



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 12TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - June 21, 2026

CLERGY

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We are **closed** on Mondays, weekends and public holidays.

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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

Cobblebank Campus (Year 7-9): Bridge Rd, Cobblebank
+61 3 8099 6000 | info@sfcc.vic.edu.au

Reflection by Fr. Jeffrey Salvador, RCJ

Do Not Be Afraid 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Matthew 10:26-33

Dear brothers and sisters, in today's Gospel, Jesus says three times: "Do not be afraid." These words are very comforting, but they are also very challenging. Because in life, we all experience fear. We fear failure. We fear rejection. We fear what others may say about us. We fear losing people we love. We fear sickness, problems, uncertainty, and even death.

Jesus speaks these words to His disciples because He knows that following Him will not always be easy. There will be moments when they will be misunderstood, rejected, persecuted, and hated because of their faith. But Jesus tells them: "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul."

This means that there are things in life more important than comfort, popularity, and safety. Our faith, our soul, our relationship with God—these are the treasures that no one can take away from us unless we surrender them. People may judge us, criticize us, or reject us, but they cannot remove God's love from our hearts.

Jesus also reminds us that we are precious in the eyes of the Father. He says that not even a small sparrow falls to the ground without the Father knowing it. Then He adds, "Even all the hairs of your head are counted." This is a beautiful reminder that God knows us completely. He sees our struggles, our worries, our hidden tears, and our silent prayers.

So when Jesus says, "Do not be afraid," He is not saying that problems will disappear. He is saying that we do not face them alone. God is with us. God sees us. God values us. God protects what is most important in us—our soul.

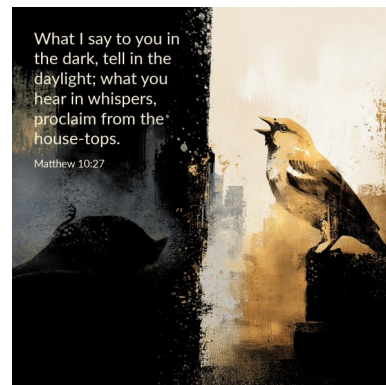
Today, the Gospel invites us to have courage. Courage to live our faith, courage to speak the truth, courage to do what is right, and courage to trust God even when life is difficult.

May we always remember: we are precious to God.

Therefore, we should not be ruled by fear, but guided by faith. Amen.

What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

Matthew 10:27



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

The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them for ever.

First Reading

Jer 20: 10-13

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!"
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. **(R.)**
2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R.)**
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Rom 5:12-15

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me,
says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mat 10:26-33

9:36-10:8

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

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.

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.



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

Next Week's Readings:

2Kings 4:8-11, 14-16 Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 Mat 10:37-42

Recently Deceased

William "Bill" Neville Williams (funeral 23.06.2026)

Anthony John "Tony" Fleming (funeral 24.06.2026)

Death Anniversaries:

Maryann Freer, Margherita Grech, Anthony Giacomotto,
Maria Balberan, Shauna Stewart, Paul Kennedy, Sam Folkard,
Salvina Pace, Bertnam Sundaran, Michele Tulipano,
Mary Ann Williams, Betty Rowe, Emanuel Micallef, Joan Quinsee,
Fairy Bellman, Jan Lannon, Margaret Donovan, Edna Folkard, Tony
Farrugia, Keneth Browne, Cos Donovan, Joan Hester, Nancy
Rowley, Jan Chojnowski, Ceferina Porcalla,
Kenneth Muni Deo, Janina Lewandowski, Jan Lenandowski,
Mary Kelly, Reg White, Jean Young, Maureen Kealy,
Gaetana Montalti, Mila Resuello, Kay Dempsey, Queenie Rayner,
Grace Dodemaide, John Spiteri, Kenneth Deo 250620-26_30



This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity.



Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children.

St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal June 2026

As Winter approaches the society is calling for support for our winter appeal.

