



THE TIDINGS

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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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - October 25, 2026

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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) Please Note:
 - **Sunday** 9am, 11am & 5 pm There is no
 - **Wednesday Mass** 9.15 am Mass on a
- (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

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ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Melton West Campus (Year 7-12): 109-141 Bulmans Rd, Melton West

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Reflection by Fr. Alex Clemente, RCJ

In a rapidly changing region like Melton, community dynamics are constantly shifting. With new housing estates expanding and diverse cultures arriving, our daily lives are packed with the logistics of commuting, working, and building families. In the middle of this modern hustle, the Pharisees' question to Jesus in the Gospel carries immense weight for us: "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

Jesus cuts through centuries of legal complexity with radical simplicity: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbour as yourself. He reveals that true faith cannot be compartmentalised into a Sunday routine. Loving God is completely inseparable from how we treat the people sharing our streets.

The First Reading from Exodus grounds this command in concrete reality, explicitly warning against the mistreatment of strangers, widows, and the poor. For the Catholic community in Melton, this is a direct pastoral mandate. Our "neighbour" is the newly arrived migrant settling in, the isolated elderly resident in our community, or the young family struggling with the rising cost of living.

To love them as ourselves means moving past mere politeness or indifference. It demands that we actively foster a culture of hospitality within our local churches, ensuring our faith is alive in action. When we love generously, our community becomes like the Thessalonians—a living beacon of the Gospel that inspires everyone around us.

If my love for God is directly mirrored in how I treat the vulnerable, the stranger, or the difficult people in my neighbourhood, how healthy is, my relationship with Christ right now?

"You must love your neighbour as yourself."



Matthew 22:39

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Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading

Exo 22:20-26

*A reading from the book of Exodus
If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan,
my anger will rage against you.*

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Thes 1:5-10

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia,

for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them
and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mat 22:34-40

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
You shall love the Lord your God and
your neighbour as yourself.*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us,
and hath given himself for us an offering
and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour.
Ephesians 5:2



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.



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Next Week's Readings:

Rev 7:2-4, 9-14, 1 John 3:1-3 Mat 5:1-12

Recently Deceased

Joy Balingit, Frances Spiteri

Death Anniversaries:

Joseph Trethowan, Vincenzo De Vellis, Efren Menalabag, Wayne Muller, Patricia Kennedy, Fr. AT Thomas, Evelyn Skinner, Lesley Harvie, Barbara Gunasekara, Graham Poulter, Jan Plotek, John McGuire, Patrick Kennedy, Amelia Wojcik, Giovanna De Vellis, Jude Benedict, Lillie Donovan, Frank Haslam, Miluska Kosik, Peter Nickson, Sarah Walsh, Nell Creasey, Aiden Miller, Matthew Galea, Kevin Morrissey, Ingrid Middlemast, Makuach Ngor Kang, Eduardo Ty, Christine Nash, Ellen McGuinness, Doris Barrett, Allan Johnson

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Volunteers in our Church Ministries

The work of our Catholic parishes and ministries is borne as much by unpaid supporters as by paid staff. It takes many hands and minds to do God's work. So many, that we can be unaware of how much is being done within our parish communities and ministries.

Every volunteer is a star in their parish or ministry universe and our gratitude is boundless. The commitment of volunteers to contributing to the mission ministry of our Church is very evident through our national auditing program. We have also observed how, many have made lifelong friends and built mutually supportive communities.

When Sunday Mass is over and the crowds are gone, the 'hidden' work of a parish continues. Home visits to the sick and home-bound happen, maintenance and grounds-keeping is done, the poor are fed, refugees are sheltered, music is practiced, funerals arranged, parish committees meet, and small group fellowship thrives in many different ways. All this, and much more besides, is largely achieved by volunteers.

Without their work in managing and staffing the plethora of activities within our Church, we would be bereft of talent!

eSafety News



New focus on safer online gaming

Online gaming can be a great way for children and young people to connect, learn and have fun. But like any online space, gaming also comes with risks including unwanted contact, scams, harmful behaviour, in game purchases and privacy concerns.

We recently published a report that examines the measures Roblox, Fortnite, Minecraft and Steam have in place to protect users from serious online harms. Our findings show that while some platforms have introduced positive safety updates, approaches to preventing exposure to serious harm remain inconsistent. Explore our gaming guide for parents and carers for practical advice and conversation starters to help you understand your child's gaming experiences and keep the dialogue going.



Playing it safe:

how online game services are (or are not) keeping kids safe online



Please Ring Mass Manager If Unable To Attend And Perform your Rostered Duty



6pm—Tania Walters
9am Theo Franken

11am— Lea Jacuta
5pm - Josephine Krajina

November Rosters have been emailed. Thank you.

Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday October 24 & 25, 2026

Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Maureen Mohr	Chelsea Amato	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Chelsea Amato	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Maria Prasetyono	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Maria Alvarado	Fred Smith	Chelsea Amato	Elainne de los Santos
Extra-ordinary Ministers	Leny Obtinnalla	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Asther Creo		Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo		Samuel Heckerroth
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland		Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration	CEC Global	Filipino
Counters	Tania Walters, Maria Abela			

All Saints Day

Saturday & Sunday 31 October - November 1 2026

Minister of	6 PM	9AM	11 AM	5PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Marissa Tuason	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Sarah Olayvar
Responder	Tania Walters	Fred Smith	Cira Cleary	Janet Estrada
Presentation of Gifts	Gail Vas	Kalameli Lole	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Extra-ordinary Ministers	Maria Alvarado	Charlu Chua	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Gail Vas	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Daniella Ahmet	Samuel Heckerroth
Gift Shop	Tania Walters		Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	No Choir	Veneration	Veritas	Tongan
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			

**Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 6pm
Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm
OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2026**

Wednesday, 28th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church SCPS Yr 2 to attend 7:00pm SC Hall Sacramental Enrollment 2027
Thursday, 29th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church 6:00pm St Catherine of Siena Church: Sacrament of Reconciliation SD Primary School
Friday, 30th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church SDPS Yr 2 to attend
Wednesday, 4th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church All Souls All Saints Day - Whole School Mass
Thursday, 5th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church 6:00pm SC Hall SCPS Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday, 6th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church SDPS Yr. 1 to attend / 7:00pm Mass St Catherine of Siena Church: Sri Lankan Mass
Tuesday, 10th	7:00pm St Catherine Church: Baptism Info Night
Wednesday, 11th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church SCPS Yr 3 / Penance Retreat / Remembrance Day

**Our Lady of the Rosary
Pray for Us**



NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During November, Masses will be offered for our deceased loved ones. Parishioners are invited to place the names of departed family and friends on the November envelopes now available in the gathering space. The envelopes will be placed before the altar throughout the month. The envelopes will be blessed with holy water, symbolising our baptism and our connection to the church. While names need not be publicly announced, your spiritual intention and support are deeply appreciated. Donations received through the envelopes will support the construction of a small church for a needy and developing community in Tonala, Jalisco, Mexico where the Rogationist Fathers are working. We will continue to accept separate Mass intentions for special occasions like anniversaries or birthdays, which will be noted in the newsletter and prayers of the faithful.

A basket is available on the sanctuary.
With gratitude,
Fr Alex Clemente RCJ



**Parish Offertory
Giving 2026**

September Update:
Pledge \$4,888.35
Actual: \$3,828.12

Thank You

If you would liketo:

- 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.



Safeguarding Is Everyone's Responsibility
In the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, the safety and wellbeing of all persons is of highest priority.

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