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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YR C | April 27 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 (no Mass on public holidays)
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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@sfc.vic.edu.au

Francis Focus

Pope Francis says that when we feel 'like Thomas, with the same doubts ... we do not need to be ashamed of this.' We can all have moments of uncertainty. Importantly, the other Apostles never rejected or harassed Thomas; rather, they accompanied him.

The story of Thomas shows us that it is healthy to acknowledge our struggles. As the Pope puts it, 'Christians who never doubt and always flaunt a steadfast faith' tend to make him think that 'something isn't right.' As the Pope goes on, 'the adventure of faith, as for Thomas, consists of lights and shadows. Otherwise, what kind of faith would that be?'

Now, generations later, we recall Thomas' doubt because it has much to teach us. 'Crises are not sins,' the Pope explains, 'they are part of the journey, we should not fear them.'

The Pope encourages us to recognise such moments as opportunities for grace. 'Crises help us to recognise that we are needy,' he suggests, because 'they rekindle the need for God and thus enable us to return to the Lord.' And, as the story of Thomas so clearly shows, Jesus meets us where we are in our journey of faith; he does not expect us to resolve every doubt on our own before encountering him.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Today's Readings:

Acts 5:12-16 Rev 1:9-13, 17-19 John 20:19-31

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 Rev 5:11-14 John 21:1-19

Recently Deceased:

Pope Francis

Death Anniversaries:

Terence Hunniford, Bernie Lavery, Jose Simbulan Snr, Mark Ruthven, Paula Cauchi, Vince Grillo, Ken Walters, Louis Fernandez, Globel Corera, Anand Devolta, Pat Hilbert, Amanda Silao, Tilly Rovers, Bertie Roche, Fr John Murphy SDB, Hazel Schembri Sebastian, Bruno Sorge, Alvin & Lesley Drilon, John Zahra, Lesley Corera, Hilda Czlapa, Steve Moore, Margaret Dobson, Florence Oakley, Grace Baldwin, Joy Jenkins, Paul Spiteri, Angelo Pace, Mary Peters, Tony Carberry, Sarah Larkin, Joseph Cordio, Edmund Lim Swee Chew



Parish Offertory Giving

March Update

Pledged: \$6,803.39 Actual: \$4,972.14

Thank You

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

Reflection by Sr. Mary Fermio, RSJ

Each of us have at some time tried to believe a "yarn" which seemed too preposterous to be true and we needed proof. Maybe Columbus had difficulty getting others to believe what he had seen and experienced.

We can then understand Thomas being sceptical about the story his friends were telling him. A man dead, now alive! Unbelievable! Yet they had seen the widow's son, the daughter of Jairus and Lazarus, all brought back to life by Jesus. Even so, Thomas wanted proof for himself. It had to be seen to be believed! How surprised he must have been when Jesus appeared in the room and knew what he had said! He saw, he felt, he believed. Jesus says that we are blessed because we have not seen, yet we believe.

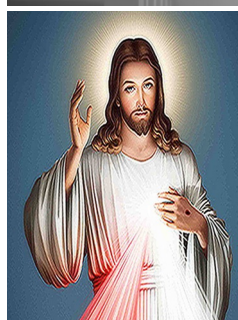
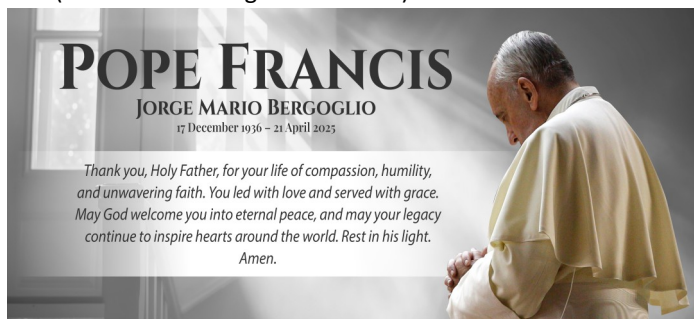
What about you? Those of us who were taught "Jesus has risen" from our childhood can be a bit blasé. Have you ever really sat and reflected about your own belief? What this really means for you and your life! Now and after death!



Pontifical High Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Pope Francis

Monday 28 April 2025 1.00pm–2.00pm

A Solemn Pontifical Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli at St Patrick's Cathedral on Monday 28 April at 1pm. All are welcome. For those unable to attend in person, the Mass will be livestreamed thanks to our broadcast; Community Channel C31 (Channel 44 on digital television)



Divine Mercy Sunday

27 April 2025 St Anthony of Padua

2PM Exposition of Blessed
Sacrament, Holy Hour &
Confessions

3PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Mass
(followed by Refreshment)

Sharing a beautiful tribute to the Pope:

It's
almost
as
if
he
waited.



Pope Francis passed away on Easter Monday. The timing felt too tender to be coincidence - like he held on just long enough to hear the Alleluia one last time. To witness the Church rejoice in the Resurrection before quietly letting go. As if he needed to see the stone rolled away before stepping into the promise he had spent his life proclaiming.

He carried so much. The wounds of a divided Church. The ache of the poor and the forgotten. The weight of hope - for a world more merciful, more human, more like Christ. He walked with a limp, both in body and in spirit, but never without grace. He wasn't perfect. But he was present. And he kept showing up.

And he was different.

He chose the simple path when grandeur was expected. He rode the bus. Paid his own hotel bill. Lived in a guesthouse instead of the papal palace. His first act as Pope was to bow and ask for our prayers. From the beginning, he showed us that true authority kneels. That greatness can look like humility.

