



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.

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - October 5, 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

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

Reflection by Sr. Mary Fermio, RSJ

Faith is something we exercise dozens of times during the day. I turn on a tap and believe I shall get water. The car starts, the traffic lights work, I drive on the left side believing so will the rest of the motorists. But these are things we can see.

Our faith in an invisible God is something many find difficult. Many believe that if Jesus was here, it would be easy. But hundreds who lived in the same town and country as Jesus did not believe him, so they crucified him as a criminal.

Faith is about loving someone and developing a relationship with them. That means talking to them and listening to them. Faith in God is about developing a relationship with God through prayer, viz talking to each other. Prayer is about listening as well as talking to God.

Spending time in conversation with God will increase my love and personal relationship with God.



Next Week's Readings:

2 Kings 5:14-17 2Tim 2:8-13 Luke 17:11-19

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

Marge Price, Kellie Maree Elmer, Carlo Bacchilega, Norman Skinner, Margaret Buttigieg, Lynette Dudkowski, Carmen Galea, Peter Fenlon, Clarence Corera, Philip Aldridge, Br Cahill Gleisner SDB, Kolotea (Gloria) Malia Lemana-Tuilaepa, 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, Lolita G Patricio, Karmelo Bartolo, Fransz 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

Healing for the Sick:

Alexis Eslao, Nicasia - Anna Orallo

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.

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

Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

First Reading *Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4*

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear
and you will not save?
Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is tyranny?
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.
Then the Lord answered and said,
'Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,
but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

Responsorial Psalm

*(R.) If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. *(R.)*
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. *(R.)*
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' *(R.)*

Second Reading *2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14*

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 17:5-10*

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

THE JUBILEE OF MIGRANTS

The Jubilee of Migrants acknowledges and celebrates the gifts, contributions, and resilience that migrant communities bring to our Church and the world. It is also an opportunity to highlight the image of the Church as a place of refuge, welcome, integration, and solidarity. "History teaches us that the contribution of migrants and refugees has been fundamental to the social and economic growth of our societies. This continues to be true in our own day. Their work, their youth, their enthusiasm and their willingness to sacrifice enrich the communities that receive them,"



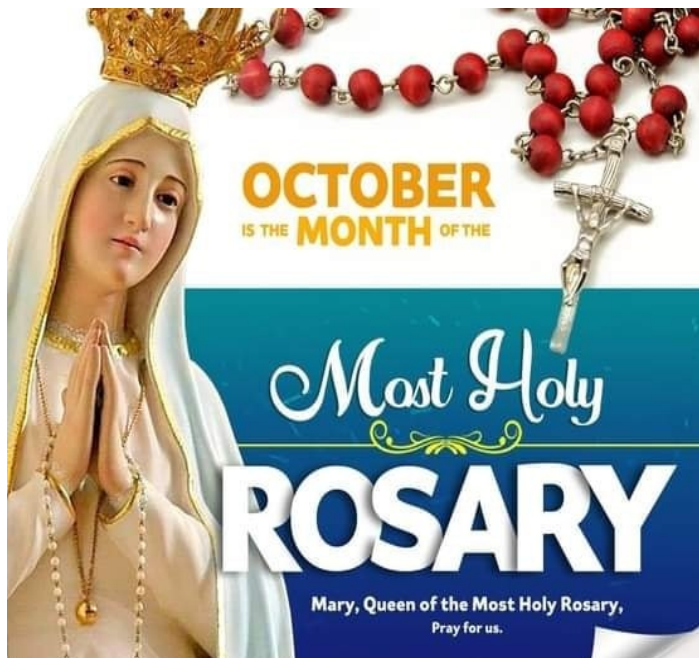
PRAYER

Lord, make us bearers of hope, so that where there is darkness, your light may shine, and where there is discouragement, confidence in the future may be reborn.

Lord, make us instruments of your justice, so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish, and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow.

Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom, together with migrants and refugees and with all who dwell on the peripheries.

Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen.



Feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary

7 October 2025, Tuesday

Rosary 6:00pm / Mass 6:30pm /fellowship

(first Tuesday blessing of St Anthony bread)

St Anthony of Padua, Melton South

Significance of the Rosary in October

Honor and Reflection:

During October, Catholics engage in this devotion to deepen their faith and contemplate the mysteries of Christ.

