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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.

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT Yr C | March 16, 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)

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

- **Thursday & Friday** 9.15 am

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 7-8): Bridge Rd, Cobblebank
+61 3 8099 6000 | info@sfcc.vic.edu.au



God is revealed

The Second Sunday of Lent celebrates the epiphanies of God, the ways in which God's divine presence is revealed. The first divine epiphany is the manifestation of God as one who initiates a covenant, an intimate relationship with human beings. Not only does God initiate this agreement, but God also seals it with blood, making it official. Although we ritualise our relationship with God in a religious setting, the call to enter into the covenant can come in the ordinary events of life. The important thing to remember about this covenant is that God enters into our lives and initiates the relationship. No life is too simple; no life is too busy. Human history in all of its contours is the setting for the encounter with God.

The glory of God is revealed in the transfigured Jesus, the one who discussed his suffering and death with Moses and Elijah. Lent is a time for us to enter into this suffering, not merely through reflection, prayer and penance, but concretely, by sharing in the suffering of the body of Christ. We see this suffering all around us.

God is revealed through women and men who live lives of Christian commitment. In those whose integrity strengthens us, in those whose religious sentiments inspire us, in those whose endurance gives us confidence. God is revealed in those who get involved in bettering the lives of others. God is revealed in very ordinary ways, if we but open our eyes to see.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Today's Readings:

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18 Phil 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:28-36

Next Week's Readings:

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15 1cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Luke 13:1-9

Recently Deceased

Bernie Jongebloed

Death Anniversaries:

Henry Portelli, Beryl Adam, John Cassar, Nicola Manyok Thiak, Ricardo Zulueta, Albert Cole, Remedios Dela Rosa, Minnie Sud, Frances Leo, Bernie Wilke, Jean Spillman, Louis Nuspan, Peter Cremona, Iris Fernandes (nee Vas), Michael Stelline, Fr Lex Dunlop, Paul Camilleri, Vincenzo Giordano, Mary-Rose Aguis, Timothy Mitchell, Lilani DeMel, Pierino DeVellis, Frank Taricani, Ken McCarthy, John Dalli, Nilahau Samaranayake, Antonio Fucile



Parish Offertory Giving February Update

Pledged: \$5,776.12

Actual: \$4,877.96

Thank
You

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

Reflection by Fr. Wilford Urmaza, RCJ



MOUNTAINS: WITNESSES TO DIVINE MYSTERIES

Mountains hold a special significance in the history of salvation. On the mountain, human and divine convergence takes place, and mysteries unfold. Abraham offered his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice to God on Mount Moriah; Moses encountered God in the burning bush on Mt. Horeb and received the law on Mt. Sinai; and Elijah received his mission from God on Mt. Carmel. On the mountain, a covenant is established and a mission initiated. A mountain exemplifies permanence and stability, majesty, and beauty; thus, God in His greatness employs a mountain as a site of revelation.

Today's Gospel provides a deeper insight into what transpires on the mountain while Jesus prays with his disciples. The disciples, Peter, James, and John, observe Jesus conversing with Moses and Elijah in dazzling white garments; his countenance changes, and his clothes become as bright as a flash of lightning; a transfiguration occurs, and a foreshadowing of his glorious resurrection.

Peter, who doesn't comprehend the real situation and solely depends on what his sight captures, is quick to propose to set up three tents for them, whose purpose is only known to him alone. While still speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the sky, saying, "This is my beloved Son; listen to Him." Frightened by that unfamiliar voice, they took heed to Jesus' teachings and encouragement to strengthen their faith, as they, too, would experience the same fate as Jesus.

Moses, who represents the Law, and Elijah, who represents the prophets, discuss with Jesus his impending suffering, death, and resurrection—his Paschal sacrifice and glory. Jesus, the new Moses, and the new Elijah, is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets, who now become the New Law.

As the cloud dissipated from sight, they found Jesus praying by himself, and all became silent. In the final context, the Transfiguration event, therefore, is a source of hope for people living in confusion and darkness, an encouragement to pray fervently and unceasingly, to listen and obey, and to endure the sufferings of this life in anticipation of the glory that will undoubtedly come.

THE HOPE OF LENT By Diane M. Houdek

We might think that the hope of Lent has to do with our hope that we will get through it, that we will come to the end of it. We see Lent as an obstacle course we need to navigate in order to get to the great feast of Easter. But while the Lenten season is indeed preparation for our Easter celebration, the hope of this season is that we will find our lives transformed by the many ways we encounter God's Word, by the richness of the Scripture readings chosen to encourage, to challenge, to confront, to comfort. Focusing only on the end goal would cause us to miss so much along the way.

The greatest hope of Lent is the discovery that it's not only about penance, deprivation, spiritual struggles, and rooting out sin in our lives. Those are often the things we do during Lent. But the hope of Lent lies in what God does. From the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Francis has made mercy his hallmark. It's no surprise that he declared a special year dedicated to the contemplation of mercy.

Pope Francis wants us to realize that God's mercy and grace surround us not just in special times and places but always and everywhere. Lent is a time to discover the extraordinary in the ordinary, to be surprised by God's mercy when we least expect it. As the season begins, think about the hopes you have for Lent this year. Think about what changes you want to see in your life, in the world. Let the words of Pope Francis guide you on a journey of bringing those hopes to fulfillment.



TAKING THE WORD TO HEART

People often remark on the way our churches are filled on Ash Wednesday. It's not a holy day of obligation. No one is required to attend Mass or receive blessed ashes. But there's something about the beginning of this season of Lent that draws us in, calls us to return to sanity, to a bit of austerity, to a change of heart and mind. It's a second chance at our new year's resolutions, long since broken and forgotten. It's a second chance at making changes in our lives. For some people, it's no less than a second chance at life. That something that draws us is God's grace. And it's drawing us back to God's merciful embrace.

