



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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - July 26, 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 Deacon Cristopher Creo

The Kingdom of God is worth everything

ALL of us make choices every day, and every important "yes" inevitably involves many "no's." A couple saying "I do" in marriage says no to every other relationship. Parents sacrifice time and comfort for their children. Our choices reveal what we value most.

That is the heart of today's Gospel. Jesus tells of a man who finds a hidden treasure and a merchant who discovers a priceless pearl. Both sell everything to obtain what they have found. The striking detail is that the man sells everything "out of joy." He does not act reluctantly but because he has discovered something infinitely more valuable.

Jesus is teaching us that the Kingdom of God is worth everything. Following Christ may cost us comfort, popularity, opportunities, or convenience. It may mean choosing integrity over compromise, forgiveness over resentment, or faithfulness over the easier path. Every "yes" to Christ involves a "no" to something else.

But there is another beautiful way to read these parables. The Fathers of the Church saw us as the treasure. In Jesus Christ, God gave everything for us. Through His Incarnation, Passion, and Cross, Christ showed that we are the pearl of great price, loved beyond measure. The parable of the fishing net reminds us that our choices have eternal consequences. The disciple who has discovered Christ becomes like the wise householder, drawing from the treasures of faith to serve and love others.

Brothers and sisters, one day we will leave behind our possessions, achievements, and earthly success. Only one treasure endures forever: Jesus Christ. The question is not whether the Kingdom costs everything. The real question is whether we have discovered that Christ is worth everything. If we have, then every sacrifice becomes an act of joy, every "no" becomes a greater "yes," and every choice becomes a witness that Christ is the greatest treasure of our lives.



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

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading

1King 3:5,7-12

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership.

Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask.

I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **(R.)**
2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **(R.)**
3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. **(R.)**
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Rom 8:28-30

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

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 55:1-3 Rom 8:35, 37-39 Mat 14:13-21

Recently Deceased

Thomas Anthony, Flordeliza Perez

Death Anniversaries:

Mary Mc Kane, Terry Hishon, Maria-Antonia Cassar, Morris Dafey, Marie Kathleen Fitzgerald, Fortunatu Portelli, Bill Parker, Joseph Kelly, Denzil Tallent Jr, Alex Rizzo, Linda Todd, Janet Adamson-Tuimavave, Scott Chamberlain, Coral Mary Manuel, Anna Jacuta, Stanley Calvaleo, Mary Kenny, Joseph John Wetto, Filomeno Martinez, Jun Martinez, Elaine Neely, Grace Vella, Rudolf Bajzek, Mark Vassallo-Grant, Arianda Smella, Joe Sacco, Leonito Arellano Snr, Matthew Briggs, Shirley Smithers, Coral Manuel, Sam Mizzi, Eileen McInerney, Frank Mercieca, Joe Spiteri, Laurence Roberts, Sr Marie Joseph, Elaine Neely, James Mc Knight, Patricia Fenlon, Joyce Demech, Ethel Trethalan, Henryka Kordus
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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.

PRIME TIMERS

Tuesday 28th July 2026 at 12 o'clock
Castello's Victorian Tavern, 22 Aitkin St. Gisborne,
Christmas in July menu option Seniors \$30, 3 courses
RSVP by Friday 24th, contact
Ineke on 0400120401 or ineke49@yahoo.com.

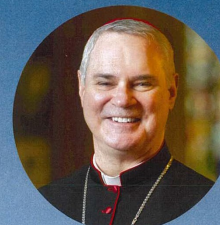
WE ARE Called VOCATIONS EXPO

ACU Campus Ministry and Vocations Melbourne invite you to come and explore what life looks like in Catholic Religious Orders, Diocesan Priesthood, and Married life. Hear from speakers who will share what answering a call looks like, what challenges lie ahead and the many joys you find along the way.

