



# THE TIDINGS

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

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — Year B 3 November 2024

## CLERGY

**Parish Priest:** REV. FR ALEX CLEMENTE

**Assistant Priest:** REV. FR WILFORD URMAZA

**Parish Deacon:** REV. DCN CHRIS CREO

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## PRESBYTERY & OFFICE

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(The parish office is CLOSED on weekends and public holidays)

## STAFF & SAFEGUARDING COORDINATOR

**Parish Secretary:** VIVIEN LEMALU

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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

**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

### First of all

**JESUS** is asked which commandment is first and he provides two commandments as his answer. However, he doesn't bundle them together as one overarching commandment – he very distinctly identifies them as first and second.

You must love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind, and with all your strength.



Mark 12:30

Sometimes we can feel the way to express love for God is through demonstrating our love for other people in charitable or justice-focused actions.

However, Jesus makes clear that the first commandment of all is the love of God with all our being –

that God is worthy of love in God's own right.

Our love of God may inspire us to action for others but the first step is loving God for who God is.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*I love you Lord, my strength.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*All who love me will keep my words, and my Father  
will love them and we will come to them.*

*Alleluia!*

**Today's Readings:** Dt 6:2-6; Ps 17 (18); Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34

**Next Week's Readings:** 1 Ki 17:10-16 ; Ps 145 (146); Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

## Prayer Requests

**Death Anniversaries:** Dan Hanrahan, Anton Tettman, Frank Hallinan, Corey Grima, Dora Galati, Stanislaw Rychlewski, Carmen Galea, Philip Galea, Michael Mercieca, Fr Bryan Donovan, Nola Hughes, Paul Cini, Ivan Netto, Vincent Cutajar, Ray Coughlin, Mary Orsouw, Alain Louise, Ann Cole, John Spiteri, Paul Spiteri, Jenette Hunter, Megan Timms, Doreen Mary Drew, Stan & Gwen Burke, Terry Mc Shane, Bryan Lane, Phoebe O'Keeffe, Helen Bourguignon, Jagaraj David Nauer, Liua Tovia, Tovia Muagututia, Lui Asiasiga, Philip Wright, Mary Carmel Vincent, Ben Galea, Robert McLarry, Nell Haslam, Joe Psaila, Gabriel Rhyan Mallari, Leslie McConnell, Glenn Misso, Heather Smith, Ron Gauci, Eliyamma Joseph, Phoebe Ellen O'Keeffe, Joe Stevens, Margaret O'Donnell, Elisabeth Lusiana, Monica Clemente, O'Reilly Family, Donnelly Family, Tracey Family, Coerey Family, Sirinimal Adikari, Mick Aitken, Edward Kordus, Charles Pisani, Jadwiga (Margi) Sakowicz, Liz O'Neill, Barbara Jefferies



## Parish Offertory Giving September Update

Pledged: \$6,897.85 • Actual: \$5,133.96

## Welcome to our Parish Priest Fr Alex and Assistant Priest Fr Wilford!



Fr Alex Clemente was born in 9 May 1977 at the central part of Luzon, Philippines as the youngest among his three brothers.

In the year 1994, he pursued seminary training with the Rogationist Fathers and was ordained as a priest at the age of 29 in June 2007.

The first fifteen years of his priestly ministry were dedicated to the Philosophy Seminary College of the Rogationist congregation in Manila as an administrator and a member of the Formation Council. His other task as a member of the faculty staff pressed him to take a masteral degree in Philosophy at Della Salle University-Manila. In 2019, he was entrusted the office of the Director of the Rogate Center, a community composed of the Rogationist Provincial Government, Rogationist Postulancy Program and Rogationist Mission House.

At the end of 2021, Fr. Alex was requested to join the growing Rogationist community in Australia who serves in the Parish Churches of Victoria. On the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2022, he came to the Archdiocese of Melbourne and began to work as an assisting priest at Braybrook / Maidstone parish until he got his appointment as the parish priest of Melton South/Bacchus Marsh in the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2023.

He now takes on an additional appointment as the parish priest of Melton as of the 28<sup>th</sup> of October 2024.

Fr Wilford Ramos Urmaza, RCJ was born on 25<sup>th</sup> of June 1986 in Quezon City Philippines, he is the fourth of the five children.

At a very tender age, Wilford received the noble calling to enter priesthood. He joined the Rogationists Congregation in Merville Paranaque Philippines from 2003-2007, earning a Bachelor of Arts Major in Philosophy. He continued his Novitiate Year from 2007 to 2008, then on May 31 2008, Feast of the Visitation, he made his First Religious Profession. Wilford continued his academic formation until 2015.

