



THE TIDINGS

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

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – Year A | 21 May 2023

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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

- Wednesday 9.30am
- Saturday 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)
- Sunday 9.00am, 11.00am & 5.00pm

St Dominic's Church, Melton

10 Unitt Street, Melton, VIC 3337

- Thursday & Friday 9.15am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 5.45 pm | Sunday: 4.45pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & ROSARY

- Thursday following the 9.15am Mass

SCHOOLS IN OUR PARISH

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

Principal: Mr Jeffrey Parker

Address: Church Street, Melton, VIC 3337

Phone: +61 3 9743 6225

Email: enquiries@sdmelton.catholic.edu.au

**ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC
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Principal: Ms Carmel Marantelli

Address: 108 Bulmans Road, Melton West, VIC 3337

Phone: +61 3 9743 2166

Email: info@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au

SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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

formerly Catholic Regional College Melton

Principal: Ms Marlene Jorgensen

Address: 108 Bulmans Rd, Melton West, VIC 3337

Phone: +61 3 8099 6000

Email: info@crmelton.com.au

Living the Gospel You will be My Witnesses

A witness in a court of law is called to give evidence about a matter; to 'testify' to the truth of what they have seen or what they know to be true.

Some people are very good at being a 'witness' to their faith by testifying to others about what they believe. Many others provide witness to their faith by simply living what they believe.

Living a life based on Christian principles, including regular prayer and worship in your life, working for justice in the world and taking time to celebrate the beauty of everyday life is a powerful witness to others.

"Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 28:19



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.*

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 46; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 103; 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-2



Inner Healing through Meditation on Jesus

Fr Gilbert will lead a guided Prayer & Meditation session on Saturday, 27 May, from 3 to 4.30 pm at St Dominic's Church (10 Unitt St, Melton). Everyone is invited.



Parish Stewardship Update

April Pledge: \$6,429.43 Actual: \$4,800.85



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



THE BEGINNINGS OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH:

The interior of St Catherine of Siena has a beautiful and dominant ceiling structure, which is themed on the ancient and traditional concept of the church as a great timber-framed ship (a reference to Noah's Ark).



This is an architectural representation that has been used in Christian churches over the centuries and has no better example in the Neo-Gothic style than the roof of the nave of



St. Patrick's Cathedral in East Melbourne.

Into this environment the artist of the Ascension window, Leslie Baxter, has depicted the globular ocean across the base of the three panels of the window (the metallic blue colour area) and represented mankind and the continents of the world with blocks and panels in the horizontal bar of warm golden brown tones.

This is to represent in global terms the last words that Jesus is recorded to have said before his ascension: *"you shall be witnesses for me ... even to the very ends of the earth."* (Acts Ch.1: 8)

The artist has represented the ascension in an abstract, but strongly symbolic way, with a column of brilliant colour and vertical movement, leaving the earth and entering the cosmic abyss beyond the visible horizon: *"...and a cloud took him out of their sight."* (Acts Ch.1: 9)

The artist of the Ascension Window is Leslie Baxter and was manufactured in the studio of Architectural Glassworks, East Kew, Melbourne.

The window also reminds us of the gift of the Eucharist that Jesus left behind to support us in his absence and to remind us of him.

Through the sea blue and cosmic clear glass of the left hand panel, we are made aware of the tabernacle located in the Twenty-four Hour Chapel behind the Altar, and the words adjacent to it, superimposed over the depiction of the earth: "Mystery of Faith.

When we eat this bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again".



These words which draw our eyes to the tabernacle, also lead them back to the representation of the ascension, reminding us of the assurance of Jesus' return: *"This Jesus who has been taken up from you to heaven, shall come in the same way as you have seen him going up to heaven."* (Acts Ch.1: 11)

The window presents the Ascension of the Lord within the context of his final instruction to his disciples: *"Go into the whole world and preach the gospel to every creature."* (Mark Ch.16: 15)

It depicts his leaving and the promise of his return, and the means by which he has sustained us during his absence with the gift of the Eucharist.



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Eucharistic Adoration with Mass



For Healing and Wellbeing Of Body & Soul

John 15:4; "Abide in me and I in you".

On Friday 19th May at 7.00pm.
On Friday 26th May at 7.00pm.

Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD
At: St. Catherine of Siena Church,
108 Bulmans Road, Melton West.

