



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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YR C | May 11, 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)
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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@sfc.vic.edu.au



Lord Jesus Christ,
you chose to be nurtured by a human mother, Mary.
Today, we honour all mothers and mother figures,
and we ask for your blessings upon them.

May they find strength in the faith and love, and may
their example inspire us to live with respect and
love. Grant them health, well-being, and the joy of
raising their children.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,
your Risen Son. Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Today's Readings:

Acts 13:14, 43-52 Rev 7:9, 14-17 John 10:27-30

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 14:21-27 Rev 21:1-5 John 13:31-35

Recently Deceased:

Trevor Blakey, Paula Carberry

Death Anniversaries:

Greta Jongebloed, Paul Spiteri, Mariyn McInnes, Victor Speranza, Jessie Dalli, Fr Herb Steele, Lawrence Grima, Rae Bourke, Daisy Rosser, Janina Hills, Martha Farrugia, Anthony Portelli, Tommy Hafey, Kevin Heap, Victoria Vassallo, Patrick Michael, Antonina Wojcik, Jozef Wojcik, Remedios Suerra Malibiran, Consolacio Ramirez, Antonia Bazar, Sonia Parker, Lucija Debrincat, Karlo Strinavic, Salvador Dorosan, Antonietta Tiberio, Sylvia Pace, Anna Maria Roche, Frank Grodzki, Emidia Buhagiar, Mary Hoban, Bill Stokie, Margaret Mc Kinley, Antonia Sacco, Zenaida Pocalla, Zofia & Zig Bockowski, Kathleen Whitmore, Margaret O'Brien, Rose Camilleri, Roger Gomez, Jami Lee, Miki Thomas, Joseph Abraham



Parish Offertory Giving

April Update

Pledged: \$5,228.73

Actual: \$4,393.92

Thank You

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

Reflection by Fr. Alex Clemente, RCJ

"My sheep hear My voice. I know them, and they follow Me", says Jesus in this Sunday Gospel reading, It's a blessing to know the voice of one who loves us! On this Good Shepherd Sunday which coincides with the celebration of Mother's Day, let us reflect on how we've been formed by two voices who have surrounded us with love: Jesus and our mothers.

Jesus uses the image of the shepherd, who is present to his sheep from their conception, through the labor and delivery, all the way through their life. The shepherd's voice would be the sound that stands out to the sheep from all of the natural noise that is going on around them. Clear and consistent, the shepherd's voice breaks through all else and is the voice that leads to water, to pasture, to safety. The shepherd's voice leads to life.

The mother's voice is also known to us on a profound way for the nine months we're inside her womb. Even as our inner ears are taking shape, they're reverberating with the sound of our mother's voice. When we're born, we recognize, seek out, and are soothed by our mother's voice. Mothers condition us to use speech, help us to be receptive to words, and teach us to attend to voices.

St. Paul tells us that **"faith comes from what is heard"** (Romans 10:17). Hearing and attending to speech is a gift first given to us by our mothers, without whom how could we hear and have faith? Mothers may not be perfect, but the basic formation we've received from them is incredible. Indeed, the mother's voice begins our life.

This is also the invitation that this Sunday brings to us. Jesus desires us to know His voice, and we are best at catching the voice of our mother. And so He gave us the Church, which is to be like a mother to us. But unlike our own mothers, we have the choice as to whether we want to be mothered by the Church.

Do we want to be shepherded by Jesus and surround ourselves with the teachings of the Church, our mother and teacher?

In this month of May devoted to Mother Mary, let us be attentive to God's word like her.

Knights of the Southern Cross Men's Breakfast

St Dominic's Hall—May 17, 2025— 8:00AM

Speaker: John Hennessy

For details contact— Lawrence +61448398344

JUBILEE OF MUSICAL ENSEMBLES

The purpose of celebrating Musical Ensembles in this Year of Jubilee is to become aware of, and give thanks for, the contribution of those who use their musical skills to support and enhance the liturgy, and to serve the community in other ways.



PRAYER

O God, creator of all sound, you have generously shared with humankind the rich gift of music, and, throughout history, have inspired many instrumentalists to play for the glory of your name.

Give us a spirit of gratitude for those who generously and skilfully uplift us with their instruments. Through their music may they unite us and energize us to participate more fully in the liturgy.

This we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ, who heard the music of both synagogue and Temple while on earth, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

MARY'S MONTH



Memorial Wall Plaques

Spots available on our Memorial Wall, next to St Dominic's Church, to commemorate former parishioners and loved ones whose remains are buried or interred elsewhere with a memorial plaque.

For more details or to arrange or reserve a spot, please contact the Parish Office directly.



Soup Van

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Do you:

- Have a passion for giving a 'hand up' to individuals experiencing food and financial insecurity?
- Love giving back to your local community?
- Enjoy engaging with people from all walks of life?

