



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.

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - July 27, 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 7-8): Bridge Rd, Cobblebank

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

Prayer for Grandparents

Heavenly Father, we celebrate and give thanks for the gift of our grandparents. We thank you for their love and guidance, for the wisdom they have shared with us and for the examples they have set in our lives.

We thank you for the memories we have shared with them, the laughter, the love and the lessons learned. We ask that you would bless them and keep them in good health. We pray for your protection, love and peace to surround them always.

We lift up to you all the grandparents who are no longer with us, we remember them and the legacy they left behind. We ask that you would be with them in heaven and that one day we will be reunited with them.

We thank you for the special bond that grandparents have with their grandchildren, a bond of love and understanding that is unique and precious. We ask that you would continue to bless this bond and strengthen it even more. Amen.

"Grandchildren are a grandparent's link to the future. Grandparents are the child's link to the past."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. .

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

Today's Readings:

Gen 18:20-32, Col 2:12-14, Luke 11:1-13

Next Week's Readings:

Ecc 1:2, 2:21-23 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Luke 12:13-21

Eternal Repose for Recently Deceased

Ana Samy, Sara Brundell

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

Bill Parker, Joseph Kelly, Denzil Tallent Jr, Alex Rizzo, Linda Todd, Janet Adamson -Tuimavave, Scott Chamberlain, Mary Manuel, Anna Jacuta, Stanley Calvaleo, Mary Kenny, Joseph John Wetto, Filomeno Martinez, Jun Martinez, Rudolf Bajzek, Mark Vassallo-Grant, Arianda Smella, Joe Sacco, Leonito Arellano Snr., Matthew Briggs, Shirley Smithers, Coral Manuel, Sam Mizzi, Eileen McInerney, Joe Spiteri, Laurence Roberts, Sr Marie Joseph, James Mc Knight, Patricia Fenlon, Joyce Demech, Ethel Trethalan, Henryka Kordus, John Tolhurst, Mary Hague, Marcella Nash, Sr Kath Gaffy, Valeri Sandra, Mario Guisti, Roberta May Wiener, Paul Ruberto

Healing for the Sick:

Alexis Eslao



PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING June Update

Pledged: \$6,629.16 Actual: \$5,293.05

Thank You

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

First Reading Gen 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. **(R.)**
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading Col 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Reflection by Sr. Mary Fermio, RSJ

For some people the word Father is a loving word, for others the opposite. Each of us is affected by our experience of Fatherhood, and this can affect the way we relate to God as Father.

Jesus offers us a model of Father, one which is personal and trusting, one who cares and provides our needs. Sin does not separate us from this Father, who continually and unfailingly forgives us, no matter how treated or neglected by us. The parable that follows assures us of God's response, just as we ourselves would respond if someone we knew asked for hospitality. We surely would not slam the door on them. This is the essence of prayer – our relationship with God, our extreme neediness – God cannot refuse us. - Do I believe this about God, my Father? Let us sincerely ponder this question.



23 July 2025

Statement from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli



On 7 July, members of the Shia Muslim faith community in Melbourne engaged in a religious procession through the streets of Melbourne.

This was a peaceful event that has occurred annually for over a decade.

This procession has been misrepresented in some quarters as an attack on Christians and, specifically, on St Patrick's Cathedral. This is simply not the case.

Like all Victorians, the Islamic community is entitled to exercise freedom of religion. As Catholics, we expect nothing less.

I am now aware of a rally being organised for this weekend which appears to be a protest against the procession. Such a rally does nothing for peace and harmony, nor for promoting religious freedom. I strongly urge people not to attend the rally and hope the organisers have the wisdom to call it off.

Instead, I urge Catholics and all people of good will to take up the call of Pope Leo to pray for peace in our world, for an end to war and suffering.

As Catholics, we place our trust in Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. May He reign in all our hearts.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

ST. ANTHONY'S YOUTH GROUP PRESENTS:

TRIVIA NIGHT

SAT 2ND AUGUST

7pm to 10pm

Adults: \$15 Under 18: \$10

SCAN THE QR CODE & JOIN IN ON THE FUN!

Help us fundraise for our youth to attend ACYF 2025!

St Anthony of Padua Hall,
67-75 Exford Rd. Melton South VIC 3338

God and Beer West

Building resilience and finding purpose through faith

Fr Jude Pirotta mssp & Sean Menere

Date: Thursday, 7th August 2025 at 6:30pm

Venue: Hoppers Club, 180-200 Pannam Dr, Hoppers Crossing

Supported by: CDF

Free event
Register at: GodandBeer.com.au

Order of Malta Australia
In collaboration with
Mercy Palliative Care

Mercy Health
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VOLUNTEERING TO HELP PALLIATIVE CARE

7 pm on Thursday 31st July 2025 at St Anthony's Church, 67-75 Exford Rd Melton South-Mackillop Room, learn about the Order of Malta-Mercy Palliative Care volunteering program various roles, Jim Creaner, coordinator. All welcome

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 data system.

Just use our QR code or go to www.melbcatholic.org/s/donate?



Traditional craft - hand-carving olive wood religious items from Bethlehem On Sale

August 2-3, 2025 Before & After

Sat—Sun masses 6pm/ 9am /11am Liana & Jeries

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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

17th Sunday Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday July 26 & 27, 2025	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Faith Tuputala	Daniella Ahmet	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Responder	Tania Walters	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Asther Creo	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			

18th Sunday Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday August 2 & 3, 2025	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Kate Mulholland	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Tania Walters	Faith Tuputala	Chelsea Amato	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas 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

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.

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our parish website:

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



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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

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

JULY

Saturday, 26th	Baptisms 11 am & 12.15pm
Wednesday, 30th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am Whole school attendance celebrating Grandparents' Day.
Thursday, 31st	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am

AUGUST

Friday, 1st	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am Yr 6 students to attend
Saturday, 2nd, 6pm & Sunday, 3rd, 11am	Confirmation Commitment Mass for candidates in St Luke's Sacramental Program
Wednesday, 6th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am Whole school attendance celebrating St Mary of the Cross Feast Day 10:15 am St Francis College —Dominics House Mass
Thursday, 7th	St Dominic's Feast Day Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 8th	St Mary of the Cross Feast Day Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am Yr 5 students to attend
Saturday, 9th	6 pm Mass: Confirmation Commitment Mass for candidates at St Dominic's and St Catherine's schools
Wednesday, 13th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am Whole school attendance celebrating the Feast of the Assumption 10:15 am St Francis College—Mackillop House Mass
Thursday, 14th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 15th	Feast of the Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass: St Dominic's Hall 9.15am: whole school Mass St Catherine of Siena Church 7pm
Saturday, 16th	Sacrament of Confirmation for St Catherine's school candidates 11am & 2pm
Wednesday, 20th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am Yr 5 students to attend Baptism Information Night St Catherine's Church 7.30 pm
Thursday, 21st	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 22nd	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am Yr 4 students to attend
Saturday, 23rd	Sacrament of Confirmation for St Dominic's school candidates @ 11 am & St Luke's candidates @ 2 pm

Couples for Christ Australia (CFCA)

Christian Life Program (CLP)

7-Sunday journey, 3rd August, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM,
held at St Dominic Parish Hall. Grow spiritually & connect with
others in a warm, welcoming environment. See flyer for details

HOME VISITATION & BLESSING REQUESTS

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

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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