



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.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY YEAR A - May 31, 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: 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

Reflection by Deacon Cristopher Creo

INVITED INTO THE MYSTERY

Today's Gospel gives us one of the most beloved lines in all Scripture: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." These words lead us into the heart of today's feast and into the deepest mystery of our faith: the Holy Trinity. The Trinity is not a puzzle to be solved, but a mystery to be entered with wonder, trust, and gratitude.

In the Gospel, Jesus reveals the Father who loves, the Son who is given for our salvation, and the Holy Spirit who remains with us and leads us into truth. At the centre of all reality is not isolation or power, but communion. God is love, not simply because God loves, but because love is God's very being. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit live in perfect self-giving relationship, and we are created to share in that divine life.

This mystery is not far from us. Through Christ, especially in Baptism, prayer, and the Eucharist, we are drawn into the life of the Trinity. Every time we make the Sign of the Cross, we remember both who God is and who we are called to become. If God is communion, then holiness must be lived in communion too: in forgiveness, fidelity, service, and care for one another. Families, marriages, parishes, and communities reflect God's life most clearly when love is patient, faithful, and self-giving.

We know this is not always easy, because human relationships are wounded by sin, fear, and selfishness. Yet the Gospel assures us that God did not send his Son to condemn the world, but to save it. The cross shows us the fullness of Trinitarian love poured out for us. So, the invitation today is simple and profound: not merely to explain the Trinity, but to enter more deeply into it. Through Christ, we are welcomed into the eternal love of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



Vinnies
good works

2026 VINNIES WINTER APPEAL



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

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. Blest your glorious holy name. **(R.)**
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory.
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. **(R.)**
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths.
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. **(R.)**

Second Reading

2 Cor 13:11-13

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 3:16-18

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.
No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.

Communion Antiphon

Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

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.

Prayer for Candidates for First Holy Communion

"Lord Jesus Christ, bless these candidates as they come forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be the beautiful beginning of a lifelong love for the Eucharist.

Fill their heart with wonder, peace, and joy.

Protect them, guide them as they grow, and remind them that You are always with them in their faith journey.

Amen."

Let us pray for our First communicants from

St Catherine of Siena Primary School,

St Dominics Primary School & St Luke's Program



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.



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

Next Week's Readings:

Deu 8:2-3,14-16 1 Cor 10:16-17 John 6:51-58

Recently Deceased

Lilia Cruz Paguio

Death Anniversaries:

Victor Selvaraj, Patrick Lobo, Glenda Fernandes,
Jennifer Marsh, Luke Talreja, Tom Hanrahan, Alex Vena Silao,
Jim Rae, Paul Stokie, Rosa Velkovski, Lilian Abraham,
Clemente Madelo, Maria Agius, Avalon Jenkins,
Zareefa Nizam, Annie Cassar, Stephen De Neise,
Mary Zarb, Nicholas Bonnici, Claudia Girardi,
Kathleen Isabell Mc Guinness, Angelle Lahound,
Myrna Resionaible, Lorna Castro, Ruby Kennedy,
Kath Bailey, Michael DeJong, Patrick Machado,
Felix Caruana

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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

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

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL-MELTON SOUTH

Thanks for all your support.

We have raised \$10,618.00 during this event.

Proceeds will go to St Anthony church - Melton South projects including the extension of Padua Hall.

A prayer for the Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi

Pope Leo XIV had announced that 2026 is a Jubilee Year of St. Francis, to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the saint's death.



The Holy Father has offered this prayer for the occasion:

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago, went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord. You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall. You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries. In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen~~~

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.



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

The Most Holy Trinity Year A

Saturday & Sunday May 30 & 31, 2026

Ministers of:	6pm	9am	11am	5pm
WELCOME	Bill McGuinness	Asther Creo	Marissa Tuason	Josephine Krajina
THE WORD	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Chelsea Amato	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
RESPONDER	Maria Prasetyono	ALZIRA MASCARENHAS	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Tania Walters	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
EM HOLY COMMUNION	ROBERT OBTINALLA	CHARLU CHUA	LIZ COUSTLEY	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
POWERPOINT OPERATOR	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	LIZ COUSTLEY	DANIELLA AHMET
GIFT SHOP	MARGARET RICHARDS	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
CHOIR	NO CHOIR	Samoan	Veritas	Filipino Choir
COUNTERS	MARIA ABELA, TANIA WALTERS			

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Saturday & Sunday June 6 & 7, 2026

Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
WELCOME	Kate Mulholland	Maureen Mohr	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
THE WORD	Maria Prasetyono	Sanghaya Creo	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
RESPONDER	Tania Walters	THEO FRANKEN	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Marissa Tuason	Josephine Krajina
HOLY COMMUNION	LENY OBTINALLA	ANNE STOKIE	LIZ COUSTLEY	Josephine Krajina
POWERPOINT OPERATOR	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	CHELSEA AMATO	NINA AHMET
GIFT SHOP	TANIA WALTERS	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
CHOIR	DIVINE MERCY	Veneration	Veritas	Tongan
COUNTERS	Elizabeth Maeshall, Jennifer Peters			



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Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 6pm Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm	
MAY	
Saturday, 30th	11am / 1pm : St Catherine of Siena Church SCPS / SDPS - Sacrament 1st Holy Eucharist
Sunday, 31st	2:30pm : St Catherine of Siena Church St Lukes Program Sacrament 1st Holy Eucharist
JUNE	
Wednesday, 3rd	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 7:00pm St Dominic's Parish Hall - ALPHA Prog.
Thursday, 4th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church 7:00pm Catechism Non-Infant Baptism St Dominics Presbytery Office
Friday, 5th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Tuesday, 9th	7:00pm Baptism information night St. Catherine of Siena Church
Wednesday, 10th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 7:00pm St Dominic's Parish Hall - ALPHA Prog.
Thursday, 11th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church 7:00pm Catechism Non-Infant Baptism St Dominics Presbytery Office
Friday, 12th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Hall Feast of Sacred Heart whole school mass
Saturday, 13th	11am Baptism: St Catherine of Siena Church

THE SACRAMENT OF 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, who are in Year 6 or above, are baptised and have received the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist but *have not* received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Information and the application form 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
Confirmation Program begins
on

Thursday, July 16, 2026.

*Growing Together In
Faith*



**PARISH OFFERTORY
GIVING 2026**

April Update:
Pledged: \$4,817.96
Actual: \$4,144.35

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

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.

Thank You





 **catholic mission**

Reach out. Give life.

Have you been Encountered?

Marriage Encounter is coming to Melton

Come along and experience your special weekend at:

St Dominic's Parish Melton

When: **June 26 – 28th 2026**

Starts Friday evening at 7pm finishes Sunday 4:30pm

For further details, please contact:

Mercy & James Bvirakare Ph: 0409 183 676

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au / Visit wwme.org.au

Flyers available at the gathering area

Additional Volunteers needed

Food Preparation and or cooking for
Marriage Encounter Weekend if you're able to assist
Please contact Anne Woof # 0400 098 979

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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