



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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR A - January 4, 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: 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)

Reflecting on Church teaching, Pope Leo reminds us 'that the Church is the visible sign of the union between God and humanity, where God intends to bring us all together into one family of brothers and sisters and make us his people.'

Such 'mystery of ecclesial communion,' he says, helps us to understand the need to become a more synodal Church, 'recognising that truth is not possessed, but sought together.'

As the Pope points out, the Church is called to be a place 'where relationships do not respond to the logic of power but to that of love.' Ours is a Church where a child in a humble manger shows up the absurd claims of the earth's most powerful rulers.

Indeed, as the Pope stresses, 'the spiritual life... reveals to us that we are all children of God, brothers and sisters, called to serve one another.'

'The supreme rule in the Church is love,' the Pope emphasises. 'No one is called to dominate; all are called to serve. No one should impose his or her own ideas; we must all listen to one another. No one is excluded; we are all called to participate. No one possesses the whole truth; we must all humbly seek it and seek it together.'

[Quotes from Homily for the Jubilee of the Synodal Teams and Participatory Bodies, 26 October 2025]

Going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage.

Matthew 2:11



Next Week's Readings:

Isa 42: 1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Mat 31:13-17

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

Edward O'Rourke, Bill Hilbert, Colin Thomson, Christine Penza, Ron Lundberg, Lovett Remedios, Rita Camilleri, Alma Halliana, George Laffin, Kathleen O'Rourke, Joseph James Dean, Pauline Camilleri, Lashan Abeygoonawardena, Peter Todd, Jack Coburn, Mario Vannuccini, Peter Paul Mifsud, Elaine Turner, Jean Moran, Eliz Xerri, James Wotton, Micha Calleja, Lovely Dumapias, Joan Roberson, Protacio L Ty, Peter Delaharpe, Joe Bugeja Snr, Molly Moody, John Lahiff, Antonia Calleja, Dorothy Gomez, Bessie Nicholls, Eileen Foster, Joseph Muscat, Brian Bentley, Sam Borg

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

Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

First Reading *Isa 60:1-6*

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.
Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.
Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.
At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;
camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **(R.)**
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. **(R.)**
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading *Eph 3:2-3, 5-6*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted
by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it
was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of
the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed
through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets
was unknown to any men in past generations; it
means that pagans now share the same inheritance,
that they are parts of the same body, and that the
same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus,
through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

- *Alleluia!*

Gospel *Mat 2:1-12*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea
during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came
to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king
of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose
and have come to do him homage.' When
King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was
the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the
chief priests and the scribes of the people, and
enquired of them where the Christ was to be born.
'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is
what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders
of Judah,

for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him
privately. He asked them the exact date on which the
star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem.
'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when
you have found him, let me know, so that I too may
go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the
king had to say, they set out. And there in front of
them was the star they had seen rising; it went
forward and halted over the place where the child
was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and
going into the house they saw the child with his
mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him
homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered
him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But
they were warned in a dream not to go back
to Herod, and returned to
their own country by a
different way.

Communion Antiphon

We have seen his star in
the East,
and have come with gifts
to adore the Lord.



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.



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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

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.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
9 am Theo Franken 0411 040 897

11am Lea Jacuta 0414 390 151
5 pm Josephine Krajina 0407 042 133

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday & Sunday January 3 & 4, 2026

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	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			

2nd 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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**ENROLMENT FOR ST PADRE PIO CATHOLIC PRIMARY
SCHOOL THORNHILL PARK [https://
sppthornhillpark.catholic.edu.au](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**

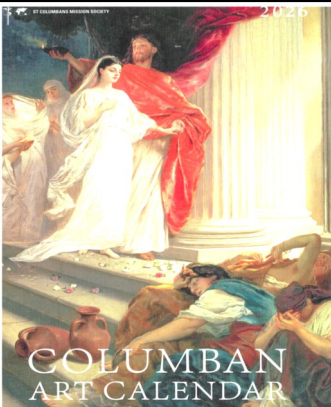
**ENROLMENT FOR ST MARIANNE COPE CATHOLIC PRIMARY
SCHOOL MOUNT ATKINSON**

<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



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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.

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)

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

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

JANUARY 2026

Wednesday,	NO 9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 8th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Friday, 9th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Wednesday,	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

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.

The Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ

God of all,
Be our daily star that guides our lives as we search for your love.
May we always follow your light of truth in all that we do,
Forever trusting, hoping and believing in your word.
Life our eyes to the heavens so we too may follow your guiding star
As we travel home to you.

Amen.



**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

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NOT St Catherine of Siena
Parish, Bulmans Rd., as this is
not the name of our 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.



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