



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.

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY YEAR-C | April 13, 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)

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

Our Saviour

In this final Lenten Sunday we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. We recognise him as our *saviour*, but we look more closely in order to discover just what kind of *saviour* he is. He has taken the form of a slave; he has been glorified with a name above all other names; he continues to suffer with us.

We have not been saved through military power, but through the self-offering humility of Jesus. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a *saviour* who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. In the face of this, we must ask a fundamental question: Why does God love us with such abandon?

We have a *saviour* who was lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives. He became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down.

We have a *saviour* who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Today's Readings:

Isa 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Luke 23:1-49

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 10:34, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

Recently Deceased

Antonia Micallef

Death Anniversaries:

Au Paul, Mario Gonzales, Helen Walsh, Carmel Gatt, Lily Jenkins, Lawrence Mercieca, Vittorio Armocida, Desmond Kealy, Jenny Foley, Jean Coburn, Canuto J Quiballo, Giuseppe Tiberio, Sylvia Vella, John Cacchuni, Ormond (John) Cacchini, John McDonald, Liza Mallia, AV Paul, Jeff Goudie, John Spiteri, Paul Spiteri, Gabriel Amoda, Ted Sliwa Snr, Peter Herbert, Bill Coburn, Policarpio Perez, Porfirio Alea



Parish Offertory Giving
March Update
Pledged: \$6,803.39 Actual: 4,972.14

Thank You

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

Reflection by Fr Alex Clemente, RCI



Perhaps for some, Palm Sunday is just a name. Or maybe associated with the start of the football season. But for the Catholics, it's the culmination of the Lenten journey which ushers to the Holy Week, which retells the Lord's passion, death and resurrection.

Palm Sunday marks Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, the city where his mission is to be completed. His coming was received by the excitement of a crowd waving palms and singing "Hosanna to the King". The gospel brings us back to the moving moment- before, during and after the crucifixion. It's a long narrative that involves human tragedies; aspiration and disappointment, friendship and betrayal, empathy and abandonment, joy and anguish.

As believers, we are expected not to simply watch the spectacle of the passion story and hate the Roman officials and Jewish characters who have persecuted Jesus. But we are asked to welcome our Saviour, who fulfilled his mission as a servant. We do not simply look with pity at Jesus, but contemplate the mystery of his sacrifice and death. With sadness and regret, we are invited to be personally engaged in the tragedy of an innocent man who, in the name of love, has offered his life for the redemption of the guilty ones.

Indeed, this coming Holy Week is a gleaming memorial of Jesus' self-giving love!

In what ways do you feel you have failed Jesus?

What dimensions of Jesus' sufferings and death resonate most with you and why?

Where do you see the brokenness of Christ in our world today?

How can you better prepare your heart and mind for the coming celebration of Jesus' resurrection?



Local Pilgrim Churches in the Archdiocese of Melbourne
(During Jubilee Year—February 2025 to 6 January 2026).

Please visit the website of each Pilgrim Place for details of what is offered, the time it is offered and who to contact to make arrangements for group pilgrimages.

- St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne
- St Luke's, Lalor
- Polish Marian Shrine, Aberfeldie
- At Mary Magdalen's, Trentham
- Divine Mercy Shrine, Keysborough
- Our Lady of La Vang Shrine, Keyborough
- St Patrick's, Mentone
- St Macartan's, Mornington
- St Mary's Star of the Sea, West Melbourne
- St Mary MacKillop, Keilor Downs
- Holy Trinity, Queenscliff
- St Dominic's, Camberwell East
- Sacred Heart, Croydon
- St Francis Xavier, Mansfield

During the Passion of the Lord liturgy at St Catherine of Siena Church on Good Friday, we place a stone at the foot of the cross. Do you know why?

Although the custom of placing a stone on a grave probably draws upon pagan customs, the stones also symbolize the permanence of memory.

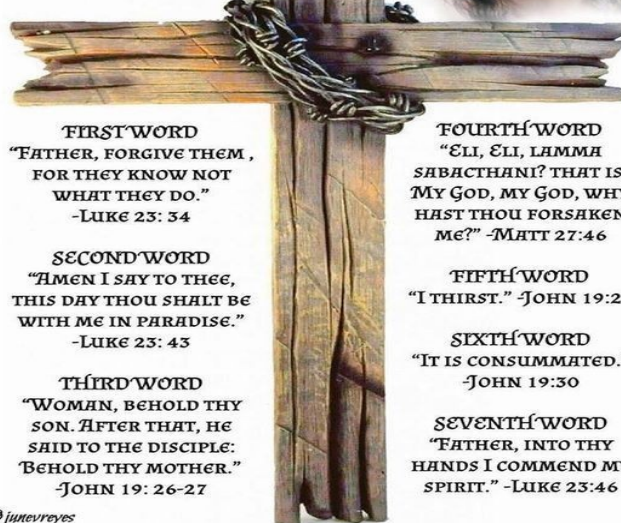
It is a common Jewish custom to place a small stone upon the gravestone of a loved one when visiting the cemetery. This act of placing **visitation stones** is significant in Jewish bereavement practices. Small stones are placed by people who visit Jewish graves in an act of remembrance or respect for the deceased. This demonstrates that the person buried has not been forgotten and that people had been to visit.



