



THE TIDINGS

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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.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in ORDinary Time Year A - October 11, 2026

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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) Please Note:
 - **Sunday** 9am, 11am & 5 pm There is no
 - **Wednesday Mass** 9.15 am Mass on a
- (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

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ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Melton West Campus (Year 7-12): 109-141 Bulmans Rd, Melton West

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+61 3 8099 6000 | info@sfcc.vic.edu.au

Reflection by Fr. Jeffrey Salvador, RCJ

Brothers and sisters, today's Gospel gives us a beautiful image:

God inviting people to a wedding feast.

A wedding feast is usually a joyful occasion. There is food, celebration, family, friends, and happiness. In the Gospel, the king prepares everything. The banquet is ready. The invitation has already been sent. But surprisingly, some of those invited refuse to come.

Some are too busy. One goes to his farm. Another goes to his business. Others simply ignore the invitation.

And this is where the Gospel begins to speak directly to us.

God is constantly inviting us into a deeper relationship with Him. He invites us through prayer. He invites us through the Eucharist. He invites us through the people around us. He invites us through moments of joy, but also through our struggles and difficulties.

The question is: **Do we respond to His invitation?**

Sometimes we are like the people in the Gospel. We are not necessarily rejecting God openly, but we are simply too busy. We say, "I will pray later." "I will go back to confession another time." "I will forgive when I am ready." "I will spend time with God when life becomes less busy."

But life rarely becomes less busy.

The Gospel reminds us that God's invitation should not always be placed at the bottom of our list.

There is another beautiful detail in the parable. When the first guests refuse to come, the king tells his servants to go out into the streets and invite everyone they can find, both good and bad.

This tells us something very important about God:

His invitation is for everyone.

The Church is not a place only for perfect people. God does not say, "Fix your life completely first, and then you can come to me." He invites us as we are. He invites the weak, the struggling, the confused, and even those who feel unworthy.

But the final part of the Gospel also challenges us. One guest comes without a wedding garment. The message is that accepting the invitation is only the beginning. Once we say yes to God, our lives must also begin to change.

We cannot say, "I follow Christ," while refusing to forgive. We cannot receive the Eucharist and then deliberately treat others badly. We cannot call ourselves Christians only in name.

God invites us freely, but His invitation calls us to conversion.

So this Sunday, perhaps we can ask ourselves three questions:

Am I making time for God?

Am I welcoming others as God welcomes me?

And is my faith truly changing the way I live?

The banquet is ready. The invitation has been given.

May we have the courage not only to hear God's invitation, but to answer Him with our whole lives.

Amen.

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In the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, the safety and wellbeing of all persons is of highest priority.

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Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

First Reading

Isa 25:6-10,

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Phi 4:12-14, 19-20

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mat 22:1-10

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.'

Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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.



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

Next Week's Readings:

Isa 45:1,4-6, 1 Thes 1:1-5 Mat 22:15-21

Death Anniversaries:

Baby Antony, Merryl Jongebloed, Francis Pickett, Michael Wallner, Grace Robbins, George & Elizabeth Tarleton, Bert Brown-Kenyon, Grace Bonnici, Joshua Baillon, Jacinto Cabrereros, Gaetan Benoit, Maria Rosaria Mazzarella, Eric Huxtable, Stan Wedekind, Victor Biskup, John Lane, Sr Giulia Bruna Corletto, Rita Pisani, Mary Cutajar, Eddie Simbulan, Concetta Pasquini, Audrey Rilling, Justin Seneviratne Snr, Ivan Fisher, Michael Bonnici, David Drummond, Amber Laverick, Bali Vittele, Greg Rowley, William Resonable, John McPhee, Tony Gatt, Phil Licciardo, Ursula Milligan, Lucky Fernando, Rosemary Delazilisa, Wilfredo Sr. de Guzman, Melville Callanan, Peter Rouvray, John Sullivan, Denzil Gomez, Frank Mc Cabe, Monica Bradshaw, Vincent Micallef, Nel Trezise, Assunta Stirpe, Peter Wedekind, Margaret Falk, Lorna Abuan, Salvacion Lagaran 2510-1610

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Acknowledging and Supporting
Volunteers in our Church Ministries

The work of our Catholic parishes and ministries is borne as much by unpaid supporters as by paid staff. It takes many hands and minds to do God's work. So many, that we can be unaware of how much is being done within our parish communities and ministries.

