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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - August 24, 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

+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

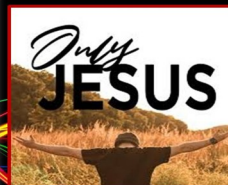
Reflection by Dianne Bergant, CSA

The vision of a disciple must be the vision of God. Disciples must see with wide angled lenses that enable them to recognise that God offers the grace of salvation to all. The passages from both Isaiah and Luke are astounding in their inclusivity. They show that God's saving grace is unbounded. It reaches out to those whom the people of God may not only distrust but sometimes even despise. There is something very dangerous about being smugly convinced of one's own salvation. When we are so sure of ourselves, we can easily fall into the error of being as sure of the moral failure of others as well. The gospel warns us against such judgment.

Women and men are gathered into the community of the saved, primarily because others have been sent out to get them. The psalm refrain is the command to go out to the whole world. The first reading describes God sending fugitives back home to get their relatives. People come from all over because someone is sent to get them. Today that command is directed to us. We are the ones who are being sent out to bring others to God. Unfortunately there are many people who do not believe that they are fit to be evangelisers. They may think that the work that they do or the lives that they live do not lend themselves to the task of spreading the good news of the gospel. They do not realise that all Christians are called and sent. This is not an option; it is a responsibility.



STRIVING THROUGH JESUS



Luke 13:22-30



PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING

July Update
Pledged: \$5,122.35
Actual: \$4,505.96

Thank You

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

Entrance Antiphon *Ps 85:1-3*

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 *Isa 66:18-21*

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,
 acclaim him all you peoples! *(R.)*
2. Strong is his love for us;
 he is faithful for ever. *(R.)*

Second Reading *Heb 12:5-7, 11-13*

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel *Luke 13:22-30*

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you

Cont. Gospel

see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

Reflection by Sr. Mary Fermio, RSJ

A 95 year old Sister once said to me: Mary, do you think I will get to Heaven? Astounded, I reminded her of the conditions she taught Prep, 1 & 2 in our school, the hours she spent caring for the Church, hours teaching us shorthand after school, hours spent in prayer in the convent.

These may seem very ordinary actions, but when done for God and for others, they are the essence of living for God. When she died, I am sure she was welcomed by God who knew her and where she came from. To the question: Will I be saved? What will you answer. When we arrive home to God, will God say: I do not know where you come from".

No one can answer for me.

I am the only one
 who can respond
 to the question.
 So when I arrive at
 "heaven's door"
 and knock, will I
 be recognised ;

That is up to each
 one of us.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
 no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

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.

Today's Readings:

Isa 66:18-21 Heb 12:5-7 Luke 13:22-30

Next Week's Readings:

Sir 3:17-20, 28-29 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24 Luke 14:1, 7-14

Eternal Repose for Recently Deceased

Connie Borg , Anna Saliba

Remembering Death Anniversaries:

Angelina de Guzman, Pat Mc Grath, Jessie Stewart, Eunice Cole, Edmund Manuel, Noel Daniells, Sammy Agius, Priscila Rodriguez, Estelle Pereira, Ravi Gunasekera, Joe Gauci, Paul Spiteri, Axie Machado, Ian Robbins, Kath Smith, Carmen Magri, Rocco Guzzeppi, Damian Cauchi, Mary Stella Grixti, Joyce Patterson, Frank Camenzuli, John Reed, Rita Muscat, Santiago Sobredo, Robert Parletta, Margaret Cassar, Vincent Ashby, Edith Jausz, Brinelle Lewis, Rita Miranda, Stephen Reed, Willie Corera, Deb Hester, Carmen Mifsud, Danny Kennedy, Sylvia Peters, Emmanuel de Battista, Sr Patricia Harken LCM, Joe Dalli , Jim Williams

Healing for the Sick:

Alexis Eslao , Joan McConnell

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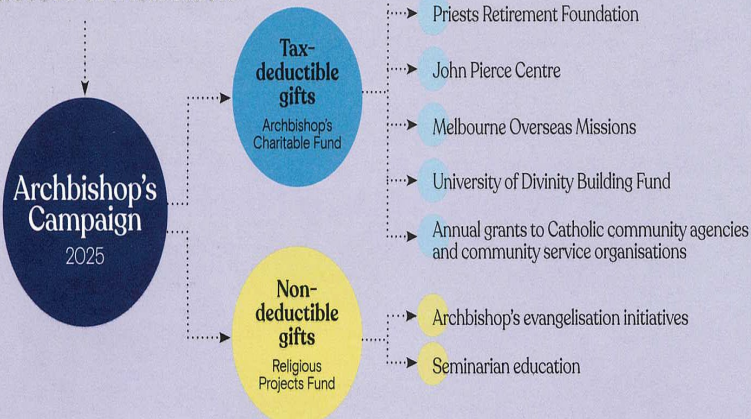
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Bulletin Notice

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

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

21st Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday August 23 & 24, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Tania Walters	Asther Creo	Daniella Ahmet	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Jennifer Peters	Chelsea Amato	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Faith Tuputala	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			

22nd Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday August 30 & 31, 2025		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Janet Estrada
Responder	Tania Walters	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Faith Tuputala	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Asther Creo	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Chelsea Amato	Nina Ahmet
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Choir		Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			



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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.

Francis

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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](https://tinyurl.com/HBLESSING)

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

AUGUST

Saturday, 23rd	Sacrament of Confirmation for St Dominic's school candidates @ 11 am & St Luke's candidates @ 2 pm
Wednesday, 27th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am St Catherine Yr 6 students to attend 10.15 am St Francis College Bernard House Mass
Thursday, 28th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 29th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am Yr 3 students to attend
Saturday, 30th	Baptisms 11am & 12.15pm

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, 3rd	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15am Whole school Mass celebrating Fathers Day
Thursday, 4th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am
Friday, 5th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am Yr 2 students to attend
Wednesday, 10th	Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 9.15 am St Catherine Yr 1&2 students to attend
Thursday, 11th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9.15 am Yr 1 students to attend
Friday, 12th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am

Funeral Service for Connie Borg - St Catherine of Siena Church
26 Aug. 2025, Tues from 11:30 am / Burial at Maddingley Cemetery

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**The Melton Conference of
St Vincent De Paul
Urgently needs more
Volunteers**

30-31st Aug. 2025 there will be guest speakers at Mass
explaining the works & needs of the society
1st Sept, 2025 information session at the Parish Meeting Room from
9:30am to 10:30am or 6:00pm to 7:00pm -
See Flyers for details
or have a chat with Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr, SVDP Volunteers

PARISH BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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