He disrupted systems and comforted outcasts. He spoke boldly on justice, embraced the disabled, welcomed migrants, washed the feet of prisoners. He didn't just talk about mercy - he embodied it. He made the Church feel like a place where the last could be first, and the forgotten, finally seen.

He taught us that holiness isn't perfection - it's presence. That the Gospel is clearest when it sounds like compassion. That faith, at its best, looks like love with skin on.

And now, just after Easter, he's gone.

But maybe that was his final homily. Not delivered from a pulpit, but through the quiet timing of his death - a soft Amen to a life spent preaching hope.

It brings to mind these words:

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7

And he did. He fought - not with anger, but with mercy. He ran - not to be praised, but to make space for others. And he kept the faith - not flawlessly, but fiercely.

So yes, we grieve. But we also remember.

We remember how he made us believe again - in a Church that walks with the wounded, in a Gospel wide enough for the doubting, in a God whose love meets us right where we are.

He reminded me that faith isn't something we hold onto for ourselves.

It's something we hand off - with open hands and open hearts.

Pope Francis has finished his race.

And what he leaves behind isn't just a memory -

It's the echo of a life poured out.

The kind of life that makes you want to live differently.

More gently.

More boldly.

More like him.

More like Christ.

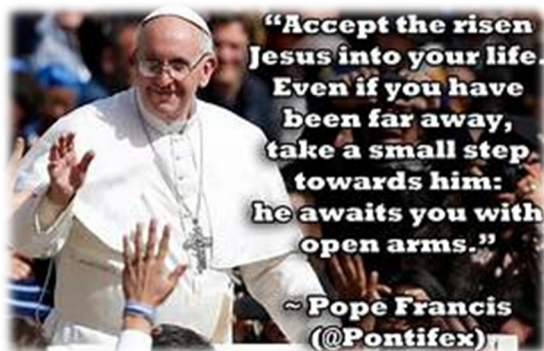
He waited for Easter - because he believed in the promise.

And now, that promise is his.

Light has found him.

And Love has brought him home.

Written by Dani Alvarez; Reposted from the wall of Sr. Bubbles Bandojo.
Recd. from Luna Soriano, Co- Pilgrimage from Holy Land



You are going to learn from the people before you teach them anything.

Pope Francis



Let us learn to live with kindness, to love everyone, even when they do not love us.

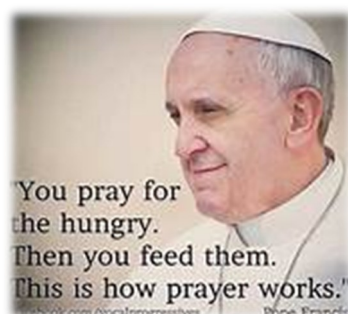
— Pope Francis —

Don't let anyone rob you of hope.
Pope Francis



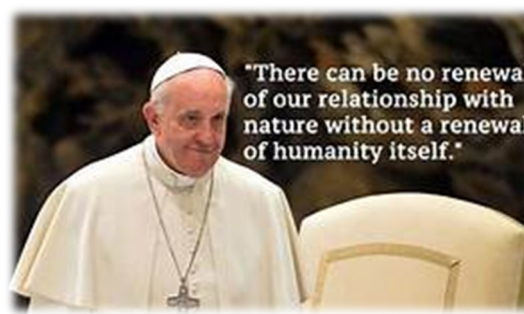
"Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven."

~Pope Francis



Let us always pray for one another.

Pope Francis



"There can be no renewal of our relationship with nature without a renewal of humanity itself."

Receive the Gospel of Christ whose herald you have become.

Believe what you Read,
Teach what you Believe,
Practice what you Teach.



“St. Peter committed one of the greatest sins, denying Christ, and yet they made him Pope. Think about that.”

Love is the measure of faith.



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 Easter			Saturday & Sunday April 26&27, 2025	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Bill McGuiness	Graham Dempsey	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Tania Walters	Faith Tuputala	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion		Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			

3rd Sunday of Easter		Saturday & Sunday May 3&4, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Kate Mulholland	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tania Walters	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Tania Walters	Maureen Mohr	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			



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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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[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.

Please return your Project Compassion
box and place it in the basket in the
Gathering Area of the church by
weekend. Thank you



Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm

APRIL

Saturday, 26th	Baptisms: 11am & 12.15pm
Tuesday, 29th	St Catherine of Siena Feast Day 9:15 am: whole school Mass for St Catherine's School celebrating their feast day
Wednesday, 30th	NO Mass at 9:15am St Catherine's Church Mass at 10.15 am at St Catherine's Church for St Francis Catholic College Catherine House

MAY

Thursday, 1st	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 2nd	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year Prep students to attend .
Wednesday, 7th	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15 am Whole school Mass for St Catherine's School: celebrating Mothers' Day
Thursday, 8th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am St Luke's Sacramental Program for First Eucharist to begin at 7 pm in St Dominic's Hall
Friday, 9th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 6 students to attend .
Sunday, 11th	Happy Mothers' Day
Wednesday, 14th	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15 am Year 5 students to attend
Thursday, 15th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 16th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 5 students to attend .
Saturday, 17th @ 6pm Mass & Sunday, 18th @ 11 am Mass	Presentation and commitment of participants in the St Luke's Sacramental Program for First Eucharist in our parish

St Anthony of Padua, Melton South

Our Lady's Month of May— all Saturdays 9:30am Mass followed
by Rosary at the Grotto (cuppa after please bring a plate)
May 13—Tuesday 6:30pm Mass Feast of our Lady of Fatima
(cuppa after please bring a plate to share)
June 13—Friday 6:30 pm Mass Feast of St Anthony of Padua by
Bishop Rene Ramirez, RCJ (fellowship to follow after mass)
special collection to cover this celebration.

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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