



# 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.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD — Year C | January 12, 2024

## CLERGY

**Parish Priest:** FR ALEX CLEMENTE

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**Office Hours:** Tuesday to Friday 9.15am - 4.45pm

We are closed on weekends and public holidays.

## STAFF & SAFEGUARDING COORDINATOR

**Parish Secretary:** WILMA CHUA (Tues - Fri)

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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 & 5pm
- Wednesday Mass will resume in February

**St Dominic's Church, Melton**

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

- Thursday & Friday 9.15am

## CONFESSION

St Catherine of Siena Church

Saturday: 5.45 pm | Sunday: 4.45pm

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & ROSARY

St Dominic's Church

- Thursday following the 9.15am 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

## My Son, the Beloved



The baptism event in the gospels is a moment of revelation of the Trinitarian nature of God. The Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus in the form of a dove whilst the voice of God is heard to declare of Jesus, 'You are my Son.' It is a unique moment in the scriptures where the three persons of God are individually and collectively revealed. Although the scriptures do not explicitly name God as Trinity, by the time of Paul's early writings, blessings in the name of Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit are frequent. Despite this, Trinity continues to be a difficult concept for many Christians.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I;  
He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

**Today's Readings:** Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11 Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7  
Luke 3:15-16. 21-22

**Next Week's Readings:** Isaiah 62: 1-5 1 Cor 12: 4-11 John 2: 1-11

## Prayer Requests

Recently Deceased: Eithne Patricia Murphy

Fr. Babu Varghese Kattikattu & Fr. Denis Carabott

## Death Anniversaries:

Maryanne Calleja, Bert Ilagan, Gaetano Cassar, Romeo Armeni, Lel Caruana, Wes Bellman, Elizabeth Nuspan, Joseph Buttigieg, Rita Sammut, Francesco Farfalla, John Paul Montejo, Shirley Duperouzel, Rose Zahra, Godwin Pace, Jose Balberan, Michael Schembri, Narrareno Camilleri, Ignacio P Ramirez, Mary Fenech, Ron Forms, Salvatore Fucile, Gerry DeVellis, Wilma Dacunha, Sam Cutajar, Daniel P Ramirez, Maria Muscat, Simone Maini, Joe Roche, Jack & Myrie Elder, Angela Panameno, Les Clark, Emil Jongebloed, Vera McGuigan, Brian Halliday, Julie Macaranas



Thank You

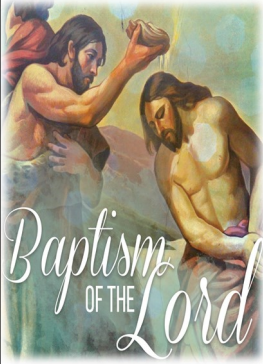
## Parish Offertory Giving December Update

**Pledged: \$6,428.69**

**Actual: \$5,198.35**

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

## Reflection by Sr Mary Fermio R SJ...



Anyone present at the Baptism of a child or an adult, can see clearly the love shared between those present. This child or adult is certainly loved and has now become the “beloved of God.”

Jesus presented himself to John the Baptist for his own personal Baptism. Luke writes that Jesus heard “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him”.

Was Jesus surprised to realise this and so left to spend time alone to ponder what this meant for him, for the future? When he returns after being tempted to think of himself, not God’s work, he begins to gather his disciples around him and teach them. He has now begun his mission, a mission that would lead to crucifixion!

Each of us is called, through our Baptism, to be disciples, to share this mission. I need to continually ask myself: “What is the mission I have through my Baptism?”

Let me listen to God’s voice, the voice of the loving Father.

## THE SACRAMENTS OF PENANCE, EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION 2025

An invitation is extended to join our partnered parishes of Melton and Melton South, after hours Sacrament Program called:

### *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, but *have not received one or more of the above Sacraments.***

We begin with an Information Night on Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 7pm sharp in St Dominic’s Parish Hall - entry via the gate on Smith St, Melton.

