



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.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - July 5, 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. Alex Clemente, RCJ

In fast-growing hubs of Melbourne's west, life can easily feel like a blur of long highway commutes, rising costs, and the relentless pressure to keep up. It is easy to find ourselves spiritually and physically exhausted. On this weekend, the readings offer a direct antidote to this modern burnout, speaking straight into our daily local realities.

The first reading from Zephaniah speaks of a triumphant king who arrives not with military might or wealth, but "humbly, riding on a donkey" to banish weapons and proclaim peace. This challenges our secular drive to find security in status or heavy workloads. Instead, true peace arrives in simplicity.

St. Paul builds on this in the second reading from Romans reminds us that we "are not in the flesh but in the Spirit". Living "according to the flesh" means relying purely on our own anxious striving, which leads to spiritual death. But as Catholics gathering in our local churches, we are called to let the Holy Spirit breathe fresh life into our weary routines.

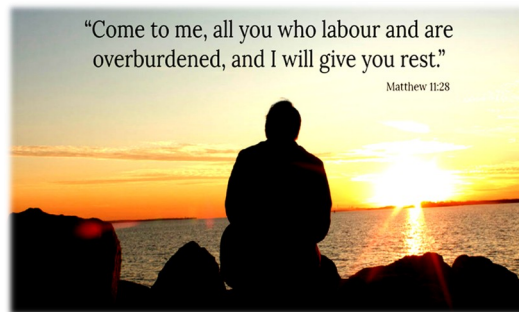
This leads beautifully into the Gospel, where Jesus invites us: "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest". He praises the "childlike" because they know how to depend on God rather than their own self-sufficiency.

Jesus asks us to take His yoke. In agricultural terms, a yoke pairs two animals to share a heavy load. When the weight of family, work, or setting up a life in Melbourne's west feels too heavy, Jesus is telling us we are not pulling the cart alone. By centering our week on the Eucharist, we couple our lives to His gentle, humble heart, transforming our daily struggles into a shared journey of grace.

What is one practical change I can make in my busy weekly routine to spend more time resting with Christ?

"Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28



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

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading

Zec 9:9-10

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Rom 8:9, 11-13

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mat 11:25-30

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

Communion Antiphon

Taste and see
that the
Lord is good;
blessed the man
who seeks
refuge in him.



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.

 **Vinnies**
good works

2026 VINNIES WINTER APPEAL



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 55:10-11 Rom 8:18-23 Mat 13:1-23

Recently Deceased

Alwal Mapol Kuag Dut (funeral 10.07.26)

Death Anniversaries:

Rufino Jr. Eslao, Ralph Francis Eslao, Dallas Ingram
Angelo Borges, Basilisa Degiorgio, Emmnal Candappa
Jane Cassar, Regina Cassar, Virginia Dela Rosa, Norma Gloria,
Gary Evans, Georgia Micallef, Graham Hehir, John Haymes,
Greg Antinor, Issabela Steer, Elsie Elizabeth Coupe,
Beryl Tallent, Edward C Michael, Aiden P Michael, Esmi Vaz,
Sophia Franken, Dr. Richard Salts, Noel Rayner, Fernando
Vannuccini, Estel DeNeice, Magin P. Brimon, Cornelia Marechal,
Mary Rose Attard, Valma Wells George Knight, Sam DeSilva,
Ted Preston, Nina DeBono, Rita Warne, John Borg, Jane Pace
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CATHOLIC PARISH OF MELTON

Liturgy Music Parish Workshop

For all Choir leaders, members and musicians

Thursday, July 9, 2026 at 7pm

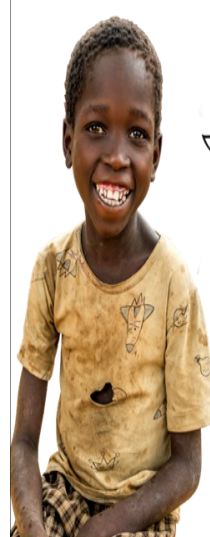
St Dominic's Parish Hall

Entry via Smith St. Travel down Church St, past St Dominic's Catholic Primary School, continue around the corner (this becomes one way only) Gate will be open at the parish office driveway. Please do not park in school grounds.

Member of all choirs are asked to attend this workshop presented by Deacon Cris. See flyer for info



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Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united



In two weeks, we will share the story of Yamikani*, a young boy in rural Malawi whose daily journey to school is filled with hardship.

You will also meet Fr Matthew Semba who is leading a project to build a new school close to home, so children like Yamikani can learn safely and begin to imagine a future beyond survival.

Through your prayers and support, you are part of this mission, helping to ensure that no child is left behind.

To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united.

*Name changed for privacy

Safeguarding Essentials—Group Training

Partnered Parish of Melton & Melton South

Saturday, 25 July 2026

1-3pm (registration from 12pm)

Padua Hall, Exford Road Melton South

Bring your WWCC card

(Working With Children Check)

All volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend if you are unable to attend the session you are required to complete the online module

www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org
Safeguarding Essentials training module

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

Fourteenth Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday July 4 & 5		
Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
WELCOME	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	Elainne de los Santos
EM OF HOLY COMMUNION	LENY 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			
Fifteenth Sunday Ordinary Time		Saturday & Sunday July 11 & 12		
Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
WELCOME	Kate Mulholland	Charlu Chua	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
THE WORD	Maria Prasetyono	THEO FRANKEN	Cira Cleary	Josephine Krajina
RESPONDER	Tania Walters	JENNIFER PETERS	Chelsea Amato	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Robert Obtinalla	Charlu Chua	Lea Jacuta	ELAINNE DE LOS SANTOS
EM OF HOLY COMMUNION	MARIA ALVARADO	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
POWERPOINT OPERATOR	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	MARISSA TUASON	Frank Unferdorben
GIFT SHOP	Tania Walters	ANNE STOKIE	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
CHOIR	Divine Mercy	VENERATION	VERITAS	Filipino
COUNTERS	JOHN WOOF, LESLIE GORDON			



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

JULY

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 7:00pm Music Ministry Workshop St Dominic's Parish Hall
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
Wednesday, 22nd	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 10:15am Mass: SFC Lawrence House St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 23rd	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's church 7:00PM: St Dominic's Parish Hall St Luke's Sacramental Prog. - Confirmation
Friday, 24th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's church Grand Parents Day Whole School Mass

**PARISH OFFERTORY
GIVING 2026**

June Update
Pledged: \$5,900.35
Actual: \$4,925.62

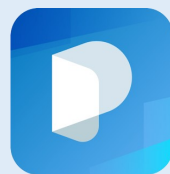
If you would like to:

- 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

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

GOD and BEER

Topic: Creative Catholicism

Speaker: Fr James Grant

Date: Tuesday 14th July Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Dunlop Pavilion (DW Lucas Oval),
Dunlop St, East Malvern

Transport: Parking available, Train to Darling Station (venue is 100m from Darling Train Station - Glen Waverley Line)

Dinner for pre-purchase \$35 by 07July—Godandbeer.com.au



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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