



THE TIDINGS

SERVING THE AREAS OF MELTON, MELTON WEST, AINTREE, BONNIE BROOK,
GRANGEFIELDS, HARKNESS, KURUNJANG, PLUMPTON, ROCKBANK & TOOLERN VALE



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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YR C | May 25, 2025

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)

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

+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@sfcc.vic.edu.au

The New City of God is built on the foundation of the apostles, but on its gates are inscribed the names of the tribes of Israel. These names represent the openness to all nations, races, peoples and tongues. The resurrection of Jesus has radically transformed the way we live together and the way we live with God.

What must we do to be saved? The question put to Jesus centuries ago is still asked today, and the answer is still the same. We must believe and we must love God and love one another. We will be recognised as resurrection people by our active faith and by our unselfish love, not by an exterior mark, regardless of how sacred. This change in requirements for membership does not diminish the rigour of our religious obligations. Rather, it suggests that we may always have to reinterpret the law, for what is appropriate at one time and in one place may be inappropriate in another. With the early Christians, we will need the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this very delicate process. This is why the departing Jesus assures us that the Spirit will come to us to teach us all things.

The final gift that Jesus promises to give is his own peace, a peace that he has won by overcoming sin and death. This peace issues from the union that Jesus enjoys with God, a union which we are now invited to share.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O God, let all the nations praise you!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Today's Readings:

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Rev 21:10-14, 22-23 John 14:23-29

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 1:1-11, Eph. 1:17-23, Luke 24:46-53

Eternal Repose for Recently Deceased:

Rosina Misurelli, Lester Ellorimo Gallarde, Mercedes Basilio

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

Carmen Haber, Andrew Avellino, Una Costello, Margaret De Beaufort, John Bradshaw, Barry Wood, Frank Cassar, Gradus Polman, Joe Vassallo, Rita Vella, Sr Bernadette, Joseph FC, Allan Saw, Emanuela Wood, Cath Chitty, Elinor Alcantara, Janek Gnacinski, Halina Nowicki, Nena Cabrerros, Josephine Camilleri, Charlie Muscat, Maureen Menzies, Bob Ness, Vincent Barton, Don Fusco, John Jenkins, Nancy Green, Maurice Cooper, Charles Bartolo, Mabel Walker, Brone Poskus, Angelo Rodrigues, Victor Selvaraj

Healing for the Sick:

Mary Ann de Guzman



Parish Offertory Giving

April Update

Pledged: \$5,228.73

Actual: \$4,393.92

Thank You

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

Reflection by Sr Mary Fermio, RSJ

Peace is a state we all long for – peace from war, peace of mind, peace with good health. Parents often long for peace from the noise of children or traffic. My mother would worry herself about her children and grandchildren, and as I told her often all the worrying in the world did nothing but disturb her peace of mind and keep her awake.

Jesus is offering his friends a peace “that the world cannot give”, telling them “Do not let your hearts be troubled”. At the same time telling them that, though he was going away, he would still be with them. This presence would be enriched by the presence of the Father and the Holy Spirit. Peace is a gift Jesus still gives us each time we are present at Mass, praying with others, offering a sign of peace, knowing Jesus is present with us.

Let us pray for peace of mind for ourselves and those who struggle to find peace in their lives.



The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.
John 14:26

Advocate

In the text, Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as the Advocate, sometimes translated as Paraclete. Both words have very similar meanings. Today when we describe someone as an advocate we usually mean that they stand up for and speak out for someone else or a particular cause. Advocate also has a legal meaning where the advocate bears witness and attests to the validity of another. The Holy Spirit is the Advocate of Jesus in that the action of the Holy Spirit continues to bear witness to the message of Jesus.



Safeguarding the most vulnerable members of our community requires a shared response – everyone has a part to play. Our parishes could not function without the tireless efforts of our volunteers. Whether they are welcoming people upon arrival at Mass, creating opportunities for children and young people to participate in their parish in youth ministry, part of the Baptism Teams, or supporting the parish priest as a member of the parish in other ministries, each and every role is extremely valuable.

This week we want to take the opportunity to say thank you, and let you know how much we value the precious time that you devote to our parishes. Through your work, our parishes continue to grow as enriching, welcoming and safe communities for all.

The Safeguarding Unit is a resource for our volunteers, so please do not hesitate to reach out to your Regional Safeguarding Officer or make an enquiry via the Safeguarding Unit email address.

Together we will ensure a safe environment for all and foster a positive experience when engaging with our Church communities.

Rachel Averbukh
Director

**Safeguarding Unit
Melbourne Archdiocese**



ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT VOLUNTEERING?

We need to ensure that the right people volunteer and support vulnerable members of our congregation.

