



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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR A - May 17, 2026

CLERGY

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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@sfc.vic.edu.au

Reflection by Fr. Wilford Urmaza, RCJ

FROM VISIBLE TO INVISIBLE PRESENCE IN THE CHURCH

Forty days after the Resurrection, Christ ascended into the Father's domain, a definitive reality proclaimed in our belief that "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father."

This event completes Easter in the sense that it shows Jesus' exaltation and reign in heaven, and it changes the disciples' experience of him from a visible presence to a presence now encountered through faith and the Church's life.

But what is it for the believers and disciples of Christ?

His ascension is directly connected to His resurrection, where the promise of redemption has been fulfilled on the cross, and the hope of coming back shall be accomplished with certitude.

In his declaration, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me" signifies his participation, in his humanity, in God's power and authority. Jesus possesses universal authority over the whole created order and over history, and this authority is the foundation for the Church's mission, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" a concrete command for evangelization, with an assurance to be truly present in the Word, Church, and sacraments, particularly, the Eucharist.



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

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

Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

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

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Eph 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him.

May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers.

This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mat 28:16-20

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them.

He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

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.



2026 VINNIES WINTER APPEAL



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

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23

Recently Deceased

Brendan Coburn

Death Anniversaries:

Porphyria Rebello, Allwyn Rodricks, Teles Pereira, Anthony & Peidade Pereira, Albert Francis Barretto, Kathleen Whitmore, Margaret O'Brien, Rose Camilleri, Roger Gomez, Jami Lee, Miki Thomas, Joseph Abraham, Francis Butler, Teresa Borg, Jessie Montebello, Genoviva Gothnara, Ellie Hanrahan, Mary Spillman, Nina Desira, Charles Vincent Tiglao, Angie Netto, Carmelo Caccamo, Cornelio Perez Sr, Felipe Guleng, CM Joseph, Anna Sorge, Vincent Micallef, Con O'Callaghan, Lottie James, Sandra Vella, Jane Fernandez, Sheila Coburn, Bertha Vas, Melina Panozzo, Antony Kokkat, Marianito Rodriguez Sr., Sydney Meril, Damien Stephenson, Mariana Prasetyana, Joseph Borg, Eileen Patterson, Gary Jongebloed, Barbara Purgar, Joseph Camilleri, Margaret Cutajar, Daniel Bury, Ian Kerr, Cruz Fernandes, James Anguei, Neomal Leyonidias, Rosario Sobredo, Imogen Mel

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Partnered Churches of Melton & Melton South Volunteers

SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS GROUP

TRAINING WORKSHOP

25TH JULY 2026, SATURDAY 1-3PM

PADUA HALL, EXFORD ROAD MELTON SOUTH

Church volunteers are highly encouraged to attend, please write your name & contact details on the Clipboard at the Gathering area for catering purposes.

VINNIES SOUP VAN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Scan the QR code to sign up to help with 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 vehicle as a team.



A prayer for the Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi



Pope Leo XIV had announced that 2026 is a Jubilee Year of St. Francis, to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the saint's death.

The Holy Father has offered this prayer for the occasion:

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago, went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord. You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall. You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries. In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen~~~

Have you been Encountered?

Marriage Encounter is coming to Melton

Come along and experience your special weekend at:

St Dominic's Parish Melton

When: June 26 – 28th 2026

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday 4:30pm

For further details, please contact:

Mercy & James Bvirakare Ph: 0409 183 676

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au / Visit wwme.org.au

Flyers available at the gathering area

Additional Volunteers needed for Food Prep. for Marriage Encounter Weekend if you're able to help
Please contact Anne Woof # 0400 098 979

PLEASE RING MASS MANAGER IF UNABLE TO ATTEND AND PERFORM YOUR ROSTERED DUTY



6pm—Tania Walters 0492 952 478
9am Theo Franken 0411 040 897

11am— Lea Jacuta 0414 390 151
5pm - Josephine Krajina 0407 042 133

The Ascension of the Lord Year A

Saturday & Sunday May 16 & 17, 2026

Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Karl Metha	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Responder	Tania Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Elainne de los Santos
EOM Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Marissa Tuason	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan	Veritas	Tongan
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			

Pentecost Sunday Year A

Saturday & Sunday May 23 & 24, 2026

Ministers of:	6pm	9am	11am	5pm
Welcome	Kate Mulholland	Karl Metha	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Alzira Mascarenhas	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Charlu Chua	Marissa Tuason	Janet Estrada
EOM Holy Communion	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Chelsea Amato	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration	No Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie			



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

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

MAY

Wednesday, 20th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 7:00pm St Dominic's Parish Hall - ALPHA Prog.
Thursday, 21th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church 7:00pm Catechism Non-Infant Baptism St Dominics Presbytery Office
Friday, 22th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church Year- 1 Student's Mass
Saturday, 23rd	11am BAPTISM St Catherine of Siena Church
Sunday, 24th	2pm Swahili Mass : St Dominic's Church
Wednesday, 27th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 7:00pm St Dominic's Parish Hall - ALPHA Prog.
Thursday, 28th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church 7:00 Catechism Non-Infant Baptism St Dominics Presbytery Office
Friday, 29th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church Prep Student's Mass
Saturday, 30th	11am / 1pm : St Catherine of Siena Church SCPS / SDPS - Sacrament 1st Eucharist
Sunday, 31st	2:30pm : St Catherine of Siena Church St Lukes Program - Sacrament 1st Eucharist

JUNE

Wednesday, 3rd	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 7:00pm St Dominic's Parish Hall - ALPHA Prog.
Thursday, 4th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church 7:00pm Catechism Non-Infant Baptism St Dominics Presbytery Office
Friday, 5th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church

**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.



**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.

You're invited to Alpha at our Parish

Alpha is an informal and welcoming series of interactive sessions that creates a safe and honest space for people from all backgrounds to explore life, faith, and meaning—no matter where they are on their faith journey.

The program runs every **Wednesday** for **10–11 weeks**, with each session lasting just two hours. Each week, participants gather in a small group to **share a meal, watch a short video, and engage in open and respectful conversation.**

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

We are currently rolling out the 1st batch, please continue to pray for the success of this program.

To reserve your place in our future Alpha program please email your details to melton@cam.org.au or send an SMS to **0422 808 018**.

We hope you can join us! We look forward to meeting you and sharing this journey together.



**PARISH OFFERTORY
GIVING 2026**

April Update:
Pledged: \$4,817.96
Actual: \$4,144.35

Thank You

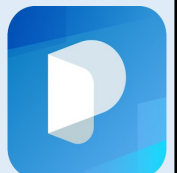
If you would like to:

- 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](https://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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