



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.

THE 13TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - June 28, 2026

CLERGY

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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

WHAT JESUS ASKS US TO LEAVE BEHIND

A man was asked, "If Christ came to your house today and asked you to follow him immediately, what would you do?" He replied, "I'd follow him anywhere." "But what if Jesus asked you to leave behind your house, job, possessions, and comfortable life?" The man answered, "I said I'd follow him anywhere. I didn't say I'd travel light!"

Many of us feel the same way. We want the blessings of discipleship, but today's Gospel asks a deeper question: What are we willing to surrender for Christ?

Jesus says, "Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me... Anyone who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." These words are not a rejection of family. Rather, Jesus calls us to place God above every attachment. No person, possession, ambition, or desire should take the place that belongs to God alone.

So, Jesus asks each of us: What has first place in your life? Is it success, comfort, wealth, pride, control, or perhaps an old resentment? Many are happy to have Jesus as a passenger in life, but he asks to take the wheel. Following Christ always involves leaving something behind. The first disciples left their nets and security. They did not gain comfort or popularity, but they found a purpose worth living and dying for.

Most of us will not be asked to leave everything, but all of us are called to let go of something—selfishness, bitterness, fear, unhealthy attachments, or a faith that costs us nothing. St Paul reminds us that through Baptism we have died and risen with Christ. Discipleship means becoming a new person. Every new beginning requires letting go of the old.

When God asks us to surrender something, He is making room for something greater.

May we have the courage to put Christ first, take up our cross, and follow him wholeheartedly. For in losing ourselves for Christ, we discover who we truly are. 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

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading

2Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that
your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R.)**
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R.)**
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their
strength; it is by your favour
that our might is exalted: for our ruler
is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the
keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Rom 6:3-4, 8-11

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mat 10:37-42

*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me.
Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.'

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.'

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.'

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord,
O my soul,
and all within me,
his holy name.



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:

Zec 9:9-10 Rom 8:9, 11-13 Mat 11:25-30

Recently Deceased

Joanna Attard, Carmen Zevallos, Alwal Mapol Kuag Dut

Death Anniversaries:

Grazio Psaila, Raymond Mercieca, Walter Foster, Kenneth Callanan, Charles Crawford, Anthony Abad, Alexander Attard, Spiro Sultana, Jo Franken, Sylvia Palmer, Antonietta Tucci, Veronica Jones, Frank Krajina, Maximus Perera, Midry Resuello, Ken Walters, Christopher Monatalti, Elenita DG Binondo, Anastazia Sliwa, Frank Robbins, Freda Vella, Anthony Enriquez, Ingrid Shockman, Frank Richards, Sam Wilson, Gina Toth, Dean Stephens, Michael Lane, Paris Walker, Chantale Soobrydoo, Quentin Rowley, Anthony Abraham, Cecilio Bazar, Denzil Tallent, Deng Ring Chan, Santino Wur, Kuche Deng, Bol Mayom, Emily Debono, Sii Laufou Faatui, Anthony Caruana, Phil Walsh, Doris Zerafa, Frank P Kosik Snr, Laurina Murphy, Angelo Pace, Alan Watson, Ruth Johnson, Erlinda Ilagan, Angelo Pace, Basilisa Degiorgio, Emmnal Candappa, Jane Cassar, Regina Cassar, Virginia Dela Rosa, Norma Gloria, Gary Evans, Georgia Micallef 250627-0703_32

Sunday 28 June 2026 the traditional

Peter's Pence collection takes place

This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church.

Peter's Pence is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity.

It is an offering that may be small, but is of great symbolic value: It expresses the sense of belonging to the Church and love and trust for the Holy Father. It is a tangible sign of communion with Him, as Peter's Successor, and also of attention to the needs of the most disadvantaged, for whom the Pope always cares.

Please see our Poster with QR Code or get a flyer in the gathering area.



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
9am Theo Franken 0411 040 897

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

Thirteenth Sunday Ordinary Time Saturday & Sunday June 27 & 28, 2026				
Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Bill McGuinness	Marissa Tuason	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Alzira Mascarenhas	Chelsea Amato	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Sarah Olayvar
Presentation of Gifts	Maria Alvarado	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Tania Walters	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Liz Coustley	Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration	Veritas	Filipino
Counters	Tania Walters, Maria Abela			

Fourteenth Sunday Ordinary Time Saturday & Sunday July 4 & 5, 2026				
Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Maria Alvarado	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tania Walters	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Tania Walters	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Elaine de los Santos
Holy Communion	Lenny Obtinalla	Marissa Tuason	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Chelsea Amato	Frank Unferdorben
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration	Veritas	Tongan
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			



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

JULY

Wednesday, 1st	NO Mass: School Holiday St Catherine of Siena Church 7:00PM: Alpha Program St Dominics Hall
Thursday, 2nd	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's church
Friday, 3rd	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's church
Tuesday, 7th	7:00pm Baptism Information Night St Catherine of Siena Church
Wednesday, 8th	NO Mass: School Holiday St Catherine of Siena Church 7:00PM: Alpha Program St Dominics Hall
Thursday, 9th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's church
Friday, 10th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's church
Sat, 11th	11am Baptism: St Catherine of Siena Church
Wednesday, 15th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 16th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's church 7:00PM: St Dominic's Parish Hall St Luke's Sacramental Prog. - Confirmation
Friday, 17th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's church

THE SACRAMENT OF 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, who are in Year 6 or above, are baptised and have received the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist but **have not** received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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 Confirmation

Program begins on

Thursday, July 16, 2026.

Growing Together In Faith

St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal June 2026

As Winter approaches the society is calling for support for our winter appeal. Contributions can be made via the QR code or by placing a donation in the poor box in the gathering space.



**PARISH OFFERTORY
GIVING 2026**

May Update:

Pledged: \$4,870.58

Actual: \$4,056.66



Thank You

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



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 Offertory Giving

Many thanks to all who support our Parish financially. With a current debt of \$1,843,686.20 on St Catherine's church, we heavily rely on your generosity. Our Parish expenditure includes a quarterly loan repayment of \$49,975, insurance and utility costs, office running expenses, wages, repairs, maintenance, cleaning costs, program costs, church supplies, etc.

The Parish Offertory Giving, and the second collection at Mass, help us meet these expenses. Statements, and the next set of envelopes, are available for pick up in the Gathering Area of St Catherine's Church.

If you wish to change from 'envelope giving' to direct debit, please complete the form available in the Gathering Area and place in the return box by the wall.

For Direct Debit Statements, please follow the directions in the notice on the back page of The Tidings.

Thank You

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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