We ensure this by requesting:

- A current and valid volunteer Victorian Working with Children check (and Police checks for particular roles),
- Completion of the Safeguarding Essentials online training every three years, and,
- Reading and understanding the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Framework including signing the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct.

Collect our Parish's Volunteer Information Pack, in the Gathering Area of our church, for further information and application form.



ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR ST MARIANNE COPE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL MOUNT ATKINSON

Enrolment interest for St Marianne Cope Catholic Primary School is now open for students from **Grades Prep to 6**.

Enrolment enquiries for the **3- and 4-year-old kindergartens** will be open soon.

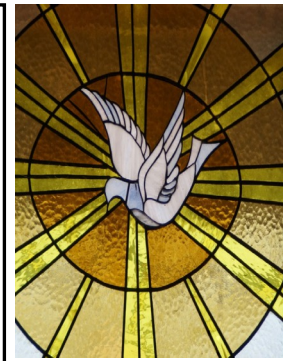
Please note that the enrolment criteria for the Primary School differ from those of the Children's Hub, and each enrolment process is separate and independent.

Enrolment Enquiries | St Marianne Cope Primary School website:
www.smcmountatkinson.catholic.edu.au

ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR ST PADRE PIO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL THORNHILL PARK

Enrolment interest for St Padre Pio Catholic Primary School, Thornhill Park, is now open for students from **Grades Prep to 6** for 2026.

Enrolment Enquiries:
St Padre Pio Catholic Primary School website:
www.sppthornhillpark.catholic.edu.au



"Peace I leave with you: my peace I give you."

John 14:27

Baptism Information Night

The next Baptism Information Night, for those booked in for baptisms at our Parish, will be held at **St Catherine of Siena Church, West Melton** on **Wednesday, June 18 at 7.30pm**

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)

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.



VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Do you:

- Have a passion for giving a 'hand up' to individuals experiencing food and financial insecurity?
- Love giving back to your local community?
- Enjoy engaging with people from all walks of life?

What could I be doing on the Soup Vans?

Preparing and packing food, assisting with loading the Soup Vans, distributing food on a 'Soup Van Run' and assisting in cleaning up the kitchen and soup van vehicle as a team.



Sign up now using our QR code!



VINNIES SOUP VANS STREET SERVICE MELTON



Soup Vans will continue its Street Service around

Melton as follows: **Tuesday** 6.00-6.30pm

Melton Town Centre Amphitheatre
Palmerston St, Melton

Tuesday 7.00-7.30pm

Melton Station Square Shopping Centre
11-25 Station St, Melton Sth

Thursday (new stop) 6.00-7.00pm **Melton Town Centre Amphitheatre**
Palmerston St, Melton

- Non-perishable pantry items
- Toiletries Soup, Sandwiches, hot food



Working with
Children Check

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 THE MASS MANAGER IF UNABLE TO ATTEND AND PERFORM YOUR ROSTERED DUTY



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

6th Sunday of Easter

Saturday & Sunday May 24&25, 2025

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Bill McGuinness	Anne Stokie	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Lawrence Camenzuli	Cira Cleary	Janet Estrada
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Asther Creo		Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Faith Tuputala	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Maria Abela, Tania Walters			

The Ascension of the Lord

Sunday May 31 & June 1, 2025

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Kate Mulholland	Asther Creo	Liza Fernandes	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Responder	Tania Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Faith Tuputala	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			



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



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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www.melbcatholic.org/melton

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set up recurring donations to the parish, please scan the
QR code or head to our website:

TINYURL.COM/GIVEMELTON

You may also like to use the Smart Terminal at the
welcome desk to contribute to the Parish.



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

MAY

Saturday, 24th	Baptisms 11am & 12:15pm
Wednesday, 28th	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15am SC Year 3 students to attend
Thursday, 29th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 30th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 3 students to attend
Saturday, 31st 11am & 1pm	First Communion Masses for students from St Catherine's and St Dominic's Schools

JUNE

Wednesday, 4th	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15am SC Year 2 students to attend 10:15am SFCC Anthony House mass
Thursday, 5th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 6th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Year 2 students to attend
Saturday, 7th 11am	St Luke's First Eucharist Sacramental Program participants to make their First Communion
Monday, 9th	King's Birthday Public Holiday

PRIME TIMERS

27th May - Taylor's Lakes Hotel, JBJ's Restaurant 12:00

A two course Seniors menu is available for \$25.

Enquires contact Ineke on 0400120401 or

ineke49@yahoo.com.

RSVP by Sunday 25th for booking confirmation.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AT A WEEKEND MASS?

Pick up a 'Volunteer Information Pack' in the
Gathering Area of the church for detailed
information on each ministry and an application
form.

HOME VISITATION & BLESSING REQUESTS

For Home Visitation & Blessing requests, please speak to
Deacon Chris safter Mass or fill out the online request form:

TINYURL.COM/HBLESSING

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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