



THE TIDINGS

SERVING THE AREAS OF MELTON, WEST MELTON, HARKNESS, KURUNJANG, TOOLERN VALE, PLUMPTON, GRANGEFIELDS, BONNIE BROOK (WEST), ROCKBANK (WEST).



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.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD YEAR A - April 5, 2026

CLERGY

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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: 10:30-10:50am/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



2026 EASTER MESSAGE

By Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

Easter offers a way forward

Friends,

Easter invites us to stand at the threshold from night into dawn. In the Gospel, we meet Mary Magdalen arriving at the tomb while it was still dark (Jn 20:1). She carries grief and confusion, yet a fragile hope. What she finds is not an ending but a beginning: the stone is rolled away, the tomb is empty. And before her stands the One who knows her name: Mary. As dawn breaks, a quiet truth emerges: death has not had the final word; life has arisen.

The resurrection unfolds like morning light. It does not blind, but illumines. It does not erase wounds, but transfigures them. Christ, the Light of the World, comes to meet us as the light we need. Christ is present; Christ is life.

Yet many today experience absence. For the young especially, the world can feel stripped of mystery—flattened, reduced. Meaning feels distant; hope can seem lost. Our lives can appear dark and empty. Conflict and war confront us. And yet, it is precisely there that Easter speaks our name. The empty tomb is the sign which awakens us to the truth that God is still with us; Jesus is still for us. This Easter, we are called not only to receive Christ's light, but to rediscover its wonder—and to bear that light for others.

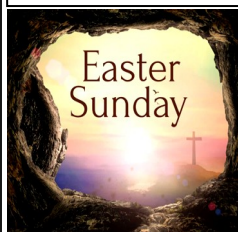
Here in Melbourne, we see both vitality and vulnerability: generosity among neighbours, yet distance towards others. Into this world comes the risen Christ, shining light into every darkness and upon every life. To be a light is to reflect the One who brings hope, and to keep it alive in a world that can forget to hold in safety those in need.

In our divided and conflicted world, Easter offers not escape but a way forward: to live with compassion, seek truth, build peace, and stand for hope.

To the steadfast in faith: may this Easter renew your joy and courage. To those who feel distant: the light of Christ is already seeking you. To people of goodwill: Easter proclaims that life is stronger than death, love stronger than fear, and hope stronger than despair.

May the risen Christ bless Melbourne and all its people this Easter. And may we rediscover his company as we walk from darkness into his marvelous light.

Christ is risen. Alleluia.



HE IS RISEN



Entrance Antiphon

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,
alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 10:34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Col 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee.

After the Sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings,' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

Communion Antiphon

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened
bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer for Vocations

O Jesus' gentle heart, in your entire mortal life
you sought always the glory of Your Father.
Deign to send to Your Holy Church good and
evangelical workers, who will incessantly
glorify Your Father who is in heaven with the
holiness of their life and apostolic work.

Send of Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church.

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 2:42-47 1Pet 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

Prayer for the Sick

Sue

Recently Deceased:

Charlie Camilleri

Death Anniversaries:

Neil Hedgcock, Valarie Stafrace, John Litchfield, Kath Coburn, Stephen Vella, Pauline Muscat, John Aquilina, Felica Vella, Karmen Vella, Vincent Vella, Catherine Caruana, Maurice Vella, Veronica Sullivan, Kathryn Sheppard-Irwin, Mary Lahiff, Catherine Mizzi, Andriana Feketa, Ding Aguer, Aton & Maria Gutleber, Maria Pirota, Shirley Devolta, Mehes Nadarajah, Sagula Abraham, Kathleen Broderick O'Brien, Sunardi Michael Mangion, Terence Downs, Jerry Hendrik, Archbishop Frank Little, Slavica Michelčić, Michael Steleni, Josephine Remedios, Maurice Johnson, Joseph Armeni, Maurice Winter, Mario Dubouzet, Marie Jongebloed, Brian Stokie, Brito Molha, John Mac Donald 250404-10

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



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

Catholic Parish of Melton Fund Raising

TONY'S PIES



Fundraising program for our parish activities
Tony's Pies of Essendon will supply us with freshly baked
pies, quiches and rolls. Delivery is at St Catherine of Siena
church on **Saturday, April 18, 2026**

Pick-up time between 10am-12noon

Online orders only—No extra pies on sale on the day

Last day to order is midnight, Thursday April 16, 2026



To start ordering open your
smartphone camera and hold
it over the QR code till the link
pops up. Or copy and paste
the link below to start
ordering on your PC .

