



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.

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS YEAR C - September 14, 2025

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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 7-9): Bridge Rd, Cobblebank
+61 3 8099 6000 | info@sfcc.vic.edu.au

Reflection by Fr. Alex Celemente, RCJ

The central focus of the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is the sacrificial love and mercy of God manifested through Christ's passion & death leading to victory over sin and death. For us Christians, the cross is the best symbol of love.

Love conquers everything!

Are we ready to embrace the cross by our selfless love?



Safeguarding Sunday

September 14, 2025

Today we are gathered on Safeguarding Sunday, a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable.

In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice?

Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

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



For Our Relationship with All Of Creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



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

Entrance Antiphon *CF Galatians 6:14*

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection,
through whom we are saved and delivered.

First Reading *Num 21:4-9*

On the way through the wilderness, the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Do not forget the works of the Lord!

1. Give heed, my people, to my teaching;
turn your ear to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable
and reveal hidden lessons of the past. *(R.)*
2. When he slew them then they would seek him,
return and seek him in earnest.
They would remember that God was their rock,
God the Most High their redeemer. *(R.)*
3. But the words they spoke were mere flattery;
they lied to him with their lips.
For their hearts were not truly with him;
they were not faithful to his covenant. *(R.)*
4. Yet he who is full of compassion
forgave their sin and spared them.
So often he held back his anger
when he might have stirred up his rage. *(R.)*

Second Reading *Phil 2:6-11*

The state of Jesus was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.

But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,
because by your cross you have redeemed the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel *John 3:13-17*

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

*'No one has gone up to heaven
except the one who came down from heaven,
the Son of Man who is in heaven;
and the Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.
Yes, God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.'*

Communion Antiphon *John 12:32*

When I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

Next Week's Readings:

Amos 8:4-7 1Tim 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13

Recently Deceased

Joan McConnell

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

Denice Mc Fadden, Paul Quinsee, Simeon Obtinalla, Peter Dempsey, Maria Xuereb, Grezju Caruana, Jessica Sud, George Vella, Leanne Morhun, Moya Drew, Charles Bubeck, Maria Grech, Francesco Tomassi, Gerard Williams, Sam Bonello, Olga DeZilwa, Joan McLeish, Llama DeSoysa, Jon-André Solheim Nedreb, Francis Wade, Keaton Spear, Noleen Dormer, Margaret Dickie, Tiberio Guido, Stella Borg, Elias Moussa, Umberto Asciak, Leslie Bockman, Leo Tarleton, Edith Carag, Jennifer Simbulan, Antonia Cutajar, George Cassar, Bill Rayner, Rexle Nathaniel Obtinalla, Freda Ferraro, Tuailomofua Tuii, Pat Dean, Peter Raschilla, Glen Rushbury, George Mercieca, Fred Bailey, Peter Cabrerros, Norman Wight, Ursula Milligan, Dean Litchfield

Healing for the Sick:

Alexis Eslao, Nicasia - Anna Orallo

**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



Rogationists - 10yrs in Australia

Friday, September 19, 2025
at St Anthony of Padua Parish,
Melton South
(with participant Priests from Vic
Dioceses)

9:30am Commemorative Tree Planting

**10am Conference on the 10 years of
RCJs presence in Australia**

Speaker: Most Rev. Rene Ramirez RCJ,
D.D. Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne

11am Morning Tea

**11:30am Conference on Rogationist
Charism and Mission**

Speaker: Fr. Jesse Martirizar, RCJ
-SMP Provincial Councilor on Rogate



**All are welcome to join
us on this special
occasion.**

**ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT
DIACONATE**

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Online information meeting: **Tuesday, 23 September 2025**

beginning 19:00 – 20:00 Location: via ZOOM

Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing
Deacon Kevin Pattison: Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

**THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE
HOLY CROSS by Sr. Mary Fermio, RSJ**

We have read news items where a parent has raced into a burning house to rescue a child at the risk of their own lives. Their love for their child giving them the necessary courage to face the flames and the risk of death themselves.

Today's feast celebrates the love God has for us, allowing Jesus, who was named "this is my Son, the beloved", to suffer the death of a criminal, the horrible public death of crucifixion. This death was a public disgrace, the person at the mercy of taunts and cruelty. So why do we exalt in this cross?

We know that the cross was the means by which God would bring a world back, would restore to us all that had been lost through sin. It was an outpouring of love for us, weak, sinful people who continually turned their back on God.



The only response worthy of this love, is to return that love in full measure.

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**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

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday & Sunday September 13 & 14, 2025

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Kate Mulholland	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tania Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Liz Coustley	Janet Estrada
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Faith Tuputala	Chelsea Amato	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			

25th Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday September 20 & 21, 2025

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Maureen Mohr	Chelsea Amato	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Lawrence Camenzuli	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Tania Walters	Karl Metha	Amy Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Vickie Cassar	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Sanghaya Creo	Faith Tuputala	Choir	Need Help
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			



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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.

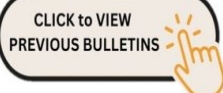
Amen.

Franciscus

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parish website:

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



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.

PRIME TIMERS

30 September 2025, Tuesday 12:00pm
The Border Inn, 139 Main St Bacchus Marsh
(Flanigans)
Enquiries contact Ineke 0400120401/
ineke49@yahoo.com

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

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

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, 14th	Safeguarding Sunday
Wednesday, 17th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am St Catherine Foundation students to attend Baptism Information Night 7.30 pm at St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 18th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 19th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Foundation students to attend End of Term 3 for students
Saturday, 20th	Baptisms 11 am & 12.15 pm
Wednesday, 24th	School Holidays No Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 25th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 26th	Public Holiday No Mass at St Dominic's Church
Saturday, 27th	Baptisms 12.15 pm

OCTOBER

Wednesday, 1st	School Holidays No Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 2nd	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 3rd	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Monday, 6th	Back to school for Term 4 to begin
Wednesday, 8th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am St Catherine Year 6 students to attend
Thursday, 9th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 10th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 6 students to attend



PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

August Update

Pledged: \$6,252.54
Actual: \$4,517.13

*Thank
You*

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Men's Breakfast - St Dominics Hall
Saturday, 20 September 2025 8:00 AM
Guest Speaker: Enzo Floridreani

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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