Marking a grave with stones was customary in Biblical times before the adoption of gravestones. The oldest graves in the Old Cemetery in Safed are piles of rocks with a more prominent rock bearing an inscription.



THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS ON THE CROSS



@jutevreyes

St Patrick's Cathedral
1 Cathedral Place
East Melbourne Victoria 3002



Tue (15 April 2025) 10am Chrism Mass
(Mass of Oils), 12pm Reconciliation, 1pm Mass*

* This Mass is livestreamed via the Archdiocesan YouTube channel and the video

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.

PLENARY INDULGENCES

Indulgences are a way to reduce the time a person spends suffering for sins, even after they have been forgiven. A faithful Christian can earn an indulgence for themselves or for someone who has passed away, as long as they meet certain conditions. Indulgences are a wonderful support on the great pilgrimage towards heaven. While indulgences do not absolve people of sin—that is for the sacrament of Reconciliation—they orient hearts towards God and are characterised by a mysterious interior renewal.

To receive a Jubilee plenary indulgence within the Archdiocese of Melbourne, individually or in a group, people can visit any Pilgrim Place, remain there for a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, then conclude their time of prayer with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith and the Hail Mary (or any other invocation to Mary the Mother of God).

By fulfilling these conditions while they are at a Pilgrim Place, the grace of the Jubilee Indulgence is granted. Normally only one plenary indulgence can be received per day, but for the duration of the 2025 Jubilee Year, pilgrims will be able to 'pay it forward' and obtain a second, on condition that they have carried out an act of charity offered for the souls in purgatory and received Holy Communion a second time that day.



HOLY WEEK & EASTER TRIDUUM 2025

St Anthony of Padua Church, Melton South
Friday, April 11

6.30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Reconciliation (approx. 7.30pm)

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH, WEST MELTON

Maundy Thursday April 17



7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10 pm

Good Friday April 18



10.30am Stations of the Cross followed by Reconciliation
3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday April 19



10.30am Blessing of the Easter food baskets
7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday April 20

9am & 11am Easter Sunday Masses

Please Note: no 5pm Mass

HOME VISITATION & BLESSING REQUESTS

For Home Visitation & Blessing requests, please speak to one of our priests after Mass or fill out the online request form:

[TINYURL.COM/HBLESSING](https://tinyurl.com/HBLESSING)

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

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

PLEASE RING THE MASS MANAGER IF UNABLE TO ATTEND:

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

Palm Sunday Passion of the Lord			Saturday & Sunday April 12&13, 2025	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Asther Creo	Liza Fernandes	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Alzira Mascarenhas	Liza Fernandes	Janet Estrada
Responder	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Asther Creo	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			

Easter Triduum Roster has been emailed to the ministers that have offered to assist. It is also available on the wall in the Gathering Area of the church.

2nd Sunday of Easter			Saturday & Sunday April 26&27, 2025	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Bill McGuinness	Graham Dempsey	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Tania Walters	Faith Tuputala	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion		Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			



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



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

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

APRIL

Sunday, 13th	Palm / Passion Sunday
Wednesday, 16th	No Mass at St Catherine's Church Mass at St Anthony's Melton South 9.30am
Thursday, 17th	No morning Mass at St Dominic's
Friday, 18th	No morning Mass at St Dominic's

See Holy Week & Easter Triduum Liturgy Times on page 3 of the Tidings

Wednesday, 23rd	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15 am Year 6 & Prep students to attend Baptism Information Night 7.30 pm St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 24th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 25th	ANZAC Public Holiday No Mass at St Dominic's Church Mass: 9.30 am at St Anthony's Melton South
Saturday, 26th	Baptisms: 11am & 12.15pm
Tuesday, 29th	St Catherine of Siena Feast Day
Wednesday, 30th	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15 am Whole school Mass for St Catherine's School

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Thursday, 1st	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 2nd	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 2 students to attend .

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](https://tinyurl.com/GiveMelton)

You may also like to use the Smart Terminal at the
welcome desk to contribute to the Parish.



PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY (HOLY THURSDAY)

Twelve parishioners are required for the
washing of the feet at the 7.30pm Mass on
April 17. If you are willing to have your foot washed by the
priest - man, woman, child, young or old! - please contact Liz
Coustley 0490 885 515 (email: cso.melton@gmail.com) if you
can assist.

You are also invited to wear your national costume
if you have one.

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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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