



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.

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - October 18, 2026

CLERGY

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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) Please Note:
 - **Sunday** 9am, 11am & 5 pm There is no
 - **Wednesday Mass** 9.15 am Mass on a
- (no Mass during school holidays at St Catherine's Church) Public Holiday.

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

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Address: 108 Bulmans Road, Melton West, VIC 3337

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ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Melton West Campus (Year 7-12): 109-141 Bulmans Rd, Melton West

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+61 3 8099 6000 | info@sfcc.vic.edu.au

Reflection by Deacon Cristopher Creo

We All Bear God's Image (29OT-A)

Today is World Mission Sunday, reminding us that sharing the Gospel is not only the responsibility of priests, religious, or missionaries overseas. **It is the calling of every baptised Christian.**

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." The coin bears Caesar's image, but every human being bears the image and likeness of God. Through Baptism, we are united with Christ, incorporated into the Church, and adopted as children of God. What, then, does God ask of us? He asks for our hearts, our lives, and our willingness to love and serve others. **Our mission is not simply to believe in Jesus, but to help others recognise him through the way we live.**

World Mission Sunday unites Catholics in prayer and generosity to support missionaries and communities around the world. Blessed Fulton J. Sheen understood this responsibility deeply, dedicating sixteen years to supporting the Church's missionary work in the United States. His example reminds us that mission belongs to all of us.

We may never travel to distant mission lands, but we can pray for missionaries, contribute to their work, and encourage young people to consider missionary vocations. We also live our mission in our homes, schools, workplaces, and parishes. A parent who teaches a child to pray, a parishioner who welcomes a newcomer, or someone who comforts the grieving makes Christ's love visible.

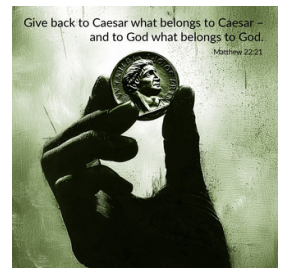
Let us ask ourselves: **Does someone who enters our parish feel welcomed, valued, and loved?** Our missionary witness

is expressed not only in our words, but in our actions and the community we build. We do not share our faith to impose it on others, but to offer them the opportunity to encounter Christ.

Again, we may never travel overseas, but wherever we meet another person, our mission is already there.

We belong to Christ. We are sent by Christ. And through us, others can come to know Christ. May the Holy Spirit strengthen us to share the Gospel with courage, generosity, and love.

Amen.



Safeguarding Is Everyone's Responsibility
In the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, the safety and wellbeing of all persons is of highest priority.

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

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading

Isa 45:1,4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**

2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. **(R.)**

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. **(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 Thes 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;

you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mat 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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.



First Aid & Defibrillator is located in the Lay-Sacristy.

Next Week's Readings:

Exo 22:20-26 1 Thes 1:5-10 Mat 22:34-40

Death Anniversaries:

Mary Cutajar, Charlie Cutajar, Bill Cutajar, Joe Cutajar, Charlie Debrincat, Horace Pace, Angelo Azzopardi, Francis Rowan, Conching Ventura, Florunce Poli, Lawrence Dillon, Stephanie Jeffkins, Troy Shephard, Bruce Smith, Vito Negrin, Leo Mahoney, Faustino De Leon, Rogelio Gonzales, Kathryn Dervish-Ali, Benedicto Dagasdas, Eileen Kennedy, Alice Masterson, Kaushal de Silva, Carmen Mifsud, Carmen Enriquez, Merry Esak, Tom Sullivan, Gwen Drape, Monique Bazerghi, Emanuel Mallia, Monica Burke, Gordon Bartolo, Esme Seamen Daryl Leonard, Peter Michael, Leonora Gapi, Marlene Williams, Des McCormick, Anna Surace, Sr. Mary-Rose Bonn, Si Jung Sim Stanley Zagafa, Monique Bazerghi, E. Louis

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Acknowledging and Supporting

Volunteers in our Church Ministries

The work of our Catholic parishes and ministries is borne as much by unpaid supporters as by paid staff. It takes many hands and minds to do God's work. So many, that we can be unaware of how much is being done within our parish communities and ministries.

Every volunteer is a star in their parish or ministry universe and our gratitude is boundless. The commitment of volunteers to contributing to the mission ministry of our Church is very evident through our national auditing program. We have also observed how, many have made lifelong friends and built mutually supportive communities.

When Sunday Mass is over and the crowds are gone, the 'hidden' work of a parish continues. Home visits to the sick and home-bound happen, maintenance and grounds-keeping is done, the poor are fed, refugees are sheltered, music is practiced, funerals arranged, parish committees meet, and small group fellowship thrives in many different ways. All this, and much more besides, is largely achieved by volunteers.

Without their work in managing and staffing the plethora of activities within our Church, we would be bereft of talent!



Rosary is derived from 'rosarium', Latin for 'crown of roses'. It is believed when you pray the rosary it is like you are taking a walk through Mary's beautiful garden of roses.

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Pray for us.

The 2027 Columban Calendar is now available for purchase at our Piety Stall

Cost: \$11

Give a gift that last all year round



Please Ring Mass Manager If Unable To Attend And Perform your Rostered Duty



6pm—Tania Walters
9am Theo Franken

11am— Lea Jacuta
5pm - Josephine Krajina

October Rosters have been emailed. Thank you.

Twenty-Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday October 17 & 18, 2026

Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Maria Alvarado	Marissa Tuason	Chelsea Amato	Samuel Heckerroth
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Chelsea Amato	Sarah Olayvar
Presentation of Gifts	Gail Vas	Charlu Chua	Chelsea Amato	Elainne de los Santos
Extra-ordinary Ministers	Tania Walters	Kalameli Lole	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Liz Coustley	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards		Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan	Veritas	Tongan
Counters	Liz Coustley, Lorraine Stafford			

Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday October 24 & 25, 2026

Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Maureen Mohr	Chelsea Amato	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Chelsea Amato	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Maria Prasetyono	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Maria Alvarado	Fred Smith	Chelsea Amato	Elainne de los Santos
Extra-ordinary Ministers	Leny Obtinalla	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Asther Creo		Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo		Samuel Heckerroth
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland		Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration	CFC Global	Filipino
Counters	Tania Walters, Maria Abela			

**Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 6pm
Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm
OCT - NOV 2026**

Wednesday, 21st	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church SCPS Yr 4 to attend 6:30pm SC Hall Penance Night
Thursday, 22nd	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church
Friday, 23rd	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church SDPS Yr 3 to attend
Saturday, 24th	11:00am Baptism / 6:00pm Mass: SCPS SDPS Commitment Mass Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday, 28th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church SCPS Yr 2 to attend 7:00pm SC Hall Sacramental Enrollment 2027
Thursday, 29th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church 6:00pm St Catherine of Siena Church: Sacrament of Reconciliation SD Primary School
Friday, 30th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church SDPS Yr 2 to attend
Wednesday, 4th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church All Souls All Saints Day - Whole School Mass



**Changes to the Working
with Children Check**

New Working with Children Connect online service and mandatory Working with Children Child Safety Training

Victoria is reforming the Working with Children (WWC) Check to strengthen safeguards for children and help organisations make safer decisions about the people they engage to work or volunteer with children.

From 19 October 2026:

- the **new WWC Connect online** service will be introduced
- **mandatory WWC Child Safety** will become part of the WWC Check application and renewal process.

The changes **strengthen the WWC Check system** by giving organisations, agencies and individuals greater responsibility for ensuring that the people they engage in child-related work hold a valid WWC Clearance. The changes also give the Social Services Regulator more accurate and up-to-date information about where people with a WWC Clearance are working.

Mandatory online child safety training will help ensure people applying for or renewing a WWC Check understand their responsibilities for keeping children safe. The training complements and does not replace an organisations' existing child safety responsibilities, induction, supervision and training.

Working with Children WWC Connect is a new online service that will record the connection between organisations and individuals, and the workers they engage in child-related work. It will help organisations and sole traders meet the new legal requirement to notify the Social Services Regulator (SSR) about workers and volunteers they engage in child-related work and help the SSR identify who needs to be informed if a person's WWC Clearance status changes.

Organisations should start preparing now for WWC Connect:

- understand the changes. Review their processes. Prepare their organisation
- check that workers and volunteers have the correct WWC Clearance or exemption details
- prepare and connect existing workers and volunteers through WWC Connect when the service becomes available
- make sure recruitment compliance and human resources staff are aware of the changes
- let workers and volunteers know about the mandatory training requirements where relevant.

People who currently hold a WWC Clearance do not need to do anything just yet. In the meantime they should keep their contact details up to date so they can receive important information and reminders.

Keeping children safe is a shared responsibility.

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**Parish Offertory
Giving 2026**

September Update:
Pledge \$4,888.35
Actual: \$3,828.12

Thank You

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- Set up **recurring donations** to the parish



- Or **request a payment report**

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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.



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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