



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.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR A - January 11, 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: 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 7-9): Bridge Rd, Cobblebank
+61 3 8099 6000 | info@sfc.vic.edu.au

Leo's Lens (Reflection by Nick Brodie)

We are not made for a life where everything is taken for granted and static,' Pope Leo says, 'but for an existence that is constantly renewed through gift of self in love.'

Our baptismal calling is, after all, a call to action!

'There is a burning question in our hearts,' the Pope reflects, 'a need for truth that we cannot ignore, which leads us to ask ourselves: what is true happiness? What is the true meaning of life? What can free us from being trapped in meaninglessness, boredom and mediocrity?'

The Pope encourages us to recollect that 'the fullness of our existence does not depend on what we store up.' As we return from the holiday season to Ordinary Time, we may well reflect on this: Life is about more than possessions.

'We need to lift our eyes,' the Pope says, and 'realise that everything in the world has

meaning only insofar as it serves to unite us to God and to our brothers and sisters in charity.'

We should, the Pope says, appreciate that 'fullness has to do with what we joyfully welcome and share.' Our lives are more fulsome when they are open to celebrating the gifts and serving the needs of others.

Quotes from Homily for Mass of Jubilee of Youth, 3 August 2025



The heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him.
Matthew 3:16

Next Week's Readings:

Isa 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 John 1:29-34

Recently Deceased

Rosilyn Mansay Brokaw, Antoinette Gatt

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

Joseph Buttigieg, Godfrey Farrugia, Rosina Gerada, Ivan Bezzina, Gerald and Maria, Ella Hermosissima, Royland Unabia, Joan Gerada, Anton & Anne, Tash Pigot, Sr Tania DeJong, Steven Allen, Moria Dalli, Marina & Florence Seneviratne, Lillian Johnston, Romeo Perez, Mary & Rita Debono, Iris Morgan, Maryanne Calleja, Bert Ilagan, Gaetano Cassar, Romeo Armeni, Lel Caruana, Wes Bellman, Elizabeth Nuspan, Joseph Buttigieg, Rita Sammut, Francesco Farfalla, Shirley Duperouzel, Joe Roche, Rose Zahra, Godwin Pace, Jose Balberan, Desmond Brohire, Michael Schembri, Narrareno Camilleri, Ignacio P Ramirez, Mary Fenech, Ron Forms, Salvatore Fucile, Gerry DeVellis, Sam Cutajar, Wilma Dacunha, Daniel P Ramirez, Maria Muscat, Simone Maini, John Paul Montejo

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

Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened,
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,
and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First Reading

Isa 42:1-4, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people and
light of the nations,

to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. **(R.)**
2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **(R.)**
3. The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mat 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened
and the Spirit of God came upon him.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

Communion Antiphon

Behold the One of whom John said:

I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Gospel Focus – Leave it like this

There is comfort to be found in the words Jesus spoke to John, 'Leave it like this for the time being'. We can sometimes be frustrated by the slow pace of change in the world and in our own lives – we often want things to happen immediately, if not yesterday! But Jesus' words convey a sense that there is an order to things a right time for them to come about. 'Leave it like this for the time being' says, let things unfold in their own time without being anxious; work for change, but there is a proper time for things.



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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

"This is my Son,
the Beloved;
my favour
rests on him."

Matthew 3:17

**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

Baptism of the Lord Year A			Saturday & Sunday January 10 & 11, 2026	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Kate Mulholland	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Alzira Mascarenhas	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Responder	Maria Prasetyono	Jennifer Peters	Liz Coustley	Janet Estrada
Presentation of Gifts	Tania Walters	Karl Metha		Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Maria Alvarado	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Faith Tuputala	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie		Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			

2 nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A			Saturday & Sunday January 17 & 18, 2026	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Maureen Mohr	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Janet Estrada
Responder	Tania Walters	Faith Tuputala	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Amy Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanghaya Creo	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			



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THE SACRAMENTS OF PENANCE, EUCCHARIST & CONFIRMATION 2026

An invitation is extended to join our partnered parishes of
Melton and Melton South, Sacramental Program called:

St Luke's Sacramental Program

**for young people who do not attend a Catholic
Primary School, or attend a Catholic Secondary
School and are baptised, but have not received one
or more of the above Sacraments.**

We begin with an Information Night on Thursday,
January 29, 2026 at 7pm sharp in St Dominic's Parish
Hall - entry via the gate on Smith St, Melton.

Information and the application form for these programs
is available online on our Parish website:
www.melbatholic.org/melton or in hard copy from the
Gathering Area of St Catherine of Siena church.

Please complete the application form and either:

- Email it to the parish office at: melton@cam.org.au,
- Drop it off personally at the parish office (10 Unitt St
Melton) Tuesday - Friday
between 9.30am and
4.30pm, or
- Place it into the white
return box in the
Gathering Area of St
Catherine of Siena
church.



The Sacrament of Penance
program begins on Thursday
February 5, 2026.

Growing Together In Faith

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Head to our website and subscribe to The Tidings or
simply scan the QR code to enter your email to
receive a digital copy.



The Smart Terminal is operating and available again.
It is now 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.



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**

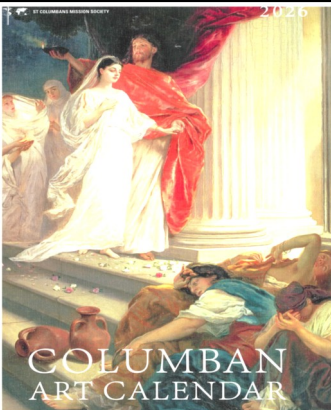
ENROLMENT FOR ST MARIANNE COPE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL MOUNT ATKINSON

<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



2026 Columban Art Calendar Available at the Piety Store Gathering Area only few left now \$9 only

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

JANUARY 2026

Wednesday, 14th	NO 9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 15th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Friday, 16th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Wednesday, 21st	NO 9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 22nd	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Friday, 23rd	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Tuesday, 27th	7:00pm Baptism Information Night : St Catherine of Siena Church
Wednesday, 28th	NO 9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 29th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Friday, 30th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Saturday, 31st	11:00am Baptism : St Catherine of Siena Church

OUR PARISH SACRAMENT STATISTICS 2025

In 2025 there were:

156 Baptisms **121 First Communions**
128 Confirmations **3 Marriages** **34 Funerals**

We pray for all who have been given the graces of these sacraments.

As a parish, may we continue to support and nurture every child, young person and adult in their spiritual journey and may our parish remain a welcoming place of worship.

We pray for the repose of all souls who have passed away and for their families.

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, necessary requirements and the application form.

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www.melbcatholic.org/melton

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TINYURL.COM/HBLESSING

PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING



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**

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

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS

- 1st Prize: MG ZS Excite - Elena Laurel
- 2nd Prize: Travel Voucher - Christoher Centeno
- 3rd Prize: Apple Mac Book - Dan Divina
- 4th Prize: Apple iphone 16
- Luisa Carlos
- 5th Prize: Apple Watch
- Yvonne Rozario

Winners will be contacted by phone



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

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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