



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.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - September 20, 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

"YOU TOO, GO INTO MY VINEYARD"

WE ALL know the saying, "You get what you pay for." So, when the workers who laboured all day received the same wage as those who worked only one hour, it seemed unfair. But Jesus is not teaching about wages or employment. He is teaching about the Kingdom of God.

The first lesson is this: God wants everyone in His vineyard. The landowner keeps going out—early in the morning, at nine, noon, three, and even at five o'clock. This tells us that God never stops calling people. Some find Jesus young, others much later. Some grow up in the Church; others return after years away. When God calls, He does not say, "Sorry, you're too late." He says, "You too, go into my vineyard." He invites us not only to receive, but to join Him in the work of His Kingdom through ordinary acts of faith, kindness, justice, and service.

The second lesson is this: God wants everyone who responds to share in the fullness of salvation. The workers who came late received the same wage, because God's generosity does not follow our system of keeping score. Salvation is not something we earn; it is grace, God's gift. We are still called to live by faith, love, serve, and persevere, but not to buy our way into heaven. That means we should not compare ourselves with others or think we deserve more because we have been here longer or done more. The Kingdom of God is not a competition. It is a vineyard where everyone is invited, and where there is always room to come home.

So, hear Jesus personally: "You too, go into my vineyard." If you have served for decades, keep going. If you are new in faith, there is a place for you. If you have been away, it is not too late. And if someone around you feels unworthy or forgotten, tell them:

"Come. There's still a place for you."



Next Week's Readings:

Ezekiel 18:25-28 Philippians 2:1-11 Matthew 21:28-32

Death Anniversaries:

Peter Raschilla, Glen Rushbury, George Mercieca, Fred Bailey, Peter Cabrerros, Norman Wight, Ursula Milligan, Dean Litchfield, Jessie Ball, Christopher Burge, Joe Cutajar, Terrano Rael, Sam Micallef, Maria Borg, Ann Hevey, Benjamin Smith, Laurie Birtles, Macaria Cueno, Carmen Portelli, Maria Spiteri, Aureen Patterson, Janet Edmonston, Rose Mifsud, Olimpia Rosina Tulipano, Fred Gant Kevin Gant, Antonia Zingale, Rita Dalli, Sam Cilia, Sr Leena Mascarenhas, John McPhee, Emanuel Caruana, Sr. Paschal Murphy, Les Scott, Evan Hoare, Rose McGuinness, Dan Lane, Les Scott, Kath McGuane, Carmen Camilleri, Victoria Ballerina, Geraldine Kelman, Elisa DoVidio, Christian Galea, Milagros dela Cruz, Federico, Constantina, Jensine, Sucelia Valera Merin

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

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on
him,

to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18, R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **(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. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life
or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but
then death would bring me something more; but then
again, if living in this body means doing work which is
having good results – I do not know what I should
choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone
and be with Christ, which would be very much the
better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more
urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be
unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is
like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire
workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with
the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to
his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw
others standing idle in the market place and said

to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give
you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth
hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out
and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour
he went out and found more men standing round,
and he said to them, "Why have you been standing
here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they
answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard
too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to
his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their
wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with
the first." So those who were hired at about the
eleventh hour came forward and received one
denarius each. When the first came, they expected to
get more, but they too received one denarius each.
They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The
men who came last" they said "have done only one
hour, and you have treated them the same as us,
though we have done a heavy day's work in all the
heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend,
I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one
denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay
the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right
to do what I like with my own? Why be envious
because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first,
and the first, last.'

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully
kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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.



"The kingdom of
heaven is like a
landowner going
out at daybreak
to hire workers
for his vineyard."

Matthew 20:1

Dinner with the Archbishop

Organised by: Knights of the Southern Cross

Friday 16th October 2026 at 7.00 pm

Grand star Reception convention centre Altona North

Speaker: Peta Credlin AO

Guest of Honour :

Melbourne Archbishop Peter Comensoli

Cost: \$170 per person

Proceeds will support the education of clergy in Victoria

For enquiries contact Lawrence: Ph 0448398344



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St Theresa's Catholic Parish, Albion
St Theresa's Primary School
Celebrating
75 years
(1951-2026)

Walking Together , Living Our Future

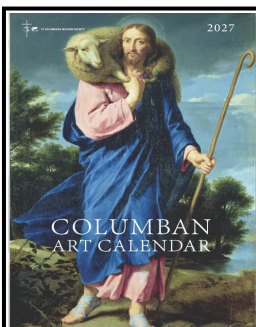
You are Warmly Invited

Anniversary Mass
Sunday, 4 October 2026
10:30 am

Followed by
**Refreshment &
 Celebration at the School Hall**



RSVP 20 Sept 2026 for catering
 Booking required Via QR Code or
<https://www.trybooking.com/DOMMI>



**The 2027 COLUMBAN
 CALENDAR is now available
 for purchase at our Piety Stall**
Cost: \$11

eSafety News

Brand-new Online Safety Guide now available.