After 7 years of temporary profession, Wilford finally professed perpetually on June 1, 2014, on the Feast of St Hannibal Maria Di Francia, then on the 4<sup>th</sup> November of the same year, he was ordained to the Order of Deacons. On October 24, 2015, Wilford was Ordained to the Priesthood and then re-assigned to the Rogationist Seminary-Manila where he served as a Vocation Director, then eventually as Prefect of Discipline and Vice-Rector.

By invitation from the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Fr Wilford set his foot on Australia on 19<sup>th</sup> of December 2021. He spent a year of service and exposure at the Holy Family Parish in Maidstone until he finally received his appointment as Assistant Priest of St Anthony of Padua & St Bernard on 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2023. He joins Fr Alex as the assistant parish priest of Melton as of the 28<sup>th</sup> of October 2024.



### *Historical Context*

#### Sacrifice

We know from the Old Testament that sacrifice was an important religious practice dating back to the foundations of Jewish faith. After the construction of the Temple in Jerusalem, sacrifice of birds and animals was practised there as the highest form of worship. With the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE – about the time Mark's gospel was written – temple worship and sacrifice came to an abrupt end. The entire nature of Judaism changed from a Temple-centred faith to a much more decentralised faith. In this week's gospel, the gospel writer is projecting the reality of his time back into the scribe's encounter with Jesus.



### *Living the Gospel*

#### Love

Jesus reminds us 'You must love your neighbour as yourself'. There's an unspoken, underlying idea here that is absolutely crucial. Before you can love your neighbour, you must first love yourself. To say that you love yourself today can imply a level of boastfulness or ego. However, what is required is a genuine love of self – an acceptance; a respect; a true valuing of self. Only then can we know how to treat others. When we ask ourselves how we would want to be treated it points us towards how we should treat others. What is summed up so simply by Jesus is a very tough ask!

### **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 and an application form.

### **LITURGY ROSTER**

The November Liturgy Roster was emailed to volunteers last week. A copy of the roster is on the display board in the Gathering Area of the church. The roster for December and January will be sent out when ready.

| MON                                                           | TUE                                   | WED                                                                                                        | THU                                                                                     | FRI                                                        | SAT                                                           | SUN                                                                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4 <b>ST CHARLES BORROMEO</b>                                  | 5 <b>MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> | 6 9:15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church<br>7pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting @ Parish Meeting Room      | 7 9:15am Mass at St Dominic's Church                                                    | 8 9:15am Mass at St Dominic's Church                       | 9 <b>DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</b><br>6pm Vigil Mass | 10 <b>32nd Sunday Ordinary Time</b><br>9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses<br><b>Prison Ministry Sunday</b> |
| 11 <b>ST MARTIN OF TOURS</b>                                  | 12                                    | 13 9:15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church                                                             | 14 9:15am Mass at St Dominic's Church                                                   | 15 9:15am Mass at St Dominic's Church                      | 16 Baptisms: 11am & 12:15pm<br>6pm Vigil Mass                 | 17 <b>33rd Sunday Ordinary Time</b><br>9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses                                  |
| 18 <b>DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF STS PETER &amp; PAUL</b> | 19                                    | 20 9:15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church<br>7:30pm Baptism Info Night @ St Catherine of Siena Church | 21 <b>PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b><br>9:15am Mass at St Dominic's Church | 22 <b>ST CECILIA</b><br>9:15am Mass at St Dominic's Church | 23 Baptisms: 11am & 12:15pm<br>6pm Vigil Mass                 | 24 <b>SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING</b><br>9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses<br><b>Youth Sunday</b>        |
| 25                                                            | 26                                    | 27 9:15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church                                                             | 28 9:15am Mass at St Dominic's Church                                                   | 29 9:15am Mass at St Dominic's Church                      | 30 <b>ST ANDREW</b><br>6pm Vigil Mass                         | 1 <b>1st Sunday of Advent</b><br>9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses<br>DEC                                 |

## NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS MASS INTENTIONS

As we approach November, we have the opportunity to honour our departed loved ones in a special way. **We are encouraged to use dedicated envelopes to inscribe the names of our cherished departed family and friends.** These envelopes will be placed before the altar, where Masses will be offered for their souls throughout the entire month of November. The envelopes will be blessed with holy water, symbolizing our baptism and our connection to the Church.

We believe that the use of holy water is a powerful representation of our love for the Trinity and our commitment to living according to Christ's teachings. This tradition provides a beautiful way to honour our departed loved ones and deepen our connection to the Sacraments and to God.

### PLEASE RING THE MASS MANAGER 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 |

It's important to note that public announcement of the names in the envelopes is not necessary for the effectiveness of the prayers. The intention is a spiritual act, and its effectiveness is not influenced by public announcement.

Additionally, we kindly ask for your support in offering mass intentions with a donation, which will concretely show our participation in the celebration. This year, the proceeds of the donation through the November envelopes will go to the Rogationist Mission in Kigali, Rwanda for the construction of a school for underprivileged children in the countryside.