New data is showing the increased depth of financial pressure now facing households that were already struggling to get by.

Your generosity can provide healthy food.

Your kindness can keep the lights on or the car running .

Contributions can be made via the QR code below or by placing a donation in the poor box in the gathering space.

MELTON CONFERENCE



St Vincent de Paul Society
VICTORIA
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good work

2026 VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

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.

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



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

Twelfth Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday June 20 & 21, 2026

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
WELCOME	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
THE WORD	Tetchie Hadfield	Jennifer Peters	Chelsea Amato	Sarah Olayvar
RESPONDER	TANIA WALTERS	ALZIRA MASCARENHAS	LIZ COUSTLEY	Janet Estrada
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Marissa Tuason	Josephine Krajina
HOLY COMMUNION	KATE MULHOLLAND	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
POWERPOINT OPERATOR	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	DANIELLA AHMET	Nina Ahmet
GIFT SHOP	KATE MULHOLLAND	ANNE STOKIE	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
CHOIR	DIVINE MERCY	SAMOAN	VERITAS	Tongan
COUNTERS	Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr, Karl Metha			

Thirteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday June 27 & 28, 2026

Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Bill McGuiness	Marissa Tuason	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Alzira Mascarenhas	Chelsea Amato	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Sarah Olayvar
Presentation of Gifts	Maria Alvarado	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Tania Walters	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Liz Coustley	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration	Veritas	Filipino
Counters	Tania Walters, Maria Abela			



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

JUNE

Wednesday, 24th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 7:00pm St Dominic's Parish Hall - ALPHA Prog.
Thursday, 25th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's church
Friday, 26th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's church
Saturday, 27th	11am Baptism: St Catherine of Siena Church

JULY

Wednesday, 1st	NO Mass: School Holiday St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 2nd	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's church
Friday, 3rd	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's church
Tuesday, 7th	7:00pm Baptism Information Night St Catherine of Siena Church
Wednesday, 8th	NO Mass: School Holiday St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 9th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's church
Friday, 10th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's church
Sat, 11th	11am Baptism: St Catherine of Siena Church

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2026

The *St Luke's Sacramental Program* for young people who do not attend a Catholic Primary School, or attend a Catholic Secondary School, who are in Year 6 or above, are baptised and have received the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist but **have not** received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Information and the application form is available online on our Parish website: www.melbcatholic.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 Confirmation

Program begins on

Thursday, July 16, 2026.

Growing Together In Faith

Marriage Encounter weekend

Come along and experience your special weekend at:

St Dominic's Parish Melton June 26 – 28th 2026

Starts Friday evening at 7pm 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

Volunteers Needed Contact Anne Wolf #0400 098 979

**PARISH OFFERTORY
GIVING 2026**

May Update:
Pledged: \$4,870.58
Actual: \$4,056.66

Thank You

If you would like to:

- Make a **one-off donation**
- Set up **recurring donations** to the parish
- Or **request a payment report**

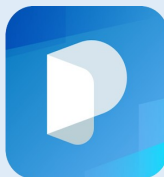
please scan the QR code or head to our website: TINYURL.COM/GIVEMELTON



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 Offertory Giving

Many thanks to all who support our Parish financially. With a current debt of \$1,843,686.20 on St Catherine's church, we heavily rely on your generosity.

Our Parish expenditure includes a quarterly loan repayment of \$49,975, insurance and utility costs, office running expenses, wages, repairs, maintenance, cleaning costs, program costs, church supplies, etc.

The Parish Offertory Giving, and the second collection at Mass, help us meet these expenses.

Statements, and the next set of envelopes, are available for pick up in the Gathering Area of St Catherine's Church.

Please collect yours today.

If you wish to change from 'envelope giving' to direct debit, please complete the form available in the Gathering Area and place in the return box by the wall.

For Direct Debit Statements, please follow the directions in the notice on the back page of the Tidings.

Thank You

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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