[https://tonyspiedrives.com.au/fundraiser/
saint-catherines-of-sienna](https://tonyspiedrives.com.au/fundraiser/saint-catherines-of-sienna)
Pricelist available in the gathering area.

Thank you for supporting our Parish.



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 3337

Memorial Wall Plaques

There are still spots available on our
Memorial Wall next to St Dominic's
Church to commemorate former
parishioners and loved ones whose
remains are buried or interred
elsewhere with a memorial plaque.

For more details or to arrange or
reserve a spot, please contact the
Parish Office directly. Forms are also
available in the Gathering Space to fill
out and return to the Parish Office.



MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE WEEKEND LITURGY ROSTER ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP?

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.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, the safety
and wellbeing of all persons is of highest priority.

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



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

Second Sunday of Easter Year A

Saturday & Sunday April 11 & 12, 2026

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Marissa Tuason	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken	Chelsea Amato	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Maria Prasetyono	Alzira Mascarenhas	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Charlu Chua	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Asther Creo	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Help needed	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration	Veritas	Filipino
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			

Third Sunday of Easter Year A

Saturday & Sunday April 18 & 19, 2026

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Chelsea Amato	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Marissa Tuason	Chelsea Amato	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Liz Coustley	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration	Veritas	Tongan
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			



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DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS

Sunday, 5 April 2026



3:00 AM 2:00 AM

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That one day of the year we actually wake up on time 😊

PROJECT COMPASSION



Project Compassion Box

Please Return
Project
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Boxes

THE SACRAMENTS OF EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION 2026

The *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, have been part of the Penance program but *have not* received one or both of the above Sacraments.

Information and the application form is available online on our Parish website: www.melbocatholic.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 Eucharist program begins on Thursday, April 23, 2026.



Growing Together In Faith

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

APRIL

Tuesday, 7th	Baptism Information Night 7 pm St Catherine of Siena Church
Wednesday, 8th	NO Mass: School Holidays St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 9th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Friday, 10th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Saturday, 11th	Baptisms 11am & 12.15pm
Wednesday, 15th	NO Mass: School Holidays St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 16th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Friday, 17th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Wednesday, 22nd	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 23rd	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Friday, 24th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Saturday, 25th	Anzac
Wednesday, 29th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church Feast day of St Catherine of Siena
Thursday, 30th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church

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Friday, 1st	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
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Divine Mercy Sunday 12 April 2026

St Anthony of Padua, Melton South
from 2pm Adoration / Confession / Rosary
3pm—3 O'Clock Chaplet prayer & Benediction
followed by Holy Mass & Blessing of Images by Fr. Alex

PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

March 2026 Update:
Pledged: \$5,794.23
Actual: \$4,564.23



Thank You

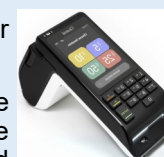
If you would like to:

- Make a **one-off donation**
- Set up **recurring donations** to the parish

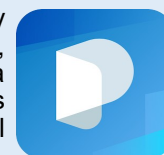
• Or **request a payment report**
please scan the QR code or head to our website: [TINYURL.COM/GIVEMELTON](https://tinyurl.com/GIVEMELTON)



A smart terminal is 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 too.



Parishioners can download and 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, secure and anonymous donation using their Apple Wallet, all without registering an account.



PARISH BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Announcements & Notices: Please submit your announcement or notices no later than 9am 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. All subject to approval.



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