Every volunteer is a star in their parish or ministry universe and our gratitude is boundless. The commitment of volunteers to contributing to the mission ministry of our Church is very evident through our national auditing program. We have also observed how, many have made lifelong friends and built mutually supportive communities.

When Sunday Mass is over and the crowds are gone, the 'hidden' work of a parish continues. Home visits to the sick and home-bound happen, maintenance and grounds-keeping is done, the poor are fed, refugees are sheltered, music is practiced, funerals arranged, parish committees meet, and small group fellowship thrives in many different ways. All this, and much more besides, is largely achieved by volunteers. Without their work in managing and staffing the plethora of activities within our Church, we would be bereft of talent!

The 2027 Columban Calendar is now available for purchase at our Piety Stall
Cost: \$11

Please Ring Mass Manager If Unable To Attend And Perform your Rostered Duty



6pm—Tania Walters 11am— Lea Jacuta
9am Theo Franken 5pm - Josephine Krajina

October Rosters have been emailed. Thank you.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday October 10 & 11 2026

Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Kate Mulholland	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Gail Vas	Sanghaya Creo	Cira Cleary	Sarah Olayvar
Responder	Maria Prasetyono	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Extra-ordinary Ministers	Gail Vas	Marissa Tuason	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Holy Communion	Maria Alvarado	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo		Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland		Lea Jacuta	Frank Unterdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration	Veritas	No choir
Counters	John Woof, Leslie Gordon			

Twenty-Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday October 17 & 18 2026

Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Maria Alvarado	Marissa Tuason	Chelsea Amato	Samuel Heckerroth
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unterdorben
Responder	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Chelsea Amato	Sarah Olayvar
Presentation of Gifts	Gail Vas	Charlu Chua	Chelsea Amato	Elaine de los Santos
Extra-ordinary Ministers	Tania Walters	Kalameli Lole	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Liz Coustley	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards		Lea Jacuta	Frank Unterdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan	Veritas	Tongan
Counters	Liz Coustley, Lorraine Stafford			

**Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 6pm
Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm
OCTOBER 2026**

Wednesday, 14th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church Yr 6 to attend
Thursday, 15th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church
Friday, 16th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church SDPS Yr 4 to attend
Wednesday, 21st	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church SCPS Yr 4 to attend
Thursday, 22nd	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church
Friday, 23rd	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church SDPS Yr 3 to attend
Wednesday, 28th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church SCPS Yr 2 to attend
Thursday, 29th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church
Friday, 30th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church SDPS Yr 2 to attend



**Changes to the Working
with Children Check**

New Working with Children Connect online service and mandatory Working with Children Child Safety Training

Victoria is reforming the Working with Children (WWC) Check to strengthen safeguards for children and help organisations make safer decisions about the people they engage to work or volunteer with children.

From 19 October 2026:

- the **new WWC Connect online** service will be introduced
- **mandatory WWC Child Safety** will become part of the WWC Check application and renewal process.

The changes **strengthen the WWC Check system** by giving organisations, agencies and individuals greater responsibility for ensuring that the people they engage in child-related work hold a valid WWC Clearance. The changes also give the Social Services Regulator more accurate and up-to-date information about where people with a WWC Clearance are working.

Mandatory online child safety training will help ensure people applying for or renewing a WWC Check understand their responsibilities for keeping children safe. The training complements and does not replace an organisations' existing child safety responsibilities, induction, supervision and training.

Working with Children WWC Connect is a new online service that will record the connection between organisations and individuals, and the workers they engage in child-related work. It will help organisations and sole traders meet the new legal requirement to notify the Social Services Regulator (SSR) about workers and volunteers they engage in child-related work and help the SSR identify who needs to be informed if a person's WWC Clearance status changes.

Organisations should start preparing now for WWC Connect:

- understand the changes. Review their processes. Prepare their organisation
- check that workers and volunteers have the correct WWC Clearance or exemption details
- prepare and connect existing workers and volunteers through WWC Connect when the service becomes available
- make sure recruitment compliance and human resources staff are aware of the changes
- let workers and volunteers know about the mandatory training requirements where relevant.

People who currently hold a WWC Clearance do not need to do anything just yet. In the meantime they should keep their contact details up to date so they can receive important information and reminders.

Keeping children safe is a shared responsibility.

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**Parish Offertory
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September Update:
Pledge \$4,888.35
Actual: \$3,828.12



Thank You

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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 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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