We understand that there may be special occasions during November, such as death anniversaries or birthdays of loved ones, and we will still accept separate mass intentions for them. These special occasions will be mentioned in the bulletin and prayers of the faithful. However, for all other intentions for our departed loved ones, we kindly request that they be channelled through the November envelopes.

Your participation and support in this meaningful initiative are greatly appreciated. Let us come together as a community to remember and honour our departed loved ones and to support a noble cause.

*With gratitude, Fr Alex Clemente RCJ*

| 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time |                            |                                       | Saturday & Sunday November 2&3, 2024 |                       |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| MINISTERS OF:                            | 6 PM                       | 9 AM                                  | 11 AM                                | 5 PM                  |
| Welcome                                  | Tania Walters              | Karl Metha                            | Liz Coustley                         | Josephine Krajina     |
| The Word                                 | Manoj D'Silva              | Vickie Cassar                         | Lea Jacuta                           | Ismael Sosa-Sanchez   |
| Responder                                | Tetchie Hadfield           | Jennifer Peters                       | Cira Cleary                          | Lesley Sosa-Ritchie   |
| Presentation of Gifts                    | Leny Obtinalla             | Karl Metha                            | Bruna Tomassi                        | Elainne de los Santos |
| Holy Communion                           | Bill McGuiness             | Asther Creo                           | Liz Coustley                         | Josephine Krajina     |
| PowerPoint Operator                      | Kate Mulholland            | Sanyata Creo                          | Choir                                | Nina Ahmet            |
| Gift Shop                                | Margaret Richards          | Maureen Mohr                          | Lea Jacuta                           | Frank Unferdorben     |
| Choir                                    | Divine Mercy               | Veneration Choir                      | St Anuarite Choir                    | Tongan Choir          |
| Counters                                 | Leslie Gordon, John Woof   |                                       |                                      |                       |
| 32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time |                            | Saturday & Sunday November 9&10, 2024 |                                      |                       |
| MINISTERS OF:                            | 6 PM                       | 9 AM                                  | 11 AM                                | 5 PM                  |
| Welcomer                                 | Margaret Richards          | Anne Stokie                           | Liz Coustley                         | Frank Unferdorben     |
| The Word                                 | Tania Walters              | Theo Franken                          | Cira Cleary                          | Janet Estrada         |
| Responder                                | Tetchie Hadfield           | Vickie Cassar                         | Lea Jacuta                           | Josephine Krajina     |
| Presentation of Gifts                    | Tania Walters              | Karl Metha                            | Chelsea Amato                        | Elainne de los Santos |
| Holy Communion                           | Kate Mulholland            | Theo Franken                          | Bruna Tomassi                        | Josephine Krajina     |
| PowerPoint Operator                      | James Taniman              | Sanyata Creo                          | Liz Coustley                         | Nina Ahmet            |
| Gift Shop                                | Kate Mulholland            | Graham Dempsey                        | Lea Jacuta                           | Janet Estrada         |
| Choir                                    | Divine Mercy               | Veneration Choir                      | Veritas Choir                        | Filipino Choir        |
| Counters                                 | Maria Abela, Tania Walters |                                       |                                      |                       |



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## Prayer for All Faithful Departed for the month of November

God our Father, Your power brings us to birth,  
Your providence guides our lives,  
and by Your command, we return to dust.  
Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,  
their lives change but do not end.  
We pray in hope for our families, relatives and friends,  
and for all the dead known to You alone.  
In company with Christ, Who died and now lives,  
may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears  
are wiped away.  
Unite us together again to sing Your praise in the  
company of Your elect, forever and ever. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual  
light shine upon them.  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful  
departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.

## God & Beer: Building Positive Relationships w. John Hendry OAM

**Thursday 14th November • 6.30pm dinner, 7.30pm talk**  
**Hoppers Club** (180-200 Pannam Drive, Hoppers Crossing)

Positive relationships are at the heart of a good life and  
essential for healthy societies. Come along and hear from  
John Hendry OAM on how you can build more positive  
relationships with your friends and family. Learn how to build  
connections centred on trust, communication and empathy.

Register: [GODANDBEER.COM.AU](http://GODANDBEER.COM.AU) — book now to ensure a ticket!

Contact: [JARED.REVELL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JARED.REVELL@GMAIL.COM)

For videos of past God and Beer events:  
[TINYURL.COM/GODANDBEERSPEAKERS](http://TINYURL.COM/GODANDBEERSPEAKERS)

## 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  
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[www.melbcatholic.org/melton](http://www.melbcatholic.org/melton)

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## The Tidings before the weekend?



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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

Are you 18 or over and:

- ✓ 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@sudp-vic.org.au](mailto:soupvans@sudp-vic.org.au) for more information, or sign  
up now using the  
QR code below.



## 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](http://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](http://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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