Helping children and young people navigate the online world can be challenging. That's why we're thrilled to launch the [Online Safety Guide](#), a practical guide designed to help parents and carers better understand the online environments young people use every day.

It covers key online safety topics – from gaming and social media, to cyberbullying and AI-generated content – and provides practical ways to support your child to have more positive online experiences.

You can start with a section or topic that seems relevant right now, or dip in and out as needed. Either way, it will help you:

- ☐ understand common online risks and issues
- ☐ learn what helps in different scenarios
- ☐ talk with your child about what they do online
- ☐ know how to respond if something goes wrong.

There is also a guide for also have a guide for grandparents and carers.

For more information go to:
www.esafety.gov.au

**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

**New Rosters have been
 Emailed. Thank you.**

Twenty-Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday September 19 & 20, 2026	
Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Marissa Tuason	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tania Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tania Walters	Jennifer Peters	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Kalameli Lole	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Tania Walters Maria Alvarado	Anne Stokie Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Marissa Tuason		Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoon	No Choir	Tongan
Counters	Anne Stokie, Karl Metha, Elizabeth Marshall			

Twenty-Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time Saturday & Sunday September 26 & 27, 2026				
Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Margaret Richards	Marissa Tuason	Lea Jacuta	Samuel Heckerroth
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Lawrence Camenzuli	Chelsea Amato	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Janet Estrada
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Fred Smith	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla Gail Vas	Theo Franken Kalameli Lole	Liz Coustley Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Tania Walters	Marissa Tuason	Daniella Ahmet	Samuel Heckerroth
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration	CFC Global	No choir
Counters	Liz Coustley, Lorraine Stafford			



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

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, 23rd	9:15am NO Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church
Thursday, 24th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church
Friday, 25th <i>Public Holiday</i>	9:15am NO Mass: St Dominics Church
Wednesday, 30th	9:15am NO Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church

OCTOBER

Thursday, 1st	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church
Friday, 2nd	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church
Tuesday, 6th	7:00pm Baptism Information Night St Catherine of Siena Church
Wednesday, 7th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church Yr 5 to attend
Thursday, 8th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church
Friday, 9th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church
Saturday, 10th	11:00am Baptism St Catherine of Siena Church

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY
In the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, the safety and wellbeing of all persons is of highest priority.

PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING 2026

August Update
Pledged: \$6,135.77
Actual: \$4,563.42

Thank You



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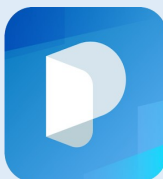
- Make a **one-off donation**
 - Set up **recurring donations** to the parish
 - Or **request a payment report**
- please scan the QR code or head to our website: [TINYURL.COM/GIVEMELTON](https://tinyurl.com/GIVEMELTON)



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.



2026 FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE OF THE PARTNERED PARISHES OF MELTON SOUTH AND MELTON

On Saturday, 10 October 2026, our Partnered Parishes will travel by bus on a special pilgrimage to St Anthony's Church Capuchin Friary, Hawthorn, and St Francis of Assisi Church, Mill Park.

Itinerary 8.30am: Depart Melton/Melton South
9.30am: Arrive at St Anthony's Capuchin Friary Church, Hawthorn

12.00pm: Shared picnic lunch (BYO) at Mill Park
2.00pm: Proceed to St Francis of Assisi, Mill Park
3.00pm: Holy Mass

4.00pm – Depart for Melton/Melton Sth
Three buses have been booked. The cost is \$55 per person, which includes travel, a snack, and a Pilgrimage Kit.

Please scan the QR code to book and pay for the pilgrimage. For those who need assistance with the QR code, please see our volunteers after Mass or contact the Parish Office during the week.



PRIME TIMERS

Tuesday 29th September 12 o'clock lunch at The Bacchus Marsh Golf Clubhouse, Links Road, Darley.

A Senior two course meal available for \$23.00

Please RSVP by Friday 25th

Enquiries please contact Ineke on 0400120402 or ineke49@yahoo.com

St. Bernadette's Parish

70th Anniversary Celebration Mass

SUNDAY
27TH SEPTEMBER 2026
10:30 AM

Presided by Bishop Martin Ashe

Refreshments to follow after Mass

RSVPs through trybooking required
by Sunday 20th September 2026

through link or QR code below
<https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1644772>

TryBooking QR Code

All are welcome to attend!



Please call the Parish office on 9311 2977
for more information or to RSVP.

St. Bernadette's Parish, 59C Westmoreland Rd., Sunshine North

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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