



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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR A - May 24, 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@sfc.vic.edu.au

Reflection by Fr. Jeffrey Salvador, RCJ

Pentecost Sunday

John 20:19-23

On the evening of Easter, the disciples locked themselves inside a room because of fear. They were confused, discouraged, and uncertain about the future. But into that fear, Jesus entered and said, "Peace be with you." Then He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." This moment became the beginning of a new creation, the birth of the Church, and the foundation of what we celebrate today on Pentecost Sunday.

Pentecost reminds us that the Holy Spirit is not only a symbol or an idea. The Holy Spirit is God living and acting within us. The same Spirit that transformed frightened disciples into courageous witnesses is the same Spirit we received in Baptism and Confirmation.

Before Pentecost, Peter was afraid to speak. After receiving the Holy Spirit, he boldly proclaimed Christ before thousands. The Spirit changed ordinary people into faithful missionaries. That is also the mission given to us today. Jesus says, "As the Father sent me, so I send you." Christianity is not only about attending Mass or praying privately. It is also about being sent — to bring peace, forgiveness, hope, and truth to others.

Many people today are tired, anxious, and spiritually empty. Some carry wounds, anger, or fear hidden in their hearts. The Holy Spirit comes to heal what is broken, strengthen what is weak, and renew what is dying within us.

Pentecost is an invitation to open the locked doors of our hearts. When we allow the Holy Spirit to enter, fear becomes courage, sadness becomes joy, and weakness becomes strength.

Today let us pray: "Come, Holy Spirit. Fill my heart again. Teach me to live with courage, love, and faith." Amen.



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

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things
understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak
different languages.*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.**

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though

many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

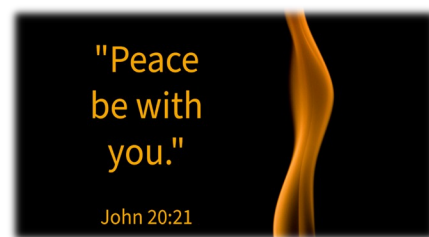
'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven:
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Communion Antiphon

They were all filled
with
the
Holy
Spirit
and spoke of the
marvels
of God,
alleluia.



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:

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9 2 Cor 13:11-13 John 3:16-18

Recently Deceased

Augusto Canlas Mamar

Death Anniversaries:

CM Joseph, Salvina & Joseph Camilleri, Anthony & Julian Aquilina, Sylvia Pace, Rita Aldred, Brian Spink, Carmen Haber, Andrew Avellino, Una Costello, Margaret De Beaufort, John Bradshaw, Barry Wood, Frank Cassar, Carmen Haber, Gradus Polman, Joe Vassallo, Allan Saw, John Jenkins, Sr Bernadette Joseph FC, Emanuela Wood, Chandrasiri Bandara, Cath Chitty, Rita Vella, Elino Alcantara, Janek Gnacinski, Halina Nowicki, Nena Cabrereros, Josephine Camilleri, Charlie Muscat, Maureen Menzies, Bob Ness, Vincent Barton, Don Fusco, Nancy Green, Maurice Cooper, Charles Bartolo, Mabel Walker, Brone Poskus, Angelo Rodrigues

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Happy 54th Birthday

St Dominic's Catholic Parish, Melton

On May 28, 1972, the Catholic Parish of St Dominic's, Melton was established. Many of us remember that the only building we had at that time was a 'little' church built in 1877 with an unsewered outhouse (toilet). We have seen many, many changes since then.

Through the hard work of parishioners and the vision of two Parish Priests, land was purchased, a presbytery/office was built and Catholic Education, both primary and secondary, established in Melton and Melton South.

Today we also have a beautiful parish church in Bulmans Road - which we still owe just under two million dollars on a loan.

Even though our parish is now more established than 54 years ago, we rely heavily on the support of parishioners and volunteers to continue catering for the growth and opportunities available to all in our parish.

National Volunteer Week

18-24 MAY 2026

YOUR YEAR TO VOLUNTEER

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every volunteer across our parishes. Your generosity, compassion, and willingness to serve make a profound difference in the lives of others. Whether your contribution is seen or unseen, large or small, extensive or short, it is deeply valued and appreciated. You are at the heart of our communities, and it is through your time, care, and commitment that our parishes continue to flourish as places of welcome, support, and connection. Thank you!

Have you been Encountered?

