foundation students to attend
Thursday, 24th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am St Luke's Confirmation Program begins 7 pm St Dominic's Hall
Friday, 25th	Grandparents' Mass: St Dominic's Hall 9:15 am Whole School to attend

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2025

An invitation is extended to join our partnered parishes of Melton and Melton South, after hours Sacrament Program called:

St Luke's Sacramental Program

for young people who do not attend a Catholic Primary School, or attend a Catholic Secondary School and are baptised, but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The program begins on Thursday July 24, 2025 at 7pm sharp in St Dominic's Parish Hall - entry via the gate on Smith St, Melton.

The application form is available online on our Parish website: www.melbcatholic.org/melton or in hard copy from the Gathering Area of St Catherine of Siena church.

Please complete the application form as soon as possible and:

- Email it to the parish office at: melton@cam.org.au,
- Drop it off personally at the office between 9am and 3pm, or
- Place it into the return box in the Gathering Area of the church.



HOME VISITATION & BLESSING REQUESTS

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

[TINYURL.COM/HBLESSING](https://tinyurl.com/HBlessing)

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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