



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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - September 27, 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

As the spring winds sweep across our fields and the lambing season wraps up in our Western Region, nature reminds us that life is defined not just by words but by action. This Sunday's Gospel story, The Parable of the Two Sons, challenges us to look beyond our titles and outward appearances to ask a hard question: Are we actually doing the work of the Kingdom, or are we just saying the right things?

Jesus contrasts the son who says "yes" but does nothing with the son who initially says "no" but later repents and goes to work. For us as Catholics in Western Victoria—whether we are gathering in historic bluestone churches, farming the land, or raising families in growing regional hubs—this is a call to authentic, practical faith.

It is easy to inherit a cultural faith, to say our prayers out of habit, or to politely nod "yes" to God while remaining indifferent to the needs of our local community. But God does not want lip service. He asks us to step directly into His vineyard. In our church communities, that vineyard might look like visiting an isolated neighbour, supporting local families doing it tough, or swallowing our pride to reconcile with someone we have shut out.

St. Paul reminds us that this requires the humility of Christ, who emptied Himself for others. True conversion is always possible. Like the first son, we can change our minds, alter our direction, and choose a path of love over self-interest. God cares far less about where we started than where we are heading today.

When you look at your calendar, your conversations, and your choices from this past week, did your actions say "yes" to Jesus, or did they leave Him waiting alone in the vineyard?



Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43

Death Anniversaries:

Marianna Diliberto, Donald Sutterland, Leocadia Abrenica, Nadia Wroblewski, Leslie Butler, R. S Irving, Rose Sarmiento, Ann Mc Keown, Chris Said, Mary Roe Camenzuli, Emaneul Zarb, Margaret Peters, Emaneul Calleja, Peter Calleja, Toni Calleja, Patricia Dean, Angelina Perez, Sheila Jongebloed, Percy Motha, Dulce Corazon Caancan, George Said, Gerry Gomez, Krystyna Drozd, Anthony Gatt, Ron Nicholas, Anthony Zahra, Robert Patterson, Robert Hoare Sr., