



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-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - August 23, 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@sfcc.vic.edu.au

Reflection by Deacon Cristopher Creo

The Keys of the Kingdom

There is a difference between being given a key and being given the keys. A key gives access; the keys to a household represent trust and responsibility.

That is what Jesus gives Peter in today's Gospel. Peter declares, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus then says: "You are Peter... I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."

For a first-century Jew, this language would immediately recall Isaiah's words about Eliakim: "I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; when he opens, no one shall close." The key represented authority over the king's household. Eliakim was not the king or owner; he was the king's steward, entrusted to act on his behalf.

Now Jesus, the Messiah and Son of David, gives Peter the keys of his kingdom. The keys do not make Peter the owner of the kingdom; they make him its steward. This is why the Catholic Church understands Peter's unique ministry as continuing through his successors, the Bishops of Rome. The authority belongs ultimately to Christ. The Church belongs to Christ.

And there is something remarkable about the person receiving the keys: Peter is imperfect. Yet Christ entrusts him with this responsibility. The treasure is divine; the steward is human.

That has a lesson for every one of us. We often speak of "my" family, "my" gifts, "my" possessions, "my" ministry. But faith teaches us to say instead: "entrusted to me." So, the question is not simply, "What do I have?" but: "Lord, what have you entrusted to me, and how faithfully am I using it for you?"

One day, everything entrusted to us must be returned to its true owner. May we then be able to say: "Lord, what you placed in my hands, I did not treat as my own. I cared for it because it was yours."

The keys were never ours.
The kingdom was never ours.
It belongs to Christ.



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

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his
wisdom and knowledge –
and how impossible to penetrate his motives or
understand his methods!
Who could ever know the mind of the Lord?
Who could ever be his counsellor?
Who could ever give him anything
or lend him anything?
All that exists comes from him; all is by him.
To him be glory for ever!
Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my
Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

*You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of
heaven.*

When Jesus came to the region of
Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples,
'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said,
'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and
others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he
said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke
up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living
God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a
happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that
revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I
now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will
build my Church. And the gates of the underworld
can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys
of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on
earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever
you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in
heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not
to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The earth is replete with
the fruits of your work,
O Lord;
you bring forth bread
from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.



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.

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.



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

Next Week's Readings:

Jer 20:7-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mat 16:21-27

Death Anniversaries:

Albert Scott, Anthony Buhagiar, Mark Vassallo-Grant, Melissa Smith, Jim Hocht, John Vella, Vincenzo Coridi, Pat Mc Grath, Jessie Stewart, Eunice Cole, Edmund Manuel, Joe Gauci, Angelina de Guzman, Noel Daniels, Sammy Agius, Priscila Rodriguez, Estelle Pereira, Ravi Gunasekera, Paul Spiteri, Axie Machado, Ian Robbins, Kath Smith, Carmen Magri, Rocco Guzzeppi, Damian Cauchi, Mary Stella Gixti, Efen Banaag, Joyce Patterson, Frank Camenzuli, John Reed, Rita Muscat, Santiago Sobredo, Robert Parletta, Margaret Cassar, Josephine Spiteri, Frank Unferdorben, Vincent Ashby, Jim Williams, Rita Ottewil, Edith Jausz, Brinelle Lewis, Rita Miranda, Stephen Reed, Willie Corera, Deb Hester, Carmen Mifsud

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Seeking for Volunteers / Help needed ASAP

Breakfast at St Dominic's Primary School

from 7:30am—8:45am

Home Visits on Mondays or any other day in twos /

Soup Van on Tuesdays and or Thursdays

Working With Children Check (WWCC) ID required

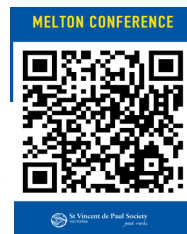
For further details please Contact

Anne

0417 149 472 or

Maureen

0437 463 449



Memorial Wall Plaques

There are still spots available on our Memorial Wall next to St Dominic's Church to commemorate former parishioners and loved ones whose remains are buried or interred elsewhere with a memorial plaque. For more details or to arrange or reserve a spot, please contact the Parish Office directly. Forms are also available in the Gathering Space to fill out and return to the Parish Office.



