



THE TIDINGS

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

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

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — Year B | 6 October 2024

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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 & 5pm
- Wednesday 9.15am

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

- Thursday & Friday 9.15am

CONFESSION

St Catherine of Siena Church

Saturday: 5.45 pm | Sunday: 4.45pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & ROSARY

St Dominic's Church

- Thursday following the 9.15am 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

(formerly Catholic Regional College Melton)

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@sfcc.vic.edu.au

Gospel Focus

Like a little child

MOST of us at some time or another have been told to 'grow up'; 'stop acting like a child'; or to 'act your age'. It implies that, as we grow older, we have to behave in a more 'responsible' or 'mature' way than when we were children.

Anyone who does not welcome the kingdom
of God like a little child will never enter it.
Mark 10:15



Jesus turns this on its head and tells us that unless we 'welcome the kingdom like a little child' we will never enter it. The gospels are full of stories about people who call on God's mercy because they

recognise that without God they are nothing.

When they subsequently receive God's mercy or healing they welcome it all the more – like a little child.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia.

*If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!*

Today's Readings: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 127 (128); Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

Next Sunday's Readings: Ws 7:7-11; Ps 89 (90); Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

Prayer Requests

Death Anniversaries: Carmen Galea, Peter Fenlon, Clarence Corera, Philip Aldridge, Br Cahill Gleisner SDB, Fr Peter James, Gerti Roberts, Daniel Paoli, Bronwyn Huxtable, Shyamalee Candappa, Sean Stewart, Birdwyn Dennis Allen, Mrs Nugera Royal Thompson, Carmen Sullivan, Lucina Dimaano, Carmelo Bartolo, Joseph Cassar, Ellen Veronica Kealy, Karmelo Bartolo, Franz Pereira, Merryl Jongebloed, Francis Pickett, Michael Wallner, Grace Robbins, George & Elizabeth Tarleton, Bert Brown-Kenyon, Grace Bonnici, Joshua Baillon, Jacinto Cabrerros, Gaetan Benoit, Maria Rosaria Mazzarella, Eric Huxtable, Stan Wedekind, Victor Biskup, John Lane, Sr Giulia Bruna Corletto, Rita Pisani, Mary Cutajar, Eddie Simbulan, Concetta Pasquini, Audrey Rilling, Justin Seneviratne Snr, Ivan Fisher, Michael Bonnici, David Drummond, Amber Laverick, Bali Viltele, Greg Rowley, William Reasonable, John McPhee

Recently deceased: Glenn Rawlins, Irene Carmen Pisani

Parish Offertory Giving September Update

Pledged: \$6,897.85

Actual: \$5,133.96



Reflection

In the Western world today, somewhere between one-third and one-half of marriages end in divorce. It's a statistic that we hear wheeled out as a sign of the collapse of family values in our society. However, the reverse statistic is also true: somewhere between one-half and two-thirds of marriages are lasting ones. In the last 30-40 years, divorce has transformed from being a shameful scandal to an accepted, even commonplace, fact of life. It would be uncommon not to know someone affected by divorce. Despite those who argue that divorce is too 'easy', it is an emotional and difficult decision for couples to reach and has rippling impacts on children, extended families and friends.

When the Pharisees in the gospel asked Jesus about the law regarding divorce, they really weren't interested in divorce; they wanted to check Jesus' orthodoxy – how he stood in relation to traditional teaching. Rather than respond to them directly, Jesus asks them first of all to name the teaching to which they refer. He then explains that Moses only ever wrote the instruction because the people were so unwilling to listen to God's way.

For the second time in the last few weeks, the gospel shows Jesus welcoming children and praising their attitude as the way to the kingdom of God. Children of the time had no status and were regarded as literally the property of their father. When Jesus laid his hands on the children and gave them his blessing, this was the action of a father 'claiming' the child as their own. To welcome the kingdom like a little child is to enter into living the kingdom of God without any claim to position or status; to recognise our complete dependence on others; to let go of our ideas of who is important and who is not; to allow ourselves to be 'claimed' by Jesus.



Contributions To Fr Michael's Parting Gift From Our Parish

As Fr Michael announced last weekend, his final Masses in our Parish will be on Sunday, October 20.

If you would like to contribute to a gift of thanks for his ministry in our Parish over the past 23 years, you may do so as follows:

- **Cash donations** may be put into the white 'Return Box' in the Gathering Area of the Church **OR**

- **Direct Deposit** into:

St Dominic's Melton Church Account

BSB: 083 347

Account No.: 546088702

Reference: Parting Gift Donation

Thank You



Term 4, 2024

Free eSafety parent and carer webinars

Join eSafety's expert education team for a free live webinar designed for parent and carers.

Term 4 topics:

- **Supporting healthy tech use as your child transitions into high school (30 minutes)**
Suitable for parents and carers of young people in upper primary school (aged 11-12) and Year 7.
- **eSafety 101: How eSafety can help (30 minutes)**
Suitable for parents and carers of children and young people in primary and secondary school. An overview of the eSafety Commissioner, and supporting programs and resources for parents and carers, children, and young people.