Information and the application form for these programs is available online on our Parish website: [www.melbcatholic.org/melton](http://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](mailto:melton@cam.org.au),
- Drop it off personally at the office between 9am and 3pm, or
- Place it into the return box in the Gathering Area of the church.



The Sacrament of Penance program begins on Thursday February 6, 2025.

*Growing Together In Faith*

## Understanding Jubilee 2025



### What is a jubilee?

Jubilee years are a time of newness. They have been celebrated throughout the history of the Church, but their roots go back to the Old Testament, when the Israelites were commanded to celebrate a jubilee every 50 years.



Beginning with the blowing of a ram’s horn—the yobel, from which the word jubilee comes - on the Day of Atonement, it was meant to be a kind of ‘reset’ or ‘refresh’ for their relationship with God and with each other. Debts would be forgiven, misappropriated land returned, slaves freed, and the land given rest. It was a stark and dramatic

reminder for the ancient Israelites that nothing was absolutely theirs - not even the Promised Land.

‘...the land belongs to me,’ God told them, ‘and you are only strangers and guests of mine’

LEV 25:23

The Israelites were to live as if everything was a grace and blessing from the God who brought them out of Egypt.

### The jubilee of Jesus

Jesus consciously used the language of jubilee when beginning his ministry. In the synagogue at Nazareth, he stood before the people and read from the prophet Isaiah:



‘The spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to captives, sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

**to proclaim a year of the Lord’s favour’ (Lk 4:18-19).**

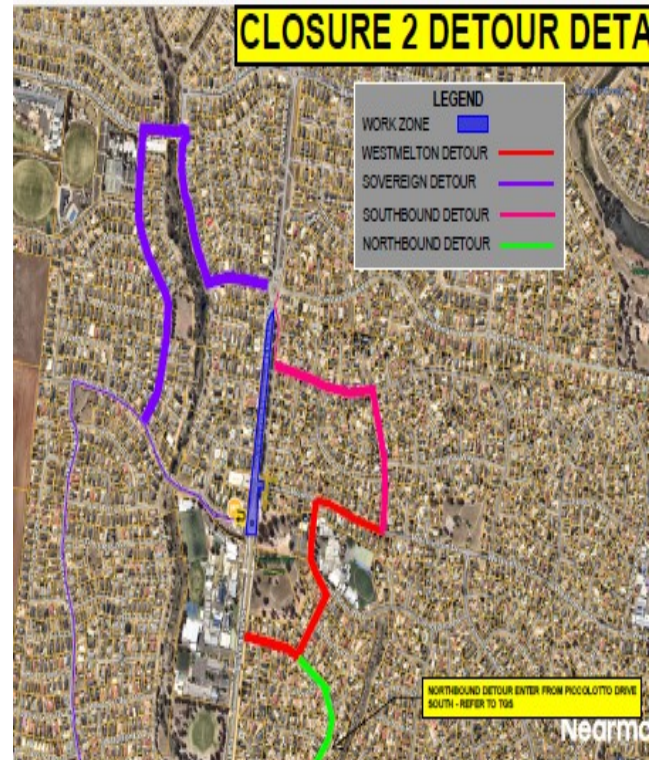
Through his life, death, and resurrection, what Jesus brought about was a kind of ‘ultimate jubilee’: a time of newness and ‘new creation’ (2 Cor 5:17), a time of abundant mercy for his people until his return in glory

The apostles saw their task as continuing this work of Christ’s jubilee: ‘See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation’ (2 Cor 6:2).

## BULMANS RD ROAD WORKS

Two upcoming **closures** will span between Westlake Drive and Sovereign Blvd / Sovereign Blvd and Centenary Avenue separately. See detour pictures below .