Prime Timers

Tuesday 25th August, lunch 12 o'clock at Back to Bacchus, 147 Main St Bacchus Marsh

RSVP before Friday 21st

Enquiries contact Ineke on 0400120401 or ineke49@yahoo.com

Melbourne Synod 2026

"journeying together," reflecting the Church's commitment to collaboration and shared decision-making.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

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.

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

Twenty-First Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday August 22 & 23, 2026

Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Charlu Chua	Marissa Tuason	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Chelsea Amato	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Maria Prasetyono	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Maria Alvarado	Charlu Chua	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
EM of Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Marissa Tuason	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration	CFC Global Choir	Filipino
Counters	Tania Walters, Maria Abela			

Twenty-Second Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday August 29 & 30, 2026

Ministers of:	6pm	9am	11am	5pm
WELCOME	Bill McGuinness	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
THE WORD	Maria Prasetyono	Sanghaya Creo	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
RESPONDER	Tania Walters	ALZIRA MASCARENHAS	Chelsea Amato	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Marissa Tuason	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
EM OF HOLY COMMUNION	TANIA WALTERS	ASTHER CREO	MARISSA TUASON	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
POWERPOINT OPERATOR	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	LIZ COUSTLEY	NINA AHMET
GIFT SHOP	KATE MULHOLLAND	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
CHOIR	NO CHOIR	Christ the King	Veritas	Filipino
COUNTERS	LIZ COUSTLEY, LORRAINE STAFFORD			



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

AUGUST

Wednesday, 26th	St Catherine of Siena Church 9:15am Mass: SCPS Year 6 Retreat 10:15am Mass: SFC Bernard House
Thursday, 27th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church 7:00PM: St Catherines of Siena Church St Luke's Sacramental Prog. - Confirmation
Friday, 28st	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church - Year 6
Saturday, 29th	St Catherine of Siena Church—Confirmation 11:00am: St Dominic's Primary 2:00pm : St Luke's Sacramental Program

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, 1st	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church Fathers' Day—whole school
Thursday, 2nd	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church
Friday, 3rd	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church
Wednesday, 9th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church Prep Mass SCPS
Thursday, 10th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church
Friday, 11th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church 9:15am Mass: SFC Melton Stadium St Francis Feast Day, SFC Melton Students

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY
In the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne,
the safety and wellbeing of all persons
is of highest priority.

You're invited to Alpha at our Parish

Alpha is an informal and welcoming series that brings together people from all backgrounds, regardless of where they are on their faith journey. Whether you are new to Alpha or simply curious, everyone is encouraged to join and participate.

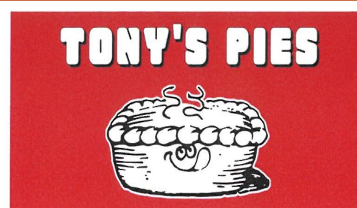
The program will run every Wednesday for 12 weeks, with each session lasting just 2 hours. Each week, a small group will share a meal, watch a video, and engage in open conversation.

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners, make new friends, and explore questions together in a supportive environment.

Our first meeting is scheduled for **Sept 2, 2026, at 7pm at St Dominic's Parish Hall in Unitt Street.**

Please email your details to melton@cam.org.au or send a SMS to 0422 808 018.

Hope you can join us! We look forward to meeting everyone and sharing this experience together.



Catholic Parish of Melton Alpha Program

Fundraising Pie drive to support our Alpha Program. Start ordering now via QR Code. Last day to order is Thursday, September 3, 2026. Collection day is Saturday, September 5, 2026 at St Catherine of Siena Church, Bulmans Road Melton at 10am - 11:30am only. Flyers available at gathering space.



Kindly return all tear off pledge card and envelopes
You may also use the QR Code on the envelope to make an online donation.

Your prayerful and generous donations helps make this Archbishop campaign possible. Thank you for your faithful support and partnership in this shared mission.

**PARISH OFFERTORY
GIVING 2026**

July Update

Pledged: \$4,700.96

Actual: \$4,228.12

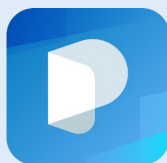
If you would like to:

- 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.



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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