Marian Devotion:

The rosary is a significant act of piety that focuses on both the life of Mary and the life of Jesus, with the mysteries of the rosary providing a framework for this contemplation.

Encouragement to Pray:

The Church encourages the faithful to pray the rosary daily during this month, either privately or with others.

PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE of the Catholic Parishes in Melton 2025
Celebrate the Jubilee Year with a sacred journey visiting **three churches with Jubilee Doors**. A day of prayer, reflection, and fellowship for the whole community.

15
NOVEMBER
2025
SATURDAY

"There is hope for you."

— Pope Francis, on the opening of the Holy Door for the Jubilee Year

PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE
of the Catholic Parishes in Melton 2025

ITINERARY

8AM Bus leaves St Anthony's Church, Melton South

- Visit the **St Mary Star of the Sea** in West Melbourne
- Visit the **Divine Mercy Shrine** in Keysborough
- Visit the **St Macartan's Catholic Church** in Mornington

Adjourn to the beachfront park for a picnic.

Don't forget to pack your picnic baskets!

7.30PM Arrive at St Anthony's Church, Melton South

A Jubilee Year is celebrated by the Church every 25 years.

The Jubilee year commenced with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's on Christmas Eve 2024.

In Scripture

Over the years, other official references point to scriptural explanations outlining the importance of the Holy Door via Jesus' messages and titles.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you" (Luke 11:9)

"I am standing at the door knocking: if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come into you and eat with you, and you with me" (Revelation 3:20)

"I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved" (John 10:9)

An explanation from St. Peter's Basilica affirms that the Holy Door represents

"Jesus, the Good Shepherd and the gate of the sheep pen: 'I am the gate. Whoever enters through me, will be safe. He will go in and out, and find pasture' (John 10:9)." Consequently, "The message imparted by the Holy Door is that God's mercy reaches out to mankind's frailty."



Don't miss out
Book your place today

CONFIRM YOUR SEAT

OPTION 1
Scan the QR code to register and provide online banking receipt details

OPTION 2
Register your name on the clipboard at the foyer and pay at the piety stall

COST
AUD 50
per person
Includes light snacks and a goodie bag

Pilgrimage Poster & Flyers available at the Gathering Area

St Anthony of Padua Melton South

WANT TO WIN A CAR?

Christmas Raffle 2025 for \$25.00



1st Prize: MG ZS value \$28,799

2nd Prize: Travel Voucher value \$3,000

3rd Prize: Apple Mac Book value \$1,699

4th Prize: Apple iPhone 16 value \$1,399

5th Prize: Apple Watch value \$649

See Gathering Area & Posters for Details

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

27 th Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday October 4 & 5, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Anne Stokie	Amy Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tania Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Faith Tuputala	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Asther Creo	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanghaya Creo	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			

28 th Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday October 11 & 12, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Kate Mulholland	Faith Tuputala	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Sanyata Creo	Cira Cleary	Janet Estrada
Responder	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Chelsea Amato	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Amy Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Faith Tuputala	Liz Coustley	Danielle Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			



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



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

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.

MISSED OUT ON THE TIDINGS?

Back issues of The Tidings are available on our
parish website:
[www.melbcatholic.org/
melton](http://www.melbcatholic.org/melton)



March for the Babies 2025

Saturday 11th October 1PM

Treasury Gardens, Melbourne CBD
for more info visit : www.marchforthebabies.com
or contact John Sullivan - 9743 1897



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

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

OCTOBER

Monday, 6th	Back to school for Term 4 to begin
Wednesday, 8th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am St Catherine Year 6 students to attend
Thursday, 9th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 10th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 6 students to attend
Wednesday, 15th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am St Catherine Year 5 students to attend Baptism Information Night 7.30 pm at St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 16th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 17th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 5 students to attend
Saturday, 18th	Baptisms 11 am & 12.15 pm
Wednesday, 22nd	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am St Catherine Year 4 students to attend
Thursday, 23rd	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 24th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 4 students to attend
Saturday, 25th	Baptisms 11 am & 12.15 pm

INCREASE OUR FAITH

Luke 17:5



Annual Appeal to support formation of Rogationist Seminarians

Send, O Lord Holy Apostles into your church.

3rd collection this weekend
Envelopes available at the Gathering Area.

Would you like to receive The Tidings before the weekend?

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or simply scan the QR code to enter your email to
receive a digital copy.



PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

August Update

**Pledged: \$6,252.54
Actual: \$4,517.13**



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



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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