



THE TIDINGS

SERVING THE AREAS OF MELTON, MELTON WEST, AINTREE, BONNIE BROOK,
GRANGEFIELDS, HARKNESS, KURUNJANG, PLUMPTON, ROCKBANK & TOOLERN VALE



The Catholic
Parish of Melton
is committed
to the safety,
wellbeing and
dignity of all
children and
vulnerable
adults

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B | 8 September 2024

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/catholicparishmelton>

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday 9.00am–3.00pm

(The parish office is CLOSED on weekends and public holidays)

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 & 5pm
- Wednesday 9.15am

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

- Thursday & Friday 9.15am

CONFESSIONS

St Catherine of Siena Church

Saturday: 5.45 pm | Sunday: 4.45pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT & ROSARY

St Dominic's Church

- Thursday following the 9.15am Mass

SCHOOLS IN OUR PARISH

ST DOMINIC'S PRIMARY SCHOOL (Prep-Year 6)

Address: Church Street, Melton, VIC 3337

Principal: Mr Jeffrey Parker

Phone: +61 3 9743 6225 | **Email:** enquiries@sdmelton.catholic.edu.au

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC

PRIMARY SCHOOL (Prep-Year 6)

Address: 108 Bulmans Road, Melton West, VIC 3337

Principal: Mr Des Noack

Phone: +61 3 9743 2166 | **Email:** info@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au

SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

formerly Catholic Regional College Melton

Melton West (Year 7-12) | **Cobblebank** (Year 7-8)

Address: 109-141 Bulmans Rd, Melton West | Bridge Rd, Cobblebank

Principal: Ms Marlene Jorgensen

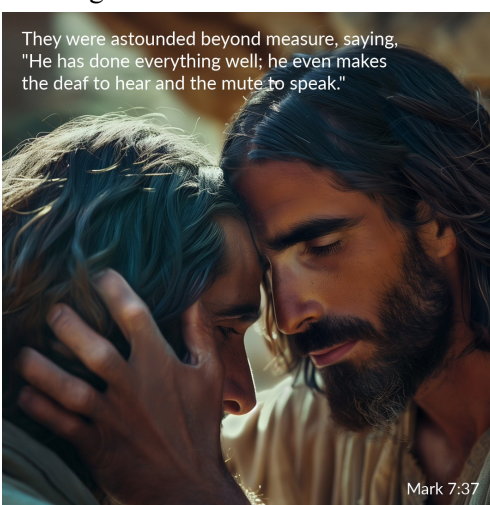
Phone: +61 3 8099 6000 | **Email:** info@sfcc.vic.edu.au

Gospel Focus

Ephphatha

THE healing that Jesus works in this passage is perhaps one of the most 'physical' of his healing actions.

He puts his fingers in the man's ears and places spittle on his tongue.



It is an incredibly intimate contact with a complete stranger and someone regarded as outcast and unclean because of his disabilities.

When Jesus speaks the word of healing, Ephphatha ('Be opened'), he appears to be

speaking not only to the man but to all those listening.

Be open to the possibility of embracing those you have cast out; be open to a different understanding of Messiah.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Dt 4:1-2. 6-8; Ps 14 (15); Jm 1:18; Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 50:5-9; Ps 114 (115); Jm 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Parish Offertory Giving August Update

Pledged: \$7,392.62

Actual: \$5,348.92



*Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity
of all children and vulnerable adults.*

"Every conversation matters"

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY
8 SEPTEMBER 2024**



The Catholic Parish of Melton and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community.

Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to create safe spaces where we can have meaningful conversations with children and adults at risk about their safety.

Gracious God,

You love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable.

We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, neglected or exploited and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

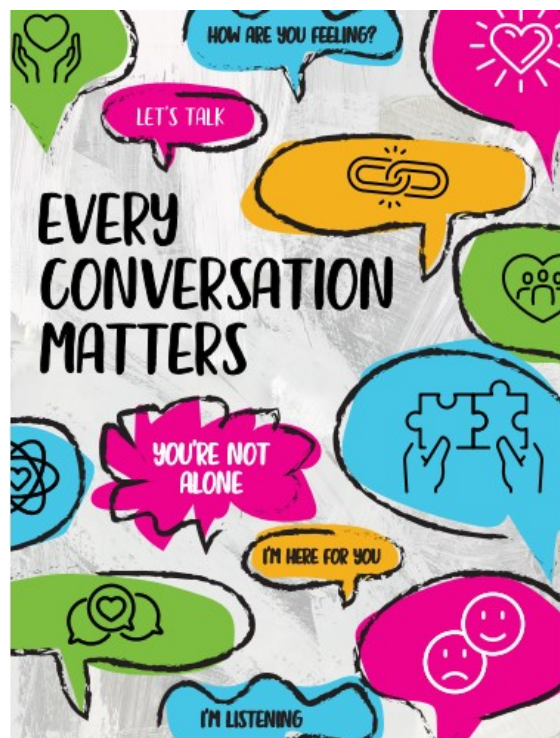
We pray, that with the help of your grace, communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future, their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

Help us all to listen with open hearts, so that when children and adults at risk speak, they are truly heard.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever,

Amen



Baptism Information Night

The next Baptism Information Night for those booked in for baptisms at our Parish will be held at

**7.30pm on Wednesday
September 18th
at St Catherine of Siena
Church**



Poster found in a Church in France... (translated):

"When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear "the call of God". However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving."