SATURDAY 1 AUGUST

9AM-1PM

GREG CRAVEN CENTRE,
LEVEL 7, ST TERESA OF KOLKATA BUILDING,
ACU MELBOURNE



with Archbishop Peter Comensoli



Free event
Book via - trybooking.com/DNKHK

Campus Ministry



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SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

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

PLEASE RING MASS MANAGER IF UNABLE TO



6pm—Tania Walters 0492 952 478 11am— Lea Jacuta 0414 390 151
9am Theo Franken 0411 040 897 5pm - Josephine Krajina 0407 042 133

Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday July 25 & 26, 2026

Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
WELCOME	Margaret Richards	Maureen Mohr	Marissa Tuason	Josephine Krajina
THE WORD	Tania Walters	Lawrence Camenzuli	Chelsea Amato	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
RESPONDER	Tetchie Hadfield	VICKIE CASSAR	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Maria Alvarado	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
EM OF HOLY COMMUNION	TANIA WALTERS	CHARLU CHUA	MARISSA TUASON	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
POWERPOINT OPERATOR	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	LEA JACUTA	NINA AHMET
GIFT SHOP	MARGARET RICHARDS	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
CHOIR	DIVINE MERCY	Veneration	VERITAS	Filipino
COUNTERS	TANIA WALTERS, MARIA ABELA			

Eighteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday August 1 & 2, 2026

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
WELCOMER	Bill McGuiness	Karl Metha	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
THE WORD	Tetchie Hadfield	Jennifer Peters	Cira Cleary	Sarah Olayvar
RESPONDER	Maria Prasetyono	Theo Franken	CHELSEA AMATO	Josephine Krajina
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	TANIA WALTERS	Charlu Chua	Marissa Tuason	ELAINNE DE LOS SANTOS
EM OF HOLY COMMUNION	MARIA ALVARADO	MAUREEN MOHR	MARISSA TUASON	Josephine Krajina
POWERPOINT OPERATOR	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	LEA JACUTA	Nina Ahmet
GIFT SHOP	KATE MULHOLLAND	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
CHOIR	DIVINE MERCY	Veneration	VERITAS	TONGAN
COUNTERS	ELIZABETH MARSHALL, JENNIFER PETERS			



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

JULY

Wednesday, 29th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church Grandparents Day
Thursday, 30th	9:15am NO Mass: St Dominic's church 9:30am Mass : St Anthony Melton South 7:00PM: St Dominic's Parish Hall St Luke's Sacramental Prog. - Confirmation
Friday, 31st	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Hall St Dominic's Feast day Whole School Mass

AUGUST

Wednesday, 5th	St Catherine of Siena Church 9:15am Mass: SCPS Year 5 10:15am Mass: SFC Dominic House 7:00pm SD Hall: Alpha Program P-II
Thursday, 6th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's church 7:00PM: St Dominic's Parish Hall St Luke's Sacramental Prog. - Confirmation
Friday, 7th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Hall Feast St Mary of Cross -Whole School Mass
Saturday, 8th	11:00am BAPTISM
Tuesday, 11th	7:00pm St Catherine of Siena Church Baptism Information Night
Wednesday, 12th	NO Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 13th	9:15am NO Mass: St Dominic's church 7:00PM: St Dominic's Parish Hall St Luke's Sacramental Prog. - Confirmation

**PARISH OFFERTORY
GIVING 2026**

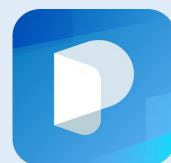
June Update
Pledged: \$5,900.35
Actual: \$4,925.62

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

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.

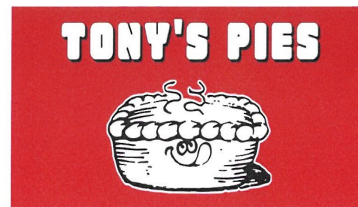
The program will run every Wednesday for 12 weeks, with each session lasting just 2 hours. Each week, a small group will share a meal, watch a video, and engage in open conversation.

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.

**Couples for Christ Australia
(CFCA)**



Warmly invites everyone to a Christian Life Program (CLP). Integrated Program Designed to a Renewed understanding of God's call to Christian Couples. Each Sunday features different inspiring talks.

Cost : FREE Sundays from 26 July to
6 September 2026 1:00—4:00 PM
St Anthony of Padua Hall, Melton South

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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