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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - August 10, 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)

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

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ST CATHERINE OF SIENA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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Reflection by Fr. Alex Clemente, RCJ

The idea of "God's elect or God's people" is very strong among the Jews. Biblically speaking, this is true. For the Christians, however, the coming of Jesus broadened the scope of this concept to the baptized in His name. This is because according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1265) "Baptism makes one a new creature, an adopted son or daughter of God, and a partaker in the divine nature". At the beginning of his papacy, Pope Leo XIV has spoken about the universality of God and God's love for all people. He has stated that "Christ is our Savior, and in Him, we are one family". On this 19th Sunday in the calendar of the Church, the liturgy of the word reminds us of our heritage as the people of God and our firm root in Christ.

Today's first reading points out to the covenant that enables us to share in the blessings and heritage of God our father. The psalmist encourages us to rejoice: "Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own", as we to look forward to a glorious future in our Father's kingdom.

The second reading presents Abraham to us as a model of faith. But in the fullness of time, God revealed himself fully in Christ. Therefore, it is through our faith in Christ that we became God's own chosen people. In the gospel, Jesus assures us that as God's people, we have a share in his heritage. Christ alleged our fears by encouraging us not to be afraid and called us "little flock," which means my beloved people.

However, as His beloved people, Christ warns us to be watchful. This is a necessary condition for us to obtain God's kingdom which is our heritage. We must live lives that bear good testimony to our Father. Our dignity as God's own people must not make us conceited and unwelcoming. But must continually transform us into servants who are responsible for the welfare of others, especially the poor and disadvantaged, and accountable to God as we await for our Master's return.



PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

July Update

Pledged: \$5,122.35

Actual: \$4,505.96

Thank You

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Entrance Antiphon *Ps 73:20, 19, 22, 23*

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading *Wis 18:6-9*

That night had been foretold to our ancestors,
so that,
once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their
trust in, they would joyfully take courage.
This was the expectation of your people,
the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies;
for by the same act with which you took vengeance on
our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.
The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in
secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord:
that the saints would share the same blessings
and dangers alike;
and forthwith they had begun to chant
the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. *(R.)*
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. *(R.)*
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. *(R.)*

Second Reading *Heb 11:1-2, 8-12*

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or
prove the existence of the realities that at present remain
unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a
country that was the inheritance given to him and his
descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he
was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised
Land, and lived there as if in a strange country,
with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same
promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to
a city founded, designed and built by God.

Cont... Second Reading

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the
age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that
he who had made the promise would be faithful to it.
Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was
already as good as dead himself, more descendants than
could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the
grains of sand on the seashore.

Gospel *Luke 12:35-40*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action
and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master
to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as
soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom
the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly,
he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on
them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the
third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You
may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known
at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let
anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must
stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour
you do not expect.'



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The bread that I will give, says the Lord,
is my flesh for the life of the world.

Today's Readings:

Wis 18:6-9 Heb 11:1-2, 8-12 Luke 12:35-40

Next Week's Readings:

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 Heb 12:1-4 Luke 12:49-53

Eternal Rest for Recently Deceased

Andrew Szkilnyk, Bishop Peter Elliot

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

Francis Barlow, Mary Stokie, Joseph Caruana, Bill Sherringham, Jerry Camenzuli, Jean Cassar, Bernard Simbulan, Fr Brendan Davey, Deran Ali Sidki, Lance Henricus, Clare Burns, Joe Cassar, Manuel Cassar, Rose Camilleri, Mary Dalli, Dennis Patrick Hynes, Audrey Dunn, Walter Tong, Ted Flanigan, Robin Williams, Irene Kwiecinski, Joe Devanadan, Dragan Turčić, Alan Batich, Ernesto Menalabag, Rita Gatt, Rocco Tucci, John Henry Robinson, Maree Baldacchino, Reginald Burnaby, Karmen Buttigieg, Felicidad Ferre, Jo Sinnema, Emanuel Calleja, John Bowen, Violet Cassar, Carmen Camilleri, Myanok Deng, Mel Dudley, Patrick O'Leary, Tom Coburn, James Hazewinkel, John Hogan, Barbara Slimnon, Bernie Milburn, Laurence Grech, Giana Sultana, Danilla Sessarego, Lorraine Wong, Rohini Fernando, Denzil Considine, Junior Faapito, Susan Traczynski

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ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

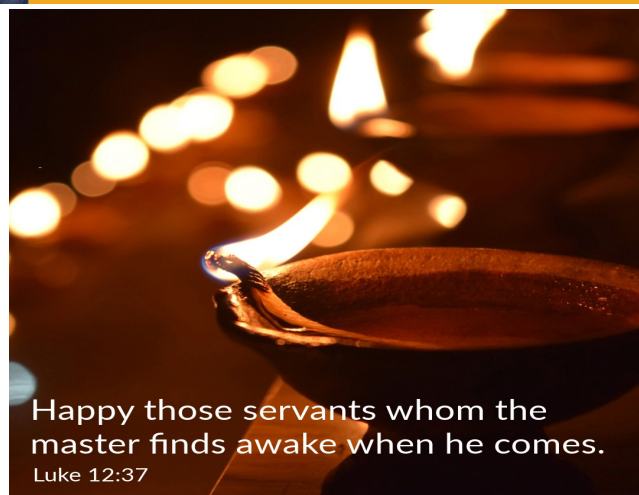
The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Online information meeting

Tuesday, 24 September 2025 beginning 19:00 – 20:00

Location: via ZOOM

Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing *Deacon Kevin Pattison* Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au



Happy those servants whom the
master finds awake when he comes.
Luke 12:37

St Anthony of Padua Melton South

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6 pm Tania Walters 0492 952 478
9 am Theo Franken 0411 040 897

11am Lea Jacuta 0414 390 151
5 pm Josephine Krajina 0407 042 133

19th Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday August 9 & 10, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuiness	Karl Metha	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Sanyata Creo	Chlsea Amato	Janet Estrada
Responder	Tania Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Faith Tuputala	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Tania Walters	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			
20th Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday August 16 & 17, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Kate Mulholland	Anne Stokie	Chelsea Amato	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tania Walters	Lawrence Camenzuli	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Faith Tuputala	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Liz Coustley	Elaine de los Santos
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Vickie Cassar	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			



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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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