There's something attractive about Lent beginning in the middle of an ordinary week, catching us in the midst of our daily occupations and asking us to take time out to find God there. Lent doesn't take us away from our ordinary lives, but rather it invites us to bring a new and holy attention to those activities. This should be the way with all of our spiritual practices. We take time apart in order to return to our daily activities with new inspiration. God will always surprise us with possibilities when we least expect them. Let this Lent be one of those surprises.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at:

caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling:

1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we

**UNITE
AGAINST
POVERTY**
this Lent

**Project Compassion
boxes are available
in the Gathering
Area of the church.**

*"Return to the Lord,
your God. He is
merciful,
compassionate, and
always ready to
forgive."*

Joel 2:13

JUBILEE OF THE MISSIONARIES OF MERCY

The Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy recognises those who work to spread mercy throughout the world.

PRAYER In the name of Jesus Christ crucified and risen, in the spirit of His messianic mission, enduring in the history of humanity, we raise our voices and pray that the Love which is in the Father may once again be revealed at this stage of history, and that, through the work of the Son and Holy Spirit, it may be shown to be present in our modern world and to be more powerful than evil: more powerful than sin and death. We pray for this through the intercession of [Mary] who does not cease to proclaim "mercy...from generation to generation," and also through the intercession of those for whom there have been completely fulfilled the words of the Sermon on the Mount: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."



PRIME TIMERS March

Bacchus Marsh Golf Club 18 Links Road, Darley Tuesday 25th,
12:00 noon Senior menu available \$19.50 RSVP 21 March
Contact: Ineke 0400 120 401 / ineke49@yahoo.com

More Information at the Foyer

World Wide Marriage Encounter for April 2026

Knights of the Southern Cross—GOD & Beer

Topic: Original Solitude, Identity, and the Call to Love

Speaker: Anna Krohn Date: Monday 17th March

Time: 6.30pm dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk

Venue: Notting Hill Hotel (Steakhouse Room), 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill, VIC.

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 and an application form.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER TRIDUUM 2025

St Anthony of Padua Church, Melton South
Friday, April 11

6.30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Reconciliation (approx. 7.30pm)

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH, WEST MELTON

Maundy Thursday April 17



7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10 pm

Good Friday April 18



10.30am Stations of the Cross followed by Reconciliation
3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday April 19



10.30am Blessing of the Easter food baskets
7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday April 20

9am & 11am Easter Sunday Masses

Please Note: no 5pm Mass

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

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

HOME VISITATION & BLESSING REQUESTS

For Home Visitation & Blessing requests, please speak to one of our priests after Mass or fill out the online request form: [TINYURL.COM/HBLESSING](https://tinyurl.com/HBlessing)

PLEASE RING THE MASS MANAGER IF UNABLE TO ATTEND:

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

2nd Sunday of Lent		Saturday & Sunday March 15&16, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Liza Fernandes	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Liz Coustley	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			

3rd Sunday of Lent		Saturday & Sunday March 22&23, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Margaret Richards	Maureen Mohr	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Liza Fernandes	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Jennifer Peters	Cira Cleary	Janet Estrada
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Faith Tuputala	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir



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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

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

MARCH

Wednesday, 19th	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15 am: St Catherine's Year 3 students to attend Baptism Information Night 7.30 pm St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 20th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 21st	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am: St Dominic's Grade 5 students to attend
Saturday, 22nd	Baptism: 11am & 12.15pm
Wednesday, 26th	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15 am: St Catherine's Year 1 students to attend
Thursday, 27th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 28th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am St Dominic's Grade 1 students to attend
Saturday, 29th	Baptism: 11am & 12.15pm

APRIL

Wednesday, 2nd	No Mass at St Catherine's Church Mass at St Anthony's Melton South 9.30am
Thursday, 3rd	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 4th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am Term1 of the school year ends
Wednesday, 9th	No Mass at St Catherine's Church Mass at St Anthony's Melton South 9.30am
Thursday, 10th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 11th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Sunday, 13th	Palm / Passion Sunday



St Francis
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

MELTON & COBBLEBANK
Let us help you
enrol your child
for Yr 7 in 2027

Tuesday 25 March 2025
anytime between 1.30pm - 6.30pm
109-141 Bulmans Road, Melton West
Enter via Gate 4

Our staff and interpreters (Dinka, Arabic and Burmese
- various dialects) will be there to help you complete
an application for either of our campuses
- Melton or Cobblebank.

Please bring with you:

- Your child's birth certificate (required).
 - Your child's Baptism certificate (if applicable).
 - Your child's most recent school report and NAPLAN results (required)
 - Immunisation History Statement
 - Your child's passport and visa (required if they were born overseas).
 - Court orders including family court orders and intervention orders (if applicable). If both parents cannot sign the application, a Statutory Declaration **must** be provided stating the reason why.
 - Two separate documents confirming your residential address (required).
- A non-refundable application fee (paid via credit card or cash) of \$50 is required for each child.**

Applications for Year 7 2027 close on Friday 15 August 2025.
Demand for places at the College is high, so we encourage you to apply as soon as possible.
If you need help applying for Year 7 2026, you can come along. Please remember that these applications were due in August 2024 so your child may be added to our waiting list.

PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

If you would like to make either a one-off donation or to set up recurring donations to the parish, please scan the QR code or head to our website:

[TINYURL.COM/
GIVEMELTON](https://tinyurl.com/GIVEMELTON)

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



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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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