



THE TIDINGS

SERVING THE AREAS OF MELTON, WEST MELTON, HARKNESS, KURUNJANG, TOOLERN VALE, PLUMPTON, GRANGEFIELDS, BONNIE BROOK (WEST), ROCKBANK (WEST).



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.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - August 2, 2026

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)

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

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

Reflection by Fr. Alex Clemente, RCJ

In the midst of Western Melbourne's rapid urban expansion, life can easily feel like a constant rush. Between the demands of shifting family routines, daily commutes, and the pressures of a changing economy, many of us arrive at Mass physically exhausted and spiritually drained. We find a mirrored reality in today's readings. In the first reading, Isaiah calls out to a people spent from striving for things that fail to satisfy: "Why spend your money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy?"

Our response is found in the Gospel, where Jesus looks upon a vast, weary crowd with deep compassion. The disciples see only scarcity and logistical problems in the deserted place, but Jesus sees an opportunity to reveal God's overabundant grace. He takes the few loaves and fish, blesses them, and feeds the multitude until they are completely satisfied.

For our parishes of Melton and Melton South, this is a beautiful reminder of what it means to be a Eucharistic community. We are not just a collection of individuals trying to survive a busy week; we are a spiritual family gathered around the Lord's table. No matter how isolated or overwhelmed we might feel by the pace of modern life, Saint Paul reassures us that absolutely nothing can separate us from the fierce, enduring love of Christ. When we offer our small, tired efforts to Him, His grace multiplies our capacity to love, welcome, and support one another.

As you look at the "inadequate loaves and fish" of your own energy, time, or patience today, are you willing to place them in Jesus' hands, trusting that His love is already multiplying them to bring true abundance into your life and our community?

So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd;
and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

Matthew 14:14



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

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Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading

Isa 55:1-3

Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have
good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Rom 8:35, 37-39

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone, but
on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mat 14:13-21

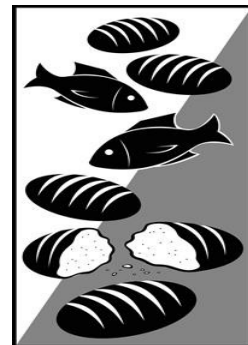
They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

Communion Antiphon

You have given us,
O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights
and sweetness in
every taste.



Prayer for Vocations

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.

MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE WEEKEND LITURGY ROSTER

ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP?



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.



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

Next Week's Readings:

1King 19:9,11-13 Rom 9:1-5 Mat 14:22-33

Recently Deceased

Rolando Alingcastre, Frank Jones

Death Anniversaries:

John Tolhurst, Mary Hague, Marcella Nash, Sr Kath Gaffy, Valeri Sandra, Mario Guisti, Roberta May Wiener, Paul Ruberto, Angelina de Guzman, Marrina Jay, Mary Muscat, Mary Meilak, Alejandro Nicasio, Francis Buhegiar, Fred Levett, Veronica Butler, Nella Caruana, Mira Bec, Jack Jenkins, Betty Arnell, Honorio Liwanag Sr., Andrew Szkilnyk, Kalala Pasaiga, Rita Rayner, Salvatore Sammut, Vincent Sebastin, Domenica Dahan, Anna Saliba, Lawrence Montebello, Wayne Bradshaw, Rick Debski, Grace Ciantar, Victor Zerafa, Mary Chamber, Fortunato Zammit, Victor J Rizzo, Corazon Moore, Godofredo Lastra Jnr, Carmelo Borg, Margaret Hall, Franco Mathew Gayanilo, Kalala Claire Poloaliga, Alice Jongebloed, Timothy O'Keeffe, Corinna Vannuccini, Ivan Kuric, Ellen Sullivan, Dolores Bartolo, Joseph Debono, Mayen Makuac Mayen, Madelyn Farrugia, Pauline Bartolo, Leonarda Miranda, Laurie Dalli, Carmen Zevalous
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Propagation of Faith
Reach out. Give life.

Your support is helping create spaces where children can learn, families can rebuild and communities can move forward together. We were able to raise \$818.35 in Cash donation. Thank you for your generosity.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

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



Shape the Future: Be Counted as Catholic this Census

Australia's national Census will be held on 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services – guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.

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.