Fr. Gilbert Carlo has been conducting scripture based meditative retreats since 1989, in India, Australia, USA, Europe, Middle East and in many countries around the world to promote prayer, meditation and contemplation in the Church.
Contact details: Mobile: 0424202191 E mail: gilbertcarlo@gmail.com

PLEASE RING THE MASS MANAGERS IF UNABLE TO ATTEND:

6 pm	Tania Walters	0492 952 478
9 am	Theo Franken	0411 040 897
	Vickie Cassar	0418 348 946
11 am	Bruna Tomassi	9743 0341
5 pm	Josephine Krajina	0407 042 133



The Diocesan Committee of the Guild of St Stephen



warmly invites all Altar Servers to participate in

Guild of St Stephen Annual Mass

Friday 26 May 2023, 7:30pm

St Patrick's Cathedral
1 Cathedral Place, Melbourne

For further information please contact
Fr Joel Peart
on 0410 273 705

Passion on the Big Screen

A Day @ the Movies with Peter Malone msc'
(in-person event) Saturday, 17 June,
10 am – 3.30 pm (AEST)

We often refer to Jesus as the Word made Flesh. But Colossians 1 proclaims Jesus as the Image of the Invisible God. Religious images have always been part of spirituality.

The 20th century saw moving images emerging on screens, cinemas, television and new modes of streaming. How can we relate to these images as vision for our spiritual lives? Images, symbols, visual metaphors, Christ-figures? We appreciate Lectio Divina. Here we respond to Visio Divina, movie clips, their challenge.

Facilitated by Peter Malone msc ~ author, lecturer, founding member of The Film Critics Association and priest. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost: \$60 (BYO lunch).

*Book and pay via website: www.heartoflife.melbourne.
Email: info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel: 03 9890 1101.*

Ascension of the Lord

Saturday & Sunday May 20&21, 2023

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Anne Stokie	Liza Fernandez	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Daniel Walters	Theo Franken	Cira Cleary	Michael Higgins
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Asther Creo	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Richard Kealy	Bruna Tomassi	Brian Dean
PowerPoint Operator	Tania Walters	Vickie Cassar	Adela Marinjira	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy Choir	Samoan Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Family Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, Elaine Neely, John Woof			

Pentecost

Saturday & Sunday May 27&28, 2023

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Asther Creo	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Sanghaya Creo	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Kate Swan	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Corrie Family
Holy Communion	Dalene Jenkins	Maureen Mohr	Bruna Tomassi	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	Robert Obtinalla	Sanyata Creo	Liz Coustley	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy Choir	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			



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BAPTISM DATES 2023

Please note all Baptisms are held at St Catherine of Siena Church, Bulmans Road, Melton West and commence at the allocated time.

As part of the Baptism process, we require you to complete an Application for Baptism Form and return it with a copy of the child's Birth Certificate to our Office to secure your date.

Please ring the Office on 9743 6515 prior to making your final arrangements to ensure that your date & time is available and confirmed.

May	20 May 27 May	Booked out Booked out
June	24 June	11am & 12pm
July	15 July 22 July 29 July	11am 11am & 12pm 11am & 12pm
August	19 August 26 August	11am & 12pm 11am & 12pm
September	16 September	11am & 12pm
October	21 October 28 October	11am & 12 pm 11am & 12 pm
November	18 November 25 November	11am & 12 pm 11am & 12 pm
December	2 December 9 December	11am & 12 pm 11am & 12 pm

** COMPULSORY Baptism Information Night **

COMMENCING AT 7.30PM SHARP
AT ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

	17 May	21 June
19 July	16 August	20 September
18 October	22 November	No Information Night in Dec

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.



Mailing List

Would you like to receive
The Tidings
prior to the weekend Masses?

Send an email to melton@cam.org.au requesting The Tidings be emailed to you.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Knights of the Southern Cross would like to invited all men of the parish to join this month's Men's Breakfast to be held on Saturday, 27 May from 7:00 am at St Dominic's Parish Hall.

Our guest speaker is Brendan Richards who will be speaking about his working life.



VICTORIA

DO YOU FEEL BEING CALLED TO SERVE? Information Session for the Permanent Diaconate

COME & SEE! An information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday, 3 June from 10 to 11:45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne.**



For more information, please talk to Den Chris or contact the office for the Permanent Diaconate at 03-9412 3357 or email: diaconate@cam.org.au

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men who wish to serve God and the Church as an ordained minister.

Housekeeper/Cleaner Wanted



We are looking for an organised, energetic and trustworthy person to be a housekeeper/cleaner for St Dominic's Presbytery, Melton, **two days per week (Tuesday and Friday) approximately 6 hours per day.**

A valid Working With Children Check card and Police Check necessary.

Email resume/interest to: melton@cam.org.au. A detailed role description will then be forwarded to you.

HOME VISITATION & BLESSING REQUESTS

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

<https://tinyurl.com/HBlessing>.

PARISH BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Announcements & Notices: Please submit your announcement or notices not 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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