For more information and to register now: esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars

Samoan Mass Cancelled

Please note that the scheduled Samoan Mass for Sunday October 6th has been cancelled.

Samoan Masses will not be on until further notice.

eSafety webinar Term 4 dates:

- **12.30pm Thursday, 24 October**
- **12.30pm Wednesday 4 December**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
7 OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	8	9 9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church 7pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting @ Parish Meeting Room	10 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	11 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church (joined by St Dominic's Primary - Gr 6)	12 6pm Vigil Mass	13 28th Sunday Ordinary Time 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses Life, Marriage & Family Sunday
14	15 ST TERESA OF AVILA	16 ST MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE 9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church 7.30pm Baptism Info Night @ St Catherine of Siena Church	17 ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	18 ST LUKE 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church (joined by St Dominic's Primary - Gr 5)	19 Baptisms: 11am & 12.15pm 6pm Vigil Mass	20 29th Sunday Ordinary Time 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses World Mission Sunday
21	22 ST JOHN PAUL II	23 9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church	24 ST ANTONY MARY CLARET 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	25 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church (joined by St Dominic's Primary - Gr 4)	26 Baptisms: 11am & 12.15pm 6pm Vigil Mass	27 30th Sunday Ordinary Time 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses
28 STS SIMON & JUDE	29	30 9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church	31 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	1 ALL SAINTS 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church (joined by St Dominic's Primary - Gr 3)	2 ALL SOULS 6pm Vigil Mass	3 31st Sunday Ordinary Time 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses
NOV						

Bereavement Book

Parishioners are invited to write the names of relatives and friends who have died in the last year on their death anniversary in the Bereavement Book located next to the candles in the Chapel of Petition.

We will be reprinting it in preparation for All Souls Day next month, however parishioners will be able to continue adding names, especially during November, the month of remembrance.



NEW VOLUNTEER INFORMATION & APPLICATION PACKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING AREA AND THE PARISH WEBSITE

PLEASE RING THE MASS MANAGERS IF UNABLE TO ATTEND:

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

27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday October 5&6, 2024		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa -Sanchez
Responder	Tania Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Maureen Mohr	Bruna Tomassi	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir		Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			

28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday October 12&13 2024		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Janet Estrada
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Tania Walters	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Tania Walters	Asther Creo	Bruna Tomassi	Josephine Krajina
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Choir		Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			



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

Vacancy – Melton Parish Secretary

12 month Temporary Role (Maternity Leave Cover)

Our Parish secretary Vivien is expecting her second baby at the end of December so the Parish is looking for someone to temporarily fill her part-time role from early December 2024 until late November 2025.

Please contact the parish office for a copy of the Position Description or visit the Melbourne Catholic Job Vacancies page at melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies if you are interested in applying.



Saturday October 12th • 1pm at Treasury Gardens
(Meeting at Cnr of Spring St & Wellington Pde)

We are marching in loving memory of the babies lost in abortion and to help end abortion in Victoria, and for better support for pregnant women.

Please wear pink and/or blue for the babies!

March for the Babies

Annual Marriage Anniversary Mass

Sunday 20 October 2024 • 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral

Couples are invited to join together with their families at the annual Anniversary Mass in celebrating the following anniversaries – 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above. **Please register by Sunday 13 October at** TINYURL.COM/MELBCATHANNIVERSARYMASS24

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.

MISSED OUT ON THE TIDINGS?

Back issues of The Tidings are available on our parish website: www.melbcatholic.org/melton

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PREVIOUS BULLETINS



Would you like to receive The Tidings before the weekend?

Head to our website to subscribe to The Tidings or simply scan the QR code to enter your email to receive a digital copy. You will then receive a verification link via email to confirm your subscription.

Volunteers needed: Melton Soup Van

Do you:

- ✓ Have a passion for giving a 'hand up' to individuals experiencing disadvantage?
- ✓ Love giving back to your local community?
- ✓ Enjoy engaging with people from all walks of life?



If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please email us at soupvans@svdp-vic.org.au for more information, or sign up now using the QR code.

Please note:

To attend and serve on the Soup Van Program you **must** be aged 18 or over.



VINNIES SOUP VANS STREET SERVICE MELTON



Soup Vans will continue its Street Service around Melton as follows:

Tuesday

6.00-6.30pm **Melton Town Centre Amphitheatre**
Palmerston St, Melton

7.00-7.30pm **Melton Station Square Shopping Centre**
11-25 Station St, Melton South

Thursday (new stop)

6.00-7.00pm **Melton Town Centre Amphitheatre**
Palmerston St, Melton

- Fruit and vegetables
- Non-perishable pantry items
- Toiletries
- Soup, sandwiches, hot food

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



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

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

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

HOME VISITATION & BLESSING REQUESTS

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

TINYURL.COM/HBLESSING

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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