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
9	10	11 9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church	12 THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church R U OK Day	13 ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church (joined by St Dominic's Primary - Gr 2)	14 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Baptisms: 11am & 12.15pm 6pm Vigil Mass	15 24th Sunday Ordinary Time OUR LADY OF SORROWS (in other years) 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses
16	17	18 9.15am End of Term Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church (joined by St Catherine's Primary - whole school) 7.30pm Baptism Info Night @ St Catherine of Siena Church	19 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	20 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church (joined by St Dominic's Primary - Gr 1)	21 ST MATTHEW 6pm Vigil Mass	22 25th Sunday Ordinary Time 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses Migrant Refugee Sunday
23 PADRE PIO	24	25 9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church	26 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	27 ST VINCENT DE PAUL 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	28 6pm Vigil Mass	29 26th Sunday Ordinary Time 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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 Diaconate information meeting on **Tuesday, 24 September from 7.30 – 9.00pm.**

Location: via ZOOM Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison at KEVIN.PATTISON@CAM.ORG.AU

The ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest in the week before the session.

PLEASE RING THE MASS MANAGERS IF UNABLE TO ATTEND:

6 pm	Tania Walters	0492 952 478
9 am	Theo Franken	0411 040 897
11am	Bruna Tomassi	9743 0341
5 pm	Josephine Krajina	0407 042 133

Marriage Week: 8 – 14 September

Marriage Week aims to honour, celebrate and teach God's design and purpose for marriage. There is a great opportunity to strengthen or rebuild a strong marriage culture within the Church and beyond—to rekindle a vibrant marriage culture in a society that no longer understands what marriage is, much less what it is for.

This year's theme is **The Joy of Marriage**. Joy is a supernatural Gift from God and followers of Jesus are given gifts through the Holy Spirit: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Gal 5:22). When happiness fades, we can call on and allow the joy of the LORD to be our strength (Neh 8:10).

Jesus tells us "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full." (Jn 15:11) It is for us all to seek to ensure that our tank of joy is full and not being syphoned off through our busyness or the world we are in.

Perhaps we need to undertake regular "joy checkups" & ask ourselves:

- Do we seek to lead a life that is pleasing to and glorifies God?
- Do we love the LORD our God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind.' And do we love our neighbour as ourselves?

Find more info & resources at: marriageaustralia.org/church-resource-centre-2 or marriageaustralia.org/marriage-helpers

23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday September 7&8, 2024	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Janet Estrada
Responder	Tania Walters	Vickie Cassar	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa -Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Theo Franken	Bruna Tomassi	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Help Needed	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			

24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday September 14&15, 2024		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Theo Franken		Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tania Walters	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Cira Cleary	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Sally Grero	Vickie Cassar	Bruna Tomassi	Ismael Sosa -Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Help Needed		Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			



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

2025 Columban Art Calendars now available at the Piety Stall

Great option for your home or to gift
for family and friends during
Christmastime.

We also have Daily & Sunday missals
available along with other gifts perfect
to commemorate Sacraments of
Initiation and for daily devotional use.



God & Beer: The Eastern Catholic Churches w. Fr Collin Nunis

Monday 9th September • 6.30pm dinner, 7.30pm talk
Notting Hill Hotel (Steakhouse Room)

260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill, VIC

Register: GODANDBEER.COM.AU

For videos of past God and Beer events:
TINYURL.COM/GODANDBEERSPEAKERS

Prime Timers September Outing

**Tuesday September 24th 12pm at the Melton
Entertainment Park (Tabcorp) Bistro**

Seniors Menu available. RSVP by Friday 20th September.
Contact: Ineke 0400120401 or ineke49@yahoo.com

New Parishioner looking for housemates

My name is Madeline. I just moved to Eynesbury and am
new to Melton and the surrounding suburbs. I am looking
for Catholic housemates and there are 2 rooms available in
this shared house, fully furnished. Weekly rent is \$175-
\$200 inclusive of bills. Please contact me at 0402205529 if
interested and you would like to arrange a time to inspect
the rooms.

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome!

Please collect a Welcome Pack from the Gathering Area
of the church. Once census form is completed place it in
the white return box in the Gathering Area.

MISSED OUT ON THE TIDINGS?

Back issues of The Tidings are
available on our parish website:
www.melbcatholic.org/melton

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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.



Migrant Youth Festival

Celebrating the
110th World Day of
Migrants and Refugees

'God walks with his people'

Sunday 29th September
Cathedral Hall, ACU

9am Registration, Keynote, Conversation
w Archbishop Peter, Group Activities,
Lunch & Concert at **Cathedral Hall, ACU**

1.30pm Pilgrim walk from ACU to
St Patrick's Cathedral

2pm Rosary Procession around the
Cathedral

3pm Migrant and Refugee Mass,
celebrated by Archbishop Peter
Comensoli and migrant chaplains of the
Archdiocese of Melbourne

Register: TRYBOOKING.COM/CSAYK

Samoan Community Mass

The Samoan
Community had Mass
together last Sunday
celebrated by Fr Zaher
Almhanna.

Samoan Masses will be
held at St Catherine of
Siena every first
Sunday of the month.



The next Samoan
Mass will be on
**October 6th at
12.30pm**
celebrating the
children for
White Sunday,
'Lotu Tamaiti',
literally meaning
"Children's
Service."

Parish Offertory Giving

If you would like to make either a one-off donation or to set
up recurring donations to the parish, 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.



SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

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

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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