



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.

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | January 19, 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 & 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

The Best Wine



The steward comments that the best wine had been kept until the end of the wedding celebration – a clever use of an image for Jesus. Remembering the use of wedding imagery to describe the relationship between the people of Israel and God, the wedding feast is celebration of that relationship, and at the very heart of the celebration and the relationship is Jesus. He is the best wine that is kept until the end – the 'finishing touch' to a magnificent celebration, just as he is the 'finishing touch' to the relationship between God and God's people to that point.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in
the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Today's Readings: Isaiah 62: 1-5 1 Cor 12: 4-11
John 2: 1-11

Next Week's Readings: Neh 8: 2-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12: 12-30 /
1 Cor 12: 12-14, 27 Luke 1: 1-4, 4:14-21

Prayer Requests

Fr. Babu Varghese Kattikattu & Fr. Denis Carabott

Death Anniversaries:

James Campbell, Shaun O'Sullivan, Radhini Roche, Gordon Harvey, Amelia Andrews, James Mason, Jenda Vasek, Oscar Panameno, Mary Berichon, Michael Pearce, Belen Villanueva, Janine Ritchie, Maureen Williams, Annie Ryan, John Mascarenhas, Kamala Gomez, Phonse Hickey, Douglas Strong, Gerry O'Connor, Joseph Apap, Romuald Correa, Jay & Mareena, Brian Pereira, Jahn Ezekiel Balbin, Anthony Rizzo, John Corcoran, Richard Pikos, Rumlan Muditha, Ruwan Pathirana, August Vincetic, Pauline Camileri, Leslie Gordon, Evangelini Faith, Joe Bugeja Jnr, Michael Abraham, Stanley Matchado,



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 Wilford Urmaza, RCJ

FROM WATER TO WINE (John 2:1-11)

The wedding feast that transpired in Cana, where Jesus transformed water into wine, is the first miracle recounted in John's Gospel. This event holds a profound significance for understanding the nature of Jesus' mission and the transformative power of faith.

While the celebration goes on, the hosts run out of wine, which would have caused the newlyweds and their families a tremendous deal of embarrassment and disgrace in the cultural context of the time. When Mary observes what's happening, she tells Jesus, which leads to a special exchange. "Woman, what is it to me and to you? My hour has not yet come," Jesus asks. This declaration shows He is willing to meet human needs even though He is aware of the divine timeline and the importance of His mission.

The miracle itself is remarkable. When Jesus gives the servants instructions to fill six stone water jars with water, the water has been changed into wine by the time they draw from it. Unaware of the source of the miracle, the chief steward commends the bridegroom for delivering the best wine last, demonstrating the exceptional quality of what Jesus has produced. Thus, His disciples believed in Him as a result of this act, which revealed His glory.

When Jesus transforms something ordinary (water) into something remarkable (wine), it represents the essence of faith itself and gives it a spiritual meaning. It invites us to acknowledge that our lives can be improved through Christ. The overflowing grace of God, which is accessible to everyone who seeks it, is likewise symbolized by the abundance of wine.

The wedding at Cana event resonates deeply to contemporary life. In a society where relationships frequently encounter difficulties, Christ's presence can bring about healing and renewal. The significance of allowing Jesus into our life, especially in our relationships, is demonstrated by the wedding feast. By doing this, people can encounter the transforming power of His love, which can turn moments of crisis into opportunities for grace and joy.

First Reading [Isaiah 62:1-5](#)

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)
2. Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. (R.)
4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading [1 Corinthians 12:4-11](#)

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

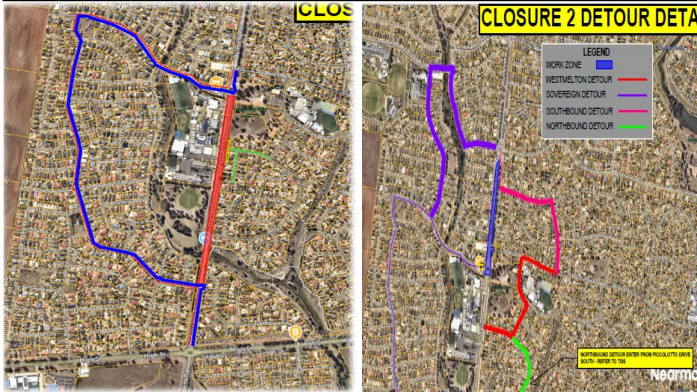
Gospel [John 2:1-11](#)

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

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**



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.

PLEASE RING THE MASS MANAGER IF UNABLE TO ATTEND:

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

The Lord takes delight in you.
Proclaim God's marvellous deeds
to all.

There is a variety of gifts but
always the same Spirit.
The Spirit given to each for
good purpose.
Fill the Jars with water.
The best wine was served
last at the wedding feast.



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.melb catholic.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 office between 9.15 am and 4.45 pm, or
- Place it into the return box in the Gathering Area of the church.



*Growing Together
In Faith*

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

2 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday January 18&19, 2025	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Bill McGuinness	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 Obtinalla	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			

3 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday January 25&26, 2025	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Liza Fernandes	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tania Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Faith Tuputala	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Bill McGuinness	Anne Stokie		Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Anne Stokie		Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			



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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

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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.

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

JANUARY

Wednesday 22nd	Baptism Information Night @ 7.30pm St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday 23rd	Mass: St Dominic's Church @ 9.15am
Friday 24th	Mass: St Dominic's Church @ 9.15am
Saturday 25th	Baptisms @ 11am & 12.15pm
Sunday 26th	Australia Day
Thursday 30th	Mass: St Dominic's Church @ 9.15am Information Night for St Luke's Sacramental Program @ 7pm in St Dominic's Hall entrance off Smith St Melton
Friday 31st	Mass: St Dominic's Church @ 9.15am

FEBRUARY

Thursday 6th	St Luke's Penance Sacramental Program begins @ 7 pm in St Dominic's Hall
Wednesday 12th	Baptism Information Night @ 7.30pm St Catherine of Siena Church
Saturday 15th	Baptisms @ 11am & 12.15pm
Saturday & Sunday 15th @ 6 pm & 16th @ 11am	Presentation Weekend for St Luke's Penance Sacramental Program

PRIME TIMERS

The first meeting will be Tuesday Jan 28, 2025
at Leisure Centre, Lifestyle Village Melton
Starting 11:30am BYO Lunch

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

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

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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