PLEASE RING MASS MANAGER IF UNABLE TO

➡ 6pm—Tania Walters 0492 952 478 11am— Lea Jacuta 0414 390 151
9am Theo Franken 0411 040 897 5pm - Josephine Krajina 0407 042 133

Eighteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday August 1 & 2, 2026

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
WELCOMER	Bill McGuiness	Karl Metha	Amy Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
THE WORD	Tetchie Hadfield	Jennifer Peters	Cira Cleary	Sarah Olayvar
RESPONDER	Maria Prasetyono	Theo Franken	CHELSEA AMATO	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	TANIA WALTERS	Charlu Chua	Marissa Tuason	ELAINNE DE LOS SANTOS
EM OF HOLY COMMUNION	MARIA ALVARADO	MAUREEN MOHR	MARISSA TUASON	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
POWERPOINT OPERATOR	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	LEA JACUTA	Nina Ahmet
GIFT SHOP	KATE MULHOLLAND	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
CHOIR	DIVINE MERCY	Veneration	VERITAS	TONGAN
COUNTERS	ELIZABETH MARSHALL, JENNIFER PETERS			

Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday August 8 & 9, 2026

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
WELCOME	Maria Alvarado	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
THE WORD	Maria Prasetyono	Alzira Mascarenhas	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
RESPONDER	Tania Walters	Jennifer Peters	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Tetchie Hadfield	Marissa Tuason	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
EM OF HOLY COMMUNION	LENY OBTINALLA	Asther Creo	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
POWERPOINT OPERATOR	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	CHELSEA AMATO	Nina Ahmet
GIFT SHOP	TANIA WALTERS	ANNE STOKIE	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
CHOIR	DIVINE MERCY	VENERATION	VERITAS	FILIPINO
COUNTERS	JOHN WOOF, LESLIE GORDON			



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

AUGUST

Wednesday, 5th	St Catherine of Siena Church 9:15am Mass: SCPS Year 5 10:15am Mass: SFC Dominic House 7:00pm SD Hall: Alpha Program
Thursday, 6th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's church 7:00PM: St Dominic's Parish Hall St Luke's Sacramental Prog. - Confirmation
Friday, 7th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Hall Feast St Mary of Cross -Whole School Mass
Saturday, 8th	11:00am BAPTISM
Tuesday, 11th	7:00pm St Catherine of Siena Church Baptism Information Night
Wednesday, 12th	NO Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9:30am Mass: St Anthony, Melton South
Thursday, 13th	NO Mass: St Dominics Church 9:30am Mass: St Anthony, Melton South 7:00PM: St Dominic's Parish Hall St Luke's Sacramental Prog. - Confirmation
Friday, 14th	NO Mass: St Dominics Church 9:30am Mass: St Anthony, Melton South
Wednesday, 19th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 20th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church 7:00PM: St Dominic's Parish Hall St Luke's Sacramental Prog. - Confirmation
Friday, 21st	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church - Year 2

You're invited to Alpha at our Parish

Alpha is an informal and welcoming series that brings together people from all backgrounds, regardless of where they are on their faith journey. Whether you are new to Alpha or simply curious, everyone is encouraged to join and participate.

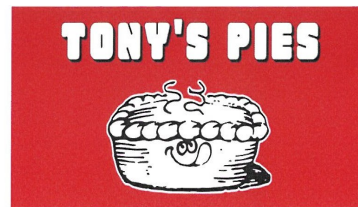
The program will run every Wednesday for 12 weeks, with each session lasting just 2 hours. Each week, a small group will share a meal, watch a video, and engage in open conversation.

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners, make new friends, and explore questions together in a supportive environment.

Our first meeting is scheduled for **Sept 2, 2026, at 7pm at St Dominic's School Hall in Unitt Street.**

Please email your details to melton@cam.org.au or send a SMS to 0422 808 018.

Hope you can join us! We look forward to meeting everyone and sharing this experience together.



Catholic Parish of Melton Alpha Program

Fundraising Pie drive to support our Alpha Program. Start ordering now via QR Code. Last day to order is Thursday, September 3, 2026. Collection day is Saturday, September 5, 2026 at St Catherine of Siena Church, Bulmans Road Melton at 10am - 11:30am only. Flyers available at gathering space.

National Vocations Awareness Week

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.



Catholic Vocations
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CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

**PARISH OFFERTORY
GIVING 2026**



June Update
Pledged: \$5,900.35
Actual: \$4,925.62

Thank You



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

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.



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.



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