Marriage Encounter is coming to Melton

Come along and experience your special weekend at:

St Dominic's Parish Melton

When: June 26 – 28th 2026

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday 4:30pm

For further details, please contact:

Mercy & James Bvirakare Ph: 0409 183 676

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au / Visit wwme.org.au

Flyers available at the gathering area

Additional Volunteers needed for Food Prep. for Marriage Encounter Weekend if you're able to help

Please contact Anne Woof # 0400 098 979

PLEASE RING MASS MANAGER IF UNABLE TO ATTEND AND PERFORM YOUR ROSTERED DUTY



6pm—Tania Walters 0492 952 478

11am— Lea Jacuta 0414 390 151

9am Theo Franken 0411 040 897

5pm - Josephine Krajina 0407 042 133

Pentecost Sunday Year A

Saturday & Sunday May 23 & 24, 2026

Ministers of:	6pm	9am	11am	5pm
WELCOME	Kate Mulholland	Karl Metha	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
THE WORD	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
RESPONDER	Tetchie Hadfield	ALZIRA MASCARENHAS	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Robert Obtinalla	Charlu Chua	Marissa Tuason	Janet Estrada
EM HOLY COMMUNION	TANIA WALTERS	ANNE STOKIE	LIZ COUSTLEY	Josephine Krajina
POWERPOINT OPERATOR	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	CHELSEA AMATO	NINA AHMET
GIFT SHOP	MARGARET RICHARDS	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
CHOIR	DIVINE MERCY	Veneration	No Choir	Filipino Choir
COUNTERS	KARL METHA, ANNE STOKIE			

The Most Holy Trinity Year A

Saturday & Sunday May 30 & 31, 2026

Ministers of:	6pm	9am	11am	5pm
WELCOME	Bill McGuinness	Asther Creo	Marissa Tuason	Josephine Krajina
THE WORD	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Chelsea Amato	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
RESPONDER	Maria Prasetyono	ALZIRA MASCARENHAS	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Tania Walters	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
EM HOLY COMMUNION	ROBERT OBTINALLA	CHARLU CHUA	LIZ COUSTLEY	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
POWERPOINT OPERATOR	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	LIZ COUSTLEY	DANIELLA AHMET
GIFT SHOP	MARGARET RICHARDS	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
CHOIR	NO CHOIR	Samoan	Veritas	Filipino Choir
COUNTERS	MARIA ABELA, TANIA WALTERS			



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

MAY

Saturday, 23rd	11am BAPTISM St Catherine of Siena Church
Sunday, 24th	2pm Swahili Mass : St Dominic's Church
Wednesday, 27th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 7:00pm St Dominic's Parish Hall - ALPHA Prog.
Thursday, 28th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church 7:00 Catechism Non-Infant Baptism St Dominics Presbytery Office
Friday, 29th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church Prep Student's Mass
Saturday, 30th	11am / 1pm : St Catherine of Siena Church SCPS / SDPS - Sacrament 1st Holy Eucharist
Sunday, 31st	2:30pm : St Catherine of Siena Church St Lukes Program Sacrament 1st Holy Eucharist

JUNE

Wednesday, 3rd	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church 7:00pm St Dominic's Parish Hall - ALPHA Prog.
Thursday, 4th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church 7:00pm Catechism Non-Infant Baptism St Dominics Presbytery Office
Friday, 5th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church

PRIME TIMERS

May 26th 12 o'clock Stoney's, 59 Grant St Bacchus Marsh.
RSVP by Ineke on 0400 120 401 or ineke49@yahoo.com.



**PARISH OFFERTORY
GIVING 2026**

April Update:

Pledged: \$4,817.96

Actual: \$4,144.35



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

**Melbourne Archdiocese Requirement for
Volunteers in Catholic Parishes.**

Since April 2024, volunteers (over the age of 18) have been mandated to complete a Safeguarding Essentials Training module. This module is required to be completed again every three years.

At the time, volunteers in our parish were notified accordingly, and many completed the module promptly. All new volunteers do this module before being placed on the roster.

Volunteers: An email has been sent out to each volunteer as to his/her status regarding this mandate and the options available to fulfil this requirement if you haven't already done so.

Choirs: There is an envelope in the church's Gathering Space for each choir. Choir leaders are asked to distribute the information to each choir member. Please collect the return slip for each member and place it in the white return box in the Gathering Space.

Together let us be committed to upholding the safety and wellbeing of the young people and vulnerable adults in our parish, by meeting our obligations as volunteers.

Without your continued commitment and generosity, we would not be the parish that we are today.

With thanks

Liz Coustley

Safeguarding Coordinator

Catholic Parish Melton

**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.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

Sunday 24 May 2026 after the 10:30am Mass

St Anthony of Padua church Melton South, Padua Hall

Proceeds will go towards church projects especially the extension of Padua Hall.

Come & enjoy huge variety of international cuisines.

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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