



THE TIDINGS

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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 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH YEAR A - December 28, 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 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

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+61 3 8099 6000 | info@sfc.vic.edu.au

Reflection by Fr. Jeffrey Salvador, RCJ

Feast of the Holy Family

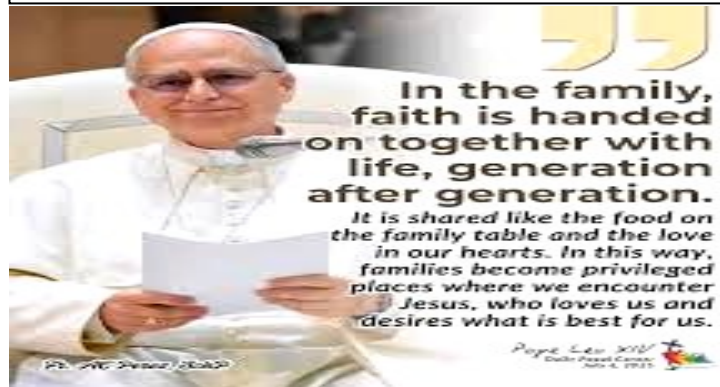
Family is the most basic and fundamental unit of society. It is in the family that we first experience love and care. It is where we are nurtured, protected, and guided. From our parents, we learn values and behaviours, so much so that people often say, "You behave like your mom or dad." In essence, it is in the family that our hearts and souls are formed, shaping our ideal of love, care, and belonging.

But what if we have not experienced that kind of family? Are we still called to care, love, and protect our own families? Even if we were hurt, neglected, or treated with indifference, can we still radiate love and care, rooted in God's love? Can we allow God, through the example of the Holy Family, to bring healing and love into our homes?

On this Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, reflecting on the example of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. In today's Gospel, Joseph is warned in a dream to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt to protect the child from King Herod. He obeys immediately, trusting God's plan. After Herod's death, Joseph returns with his family and settles in Nazareth, fulfilling God's promises.

This feast highlights the virtues of the Holy Family: faith, obedience, love, and care. Joseph's courage reminds us that family life often requires difficult decisions rooted in faith. Mary's faithful "yes" to God shows surrender, trust, and openness to His will. Together, they show that love grounded in God can overcome challenges and uncertainties. Even in humble circumstances, the Holy Family demonstrates that holiness comes from faithful love, daily care, and trust in God's providence. Their life encourages us to create homes filled with love, patience, and forgiveness, reflecting God's grace in our daily interactions.

Let us ask ourselves: Are we ready to live in love and faithfulness within our families? Do we support and forgive one another, even when it is difficult? May the example of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus inspire us to welcome God into our homes and hearts, and to become instruments of His love and peace in the world.



The Parish of Melton Office will be Closed
from Wed, 24 December 2025
till Monday, 5 January 2026



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

Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

First Reading Sirah 3:2-6, 12-14

Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.

Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord.

My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **(R.)**
3. Indeed, thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life! **(R.)**

Second Reading Col 3:12-21

Concerning the Christian life in the world.

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and

never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.

- Alleluia!

Gospel Mat 2:13-15, 19-23

Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

He will be called a Nazarene.

Communion Antiphon

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.



Next Week's Readings:

Isa 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 Mat 2:1-12

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

Charlu Sr.Chua, Teodorico Ventura, Franz Buttigieg, Mary O'Leary, Mary Hickie, Bishop Joe Grech, Ernesto Claneza Sr, Darren Frain, Leah Abraham, Marcella Bacchilega, Helena Borg, Darren Murdoch, Maria Avellino, Veronica Lane, Mary Bugeja, Florence Byfieldt, Olive Hanney, Moussa Moussa, George Mencl, Jack Mc Callum, Michael Angelo Gatt, John Villarba, Maria Camilleri, Cecilio Bazar, Sandra Cooper, Constance Wheelahan, Jim Dillon, Margaret Doherty, Maria Gnacinski, Cecil Heyu, Aurlher Ferdinaiy, Therese Sloupe, Tarin Gomez, Marija Vogranič, William Skilbeck, Anthony Mendis, Vincent Barbara, Tony Bartolo, Lino Bartolo 250102-01

Prayer For The New Year

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the year that has passed and the many blessings You have showered us in time.

We beg your pardon in our many failings and trespasses and we pray that the coming year be a more fruitful one.

We earnestly pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit and we call upon our Lord Jesus Christ for His intercessions, His guidance and His light to shine our path.

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.

THE SACRAMENTS OF PENANCE, EUCHARIST & 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.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 Penance program begins on Thursday February 5, 2026.



Growing Together In Faith

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



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

Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph Year A			Saturday & Sunday December 27 & 28, 2025	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Karl Metha	Amy Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tania Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Amy Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Faith Tuputala	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			
The Epiphany of the Lord			Saturday & Sunday January 3 & 4, 2026	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuiness	Charlu Chua	Amy Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Chelsea Amato	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Charlu Chua	Amy Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Faith Tuputala	Liz Coustley	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			
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	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Alzira Mascarenhas	Chelsea Amato	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Maria Prasetyono	Jennifer Peters	Liz Coustley	Janet Estrada
Presentation of Gifts	Tania Walters	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	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	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			

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

New Year's Day Mass (Jan 1, 2026) 11am



*Solemnity of Mary,
Holy Mother of God*

St Catherine of Siena Church

Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 6pm

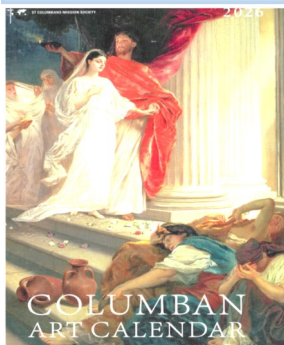
Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm

DECEMBER 2025

Wednesday, 31st	NO 9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church
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JANUARY 2026

Thursday, 1st	NO 9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church 11:00am Solemnity of Mary Mass: St Catherine
Friday, 2nd	NO 9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Wednesday, 7th	NO 9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 8th	NO 9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Friday, 9th	NO 9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
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



Knights of the Southern Cross—JP Mitchell Fund

Short Term Financial Assistance
for people in need in the Parish
for Application Form contact
+61448398344 or email
lcamenzu@bigpond.net.au or
simplesimon1607@hotmail.com
/ +61400771812

*"The light which comes from the Holy Family
encourages us to offer human warmth to other
families." Pope Francis, 2014*



COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR 2026

Now available at the Piety Store Gathering
Area at \$10 only

PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

November Update

Pledged: \$ 5,132.50

Actual: \$4,185.42

*Thank
You*



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



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

HOME VISITATION & BLESSING REQUESTS

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

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

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.



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.



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