What could I be doing on the Soup Vans?

Preparing and packing food, assisting with loading the Soup Vans, distributing food on a 'Soup Van Run' and assisting in cleaning up the kitchen and soup van vehicle as a team.



Sign up now using our QR code!



VINNIES SOUP VANS STREET SERVICE MELTON



Soup Vans will continue its Street Service around Melton as follows:

Tuesday 6.00-6.30pm

Melton Town Centre Amphitheatre
Palmerston St, Melton

Tuesday 7.00-7.30pm

Melton Station Square Shopping Centre
11-25 Station St, Melton Sth

Thursday (new stop) 6.00-7.00pm Melton

Town Centre Amphitheatre
Palmerston St, Melton

- Non-perishable pantry items
- Toiletries Soup,
- Sandwiches, hot food

ENROLMENT FOR ST PADRE PIO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL THORNHILL PARK <https://sppthornhillpark.catholic.edu.au>

Enrolment interest for St Padre Pio Catholic Primary School, Thornhill Park is now open for students from Grade Prep to Grade 6 for 2026.

Enrolment Enquiries | St Padre Pio Catholic Primary School website

ENROLMENT FOR ST MARIANNE COPE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL MOUNT ATKINSON <https://smcmountatkinson.catholic.edu.au>

Enrolment interest for St Marianne Cope Catholic Primary School is now open for students from Grade Prep to Grade 6.

Enrolment enquiries for the 3- and 4-year-old kindergartens will be open soon. *Please note that the enrolment criteria for the Primary School differ from those of the Children's Hub, and each enrolment process is separate and independent.*

Enrolment Enquiries | St Marianne Cope Primary School website



Mother of God / Songs to Mary

Our Lady of Fatima, Magnificat, Hail Mary Full of Grace, Salve Regina, Immaculate Mary, Oh Mary Mother of God, O Sanctissima, Mother of Christ, On This Day-O Beautiful ther, Ave Maria

To be a mother is a great treasure. Mothers, in their unconditional and sacrificial love for their children, are the antidote to individualism; they are the greatest enemies against war.
- Pope Francis

WE HAVE A POPE

The Most Eminent and Most Reverend Lord Robert Francis Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church Prevost who has taken the name Leo XIV

Robert Prevost, 69, will be the 267th occupant of the throne of St Peter and he will be known as Leo XIV. He is the first American to fill the role of Pope, although he is considered as much a cardinal from Latin America because of the many years he spent as a missionary in Peru, before becoming a bishop there.

Let us pray for the Pope. May the Lord preserve him, give him a long life, make him blessed upon the earth, and not hand him over to the power of his enemies. May your hand be upon your holy servant. And upon your son, whom you have anointed.

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.

Baptism Information Night

The next Baptism Information Night, for those booked in for baptisms at our Parish, will be held at **St Catherine of Siena Church, West Melton. on Wednesday, May 21**



Working with Children Check

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.

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.

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

4th Sunday of Easter			Saturday & Sunday May 10&11, 2025	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Tania Walters	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Sanghaya Creo	Liza Fernandes	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Janet Estrada
Presentation of Gifts	Tania Walters	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Faith Tuputala	Chelsea Amato	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Jennifer Peters, Anne Stokie			

5th Sunday of Easter		Saturday & Sunday May 17&18, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Margaret Richards	Faith Tuputala	Liza Fernandes	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Responder	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Mafi O Maufanga Family	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			



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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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set up recurring donations to the parish, please scan the
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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

MAY

Sunday, 11th	Happy Mothers' Day
Wednesday, 14th	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15 am Year 5 students to attend
Thursday, 15th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 16th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 5 students to attend .
Saturday, 17th	Baptisms 11am & 12:15pm
Saturday, 17th @ 6pm Mass & Sunday, 18th @ 11 am Mass	Presentation and commitment of participants in the St Luke's Sacramental Program for First Eucharist in our parish
Wednesday, 21st	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15am SC Year 4 students to attend 10:15am SFCC Glowrey House mass 7:30 PM Baptism Information Night
Thursday, 22nd	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 23rd	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 4 students to attend
Saturday, 24th	Baptisms 11am & 12:15pm



Happy Mother's Day to supermums everywhere.

St Anthony of Padua, Melton South

Our Lady's Month of May - all Saturdays 9:30am Mass followed
by Rosary at the Grotto (cuppa after please bring a plate)
May 13 - Tuesday 6:30pm Mass Feast of our Lady of Fatima
(cuppa after please bring a plate to share)
June 13 - Friday 6:30 pm Mass Feast of St Anthony of Padua by
Bishop Rene Ramirez, RCJ (fellowship to follow after Mass)
special collection to cover this celebration.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.
In the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, the safety
and wellbeing of all persons is of highest priority.

PARISH BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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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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