



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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - August 9, 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 Fr. Wilford Urmaza, RCJ

FROM FEAR TO WORSHIP

In the Gospel today, Jesus invites Peter to come to Him while walking on the water. Peter bravely exits the boat, but as soon as he sees the powerful wind and waves, he is overcome with fear and starts to sink. "Lord, save me!" he exclaims in desperation. Jesus instantly extends His hand and raises him up.

This Gospel reminds us that the storms of life are inevitable. We experience difficulties, disappointments, uncertainties, and fears that can shake our confidence. Like Peter, we often begin with great faith but lose heart when we focus more on our problems than on Christ. Yet the beauty of this passage is that Jesus never abandons us. Even when our faith is weak, He is always ready to extend His hand and rescue us when we call upon Him.

Jesus invites us to trust Him in the midst of storms rather than to live without them. Keeping our focus on Christ instead of the waves around us is what faith is all about. When we let Jesus guide us through life's challenges, doubt becomes worship and fear becomes serenity. May we consistently hear His comforting words, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid," and boldly give Him our lives.



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

Entrance Antiphon

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

1King 19:9,11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Rom 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel

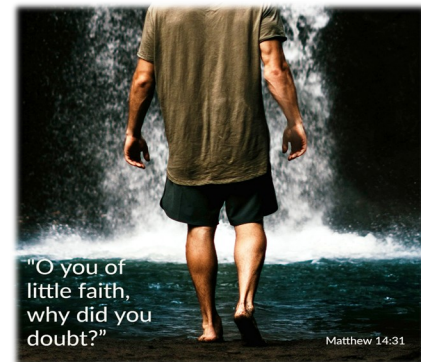
Mat 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

Communion Antiphon

O Jerusalem,
glorify the Lord,
who gives you
your fill of
finest wheat.



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:

Isa 56:1,6-7 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mat 15:21-28

Recently Deceased

Annesley Grero

Death Anniversaries:

William Saldanha, Mona Reidy, Monica Gregson, Esper Cassar, David Beekhof, Susan Teresa Traczynski, Connie Borg, Francis Barlow, Mary Stokie, Joseph Caruanam, Bill Sherringham, Jerry Camenzuli, Jean Cassar, Bernard Simbulan, Fr Brendan Davey, Lance Henricus, Deran Ali Sidki, 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

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August 15

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Shape the Future: Be Counted as Catholic this Census

Australia's national Census will be held on 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services – guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.

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



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

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

Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday August 8 & 9, 2026

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
WELCOME	Maria Alvarado	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
THE WORD	Maria Prasetyono	Alzira Mascarenhas	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
RESPONDER	Tania Walters	Jennifer Peters	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Tetchie Hadfield	Marissa Tuason	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
EM OF HOLY COMMUNION	LENY OBTINALLA	Asther Creo	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
POWERPOINT OPERATOR	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	CHELSEA AMATO	Nina Ahmet
GIFT SHOP	TANIA WALTERS	ANNE STOKIE	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
CHOIR	DIVINE MERCY	VENERATION	VERITAS	FILIPINO
COUNTERS	JOHN WOOF, LESLIE GORDON			

Twentieth Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday August 15 & 16, 2026

Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
WELCOME	Kate Mulholland	Asther Creo	Chelsea Amato	Frank Unferdorben
THE WORD	Tania Walters	THEO FRANKEN	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
RESPONDER	Tetchie Hadfield	VICKIE CASSAR	Liz Coustley	Sarah Olayvar
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	JOSEPHINE KRAJINA
EM OF HOLY COMMUNION	KATE MULHOLLAND	Vickie Cassar	Marissa Tuason	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
POWERPOINT OPERATOR	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	DANIELLA AHMET	Nina Ahmet
GIFT SHOP	Tania Walters	ANNE STOKIE	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
CHOIR	Divine Mercy	CHRIST THE KING	VERITAS	TONGAN
COUNTERS	Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr, Karl Metha			



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

AUGUST

Tuesday, 11th	7:00pm St Catherine of Siena Church Baptism Information Night
Wednesday, 12th	NO Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9:30am Mass: St Anthony, Melton South
Thursday, 13th	NO Mass: St Dominics Church 9:30am Mass: St Anthony, Melton South 7:00PM: St Dominic's Parish Hall St Luke's Sacramental Prog. - Confirmation
Friday, 14th	NO Mass: St Dominics Church 9:30am Mass: St Anthony, Melton South
Wednesday, 19th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 20th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church 7:00PM: St Dominic's Parish Hall St Luke's Sacramental Prog. - Confirmation
Friday, 21st	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church - Year 2
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 Dominic's Parish Hall St Luke's Sacramental Prog. - Confirmation
Friday, 28th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church - Year 6

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



**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.



Thank You

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.

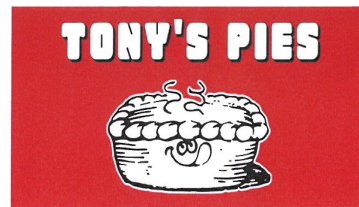
The program will run every Wednesday for 12 weeks, with each session lasting just 2 hours. Each week, a small group will share a meal, watch a video, and engage in open conversation.

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 School 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.

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

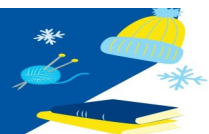
Working With Children Check (WWCC) ID required

For further details please contact

Anne 0417 149 472 / Maureen 0437 463 449

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2026 VINNIES WINTER APPEAL



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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