



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.

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A - March 15, 2026

CLERGY

Parish Priest: FR ALEX CLEMENTE, RCJ

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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@sfc.vic.edu.au

Reflection by Fr. Wilford Urmaza, RCJ

FROM IGNORANCE TO FAITH (John 9:1-41)

The backdrop of today's liturgy on the *4th Sunday of Lent* speaks of the light that the gospel of John illustrates as Jesus heals a man blind from birth. This serves as a testament to the manifestation of God's works through Christ, who declares Himself as the world's light.

Far beyond a physical miracle, the passage contrasts bodily sight with spiritual blindness, shows the progression from ignorance to faith, and reveals divine judgment that enlightens the humble while condemning self-proclaimed "seers."

The man's testimony mirrors conversion, from ignorance to knowledge to confession and finally to worship. Physical blindness affects the beggar from birth, but spiritual blindness afflicts the Pharisees, who "see" yet remain in darkness due to unbelief. The healed man's faith evolves from an ordinary man to a "prophet," who argues logically, "We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will."

Essentially, this gospel proclaims Christ conquering blindness—physical and spiritual—through obedient faith, inverting worldly wisdom. The man's obedience, therefore, reveals the crucial message that Christ leads from blindness (humility) to seeing (faith), which counters Pharisaic pride.



Next Week's Readings:

Eze 37:12-14 Rom 8:8-11 John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45

Recently Deceased:

Lagalaga Aiono, Gregorio Pingol, Gloria Reyes

Death Anniversaries:

Gina Girardi, George Vella, Paiola Micallef, Mary Elizabeth Winter, Eustace Pereira, Shirley Dias, Sofia Liwanag, Martin Burke, Reginald Peters, Sr Catherine Power, Lewis Grech, Sam Bugejja, Sarath Hettiarachi, Romeo Rico Sr., 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, Vincenza Giordano, Mary-Rose Aguis, Mary Galea

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

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading

1Sam 16:1,6-7,10-13

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.'

When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.'

Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading

Eph 5:8-14

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Praise to you Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

Gospel

John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.'

Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?'

And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?'

'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe,' and worshipped him.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord anointed my eyes:
I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in God.



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.

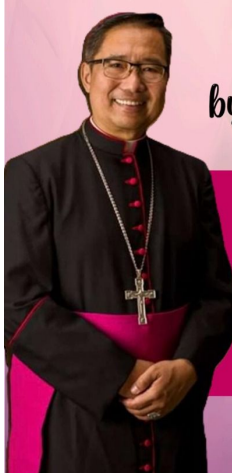


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at 7 PM on 

Becoming a Synodal Church

Lenten Retreat & Reconciliation Night
by Bishop Rene Ramirez, RCJ



7:00pm Welcome & Introduction
7:15pm Talk
8:15pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Individual Reconciliation
9:30pm Benediction

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Parish
MELTON SOUTH

Holy Week & Easter Triduum 2026

St Anthony of Padua Melton South

Lenten Retreat (Becoming a Synod Church)

April 1, Holy Wed. 7pm by Bishop Rene Ramirez, RCJ

8:15pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &

Reconciliation; 9:30pm Benediction

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH, WEST MELTON



Maundy Thursday, April 2

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of Blessed Sacrament till 10pm



Good Friday, April 3

10:30am Station of the Cross followed by Individual Reconciliation
3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion



Holy Saturday, April 4

10:30am Blessing of the Easter food Baskets
7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 5

9am & 11am Easter Sunday Masses

Please note: No 5pm Mass

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.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words; Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude; Fast from anger and be filled with patience; Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope; Fast from worries and have trust in God; Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity; Fast from pressures and be prayerful; Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy; Fast from selfishness and be compassionate; Fast from grudges and be reconciled; Fast from words; be silent and listen @catholic dailies

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A		Saturday & Sunday March 14 & 15, 2026		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuiness	Asther Creo	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Lawrence Camenzuli	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Jennifer Peters	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Marissa Tuason	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Charlu Chua	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Chelsea Amato	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan	Veritas	Tongan
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A		Saturday March 21 & 22, 2026		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Margaret Richards	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Maria Prasetyono	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Charlu Chua	Marissa Tuason	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Asther Creo	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Chelsea Amato	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration	Veritas	Filipino
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maria Abela			



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PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

February 2026 Update:

Pledged: \$5,324.04

Actual: \$4,423.23

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.



Thank You



Prime Timers

Date: 31 March 2026, Tuesday Time: 12:30pm

The Melton Country Club, Reserve Rd. Melton

\$18.50 Senior Meal available RSVP 27 March

More info contact: Ineke 0400120401

ineke49@yahoo.com

GOD AND BEER THE SOCIAL REIGN OF CHRIST THE KING

16 March 2026, Monday

Notting Hill Hotel, Steak Room

260-262 Ferntree Gully Notting Hill

6:30pm dinner for purchase 7:30pm Talk

For more info contact : Lawrence C. 0448398344

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.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

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

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm

MARCH

Wednesday, 18th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church Year 3 Student's Mass
Thursday, 19th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Friday, 20th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church Year 4 Student's Mass
Wednesday, 25th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church Year 2 Student's Mass
Thursday, 26th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Friday, 27th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church Year 3 Student's Mass
Saturday, 28th	11:00am Baptism

APRIL

Wednesday, 1st	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church Holy Wednesday Whole Student's Mass
Thursday, 2nd	NO Mass: St Dominic's Church
Friday, 3rd	NO Mass: St Dominic's Church

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.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 Eucharist program begins on Thursday, April 23, 2026.



Growing Together In Faith

SUBSCRIPTION EMAILS OF THE TIDINGS

Newsletter attachments are no longer permitted in PACEM. These measures are designed to protect long-term email reputation and ensure reliable delivery across all providers. We will continue to monitor delivery performance and provide updates as required.

For our weekly bulletin and newsletter please refer to our parish website: www.melbcatholic.org/melton

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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