



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.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - October 26, 2025

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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

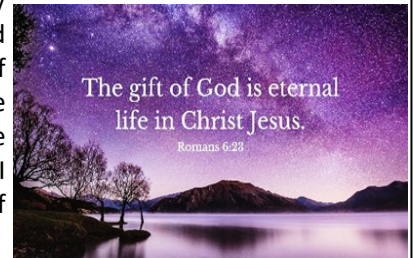
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Reflection by Sr. Mary Fermio, RSJ

Would you laugh if someone gave you a Free ticket: HEAVEN admit one? Actually, it is not a joke, because when we think about it, salvation is a free and total gift of love – from God.

Some people, like the tax collector in today's Gospel, realise this – know they need God and ask for God's mercy. Others feel they have no need of God and try to save themselves by their own efforts. We don't save ourselves. No number of Masses, Rosaries, Novenas, indulgences can achieve salvation for us. You ask: Why do we do all this then?

We pray and act generously as a THANK YOU to the God who has given us the gift of Jesus, not because we are perfect, but because we need him. How often do I thank God for this gift of eternal life?



Next Week's Readings:

Job 19:1. 23-27 Rom 5:5-11 Mat 5:1-12

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

Ruben Yandan Sr., Patricia Kennedy, Fr. AT Thomas, Evelyn Skinner, Lesley Harvie, Barbara Gunasekara, Graham Poulter, John McGuire, Patrick Kennedy, Amelia Wojcik, Giovanna De Vellis, Jude Benedict, Lillie Donovan, Frank Haslam, Miluska Kosik, Peter Nickson, Sarah Walsh, Nell Creasey, Aiden Miller
Matthew Galea, Kevin Morrissey, Ingrid Middlemast, Ellen McGuinness, Doris Barrett, Eduardo Ty, Emelita Suniga, Allan Grafton Johnson, Claudia Nenita Itliong, Lucila Itliong, Genia Abrenica, Neil Crowley, Christine Nash, Russell Jardine, Erlinda Perez, Roger Pereira, Josephine Bugeja

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

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading *Sir 35:12-14, 16-18*

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the
detriment of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves God
will be accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds .
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **(R.)**

Second Reading *2Tim 4:6-8,16-18*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord

will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

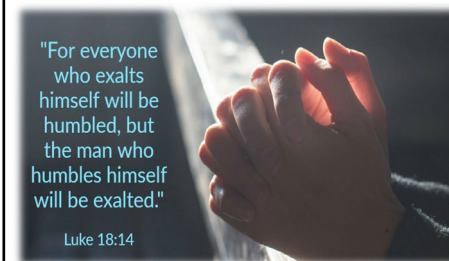
Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. - *Alleluia!*

Gospel *Luke 18:9-14*

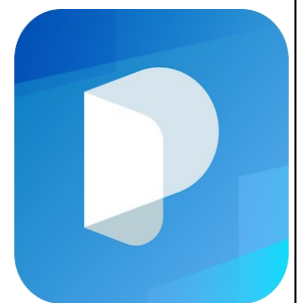
Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'



Communion Antiphon

Christ loved us
and gave himself
up for us,
as a fragrant
offering to God.

Parishioners can use the **Parousya Faith** app to automatically check-in when they arrive at their parish, receive the Day's Readings, and make a quick, simple, and secure donation using their Apple Wallet, all without registering an account and anonymously. [Download App now](#)



Personal Support Training Psychological First Aid & Emotional Spiritual Care

22 Nov 2025, Sat. 9am-4pm

Cobblebank Meeting Room

Register www.vccem.org.au

info@vccem.or.au 7037 6010 see poster for more details

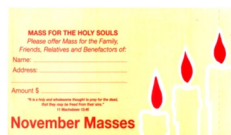
NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS MASS INTENTIONS

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. 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 Project 2025 - Housing for the Poor, Pasay City Philippines.

ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING AREA.

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



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.

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NOVEMBER 2025
SATURDAY

"There is hope for you."

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

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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

Check Pilgrimage Poster & Clipboard at the Gathering Area

SOCIAL MEDIA MINIMUM AGE

Resources for parents and carers navigating the social media changes

From 10 December 2025, certain social media platforms won't be allowed to let Australian children under 16 create or keep an account. The aim is to protect them at a critical stage of their development and giving them more time to develop important skills and maturity.

For information for young people, parents/carers, conversation starters and lots more, go to the Age Restrictions Hub at www.esafety.gov.au

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

30th Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday October 25 & 26, 2025

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Maria Prasetyono	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Janet Estrada
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha		Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Asther Creo	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Faith Tuputala	Daniella Amet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Graham Dempsey		Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			

Commemoration Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

Saturday & Sunday November 1 & 2, 2025

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tania Walters	Lawrence Camenzuli	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Tania Walters	Maureen Mohr	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Faith Tuputala	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			



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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

EXTRAORDINARY (EUCHARIST) MINISTERS WORKSHOP - 8 NOV 2025 - SAT - 11 AM St Anthony of Padua, Melton South

Seeking volunteers to commit to this role
Kindly write clearly your Full Name, Postal Address,
Email address and Telephone numbers
on the clipboard at the gathering area.
Current Ministers are welcome to refresh your role

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.

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

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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

Saturday, 25th	Baptisms 11 am & 12.15 pm
Wednesday, 29th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am St Catherine Year 3 students to attend
Thursday, 30th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 31st	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 3 students to attend

NOVEMBER

Saturday, 1st	All Saints Day
Sunday, 2nd	All Souls Day
Tuesday, 4th	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Wednesday, 5th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am All Saints & Souls Whole School Mass
Thursday, 6th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 7th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 2 students to attend
Wednesday, 12th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am Year 2 students to attend
Thursday, 13th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 14th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 1 students to attend
Wednesday, 19th	Baptism Information Night 7.30 pm St Catherine of Siena Church

St Anthony of Padua Melton South

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Christmas Raffle 2025 for \$25.00

1st Prize: MG ZS value 28,799



See Poster for full list of prizes. Tickets available soon.

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PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

September Update

**Pledged: \$5,877.54
Actual: \$4,745.04**



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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
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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