**Closure from Sunday, January 19 to Sunday January 26, 2025**



### PLEASE RING THE MASS MANAGER IF UNABLE TO ATTEND:

|      |               |              |      |                   |              |
|------|---------------|--------------|------|-------------------|--------------|
| 6 pm | Tania Walters | 0492 952 478 | 11am | Liz Coustley      | 0490 885 515 |
| 9 am | Theo Franken  | 0411 040 897 | 5 pm | Josephine Krajina | 0407 042 133 |

| Baptism of the Lord   |                          | Saturday & Sunday January 11&12, 2025 |                   |                     |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| MINISTERS OF:         | 6 PM                     | 9 AM                                  | 11 AM             | 5 PM                |
| Welcome               | Kate Mulholland          | Karl Metha                            | Lea Jacuta        | Josephine Krajina   |
| The Word              | Maria Prasetyono         | Jennifer Peters                       | Cira Cleary       | Frank Unferdorben   |
| Responder             | Tetchie Hadfield         | Alzira Mascarenhas                    | Liz Coustley      | Ismael Sosa-Sanchez |
| Presentation of Gifts | Robert Obtinnalla        | Faith Tuputala                        | Chelsea Amato     | Josephine Krajina   |
| Holy Communion        | Leny Obtinnalla          | Theo Franken                          | Liz Coustley      | Lesley Sosa-Ritchie |
| PowerPoint Operator   | James Taniman            | Sanyata Creo                          | Choir             | Nina Ahmet          |
| Gift Shop             | Kate Mulholland          | Anne Stokie                           | Lea Jacuta        | Frank Unferdorben   |
| Choir                 | Divine Mercy             |                                       | St Anuarite Choir | Filipino Choir      |
| Counters              | Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, |                                       |                   |                     |

| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time |                                     | Saturday & Sunday January 18&19, 2025 |                |                       |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| MINISTERS OF:                           | 6 PM                                | 9 AM                                  | 11 AM          | 5 PM                  |
| Welcomer                                | Bill McGuiness                      | Anne Stokie                           | Chelsea Amato  | Frank Unferdorben     |
| The Word                                | Tania Walters                       | Alzira Mascarenhas                    | Liza Fernandes | Lesley Sosa-Ritchie   |
| Responder                               | Tania Walters                       | Theo Franken                          | Lea Jacuta     | Josephine Krajina     |
| Presentation of Gifts                   | Leny Obtinnalla                     | Karl Metha                            | Bruna Tomassi  | Elainne de los Santos |
| Holy Communion                          | Sally Grero                         | Vickie Cassar                         | Liz Coustley   | Josephine Krajina     |
| PowerPoint Operator                     | Kate Mulholland                     | Faith Tuputala                        | 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 |                                       |                |                       |



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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*

### 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)

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### NEW TO OUR PARISH?

*Welcome!*

Please collect a Welcome Pack from the Gathering Area of the church. Once census form is completed, place it in the white return box in the Gathering Area.



#### Would you like to receive

**The Tidings before the weekend?**

Head to our website to subscribe to The Tidings or simply scan the QR code to enter your email to receive a digital copy. You will then receive a verification link via email to confirm your subscription.

## OUR PARISH SACRAMENT STATISTICS 2024

In 2024 there were:

**244** Baptisms    **141** First Communions

**132** Confirmations    **3** Marriages    **18** Funerals

*We pray for all who have been given the graces  
of these sacraments.*

As a parish, may we continue to support and nurture every child, young person and adult in their spiritual journey and may our parish remain a welcoming place of worship.

We pray for the repose of all souls who have passed away and for their families.

### 2025 Columban Art Calendars still available at the Piety Stall

We also have other gifts available perfect to commemorate Sacraments of Initiation and for everyday devotional use.



### Baptism Information Night

The next Baptism Information Night, for those booked in for baptisms at our Parish, will be held at  
**7.30pm on Wednesday, January 22**  
**at St Catherine of Siena Church, West Melton.**

### 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.

### 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)

### SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

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

### 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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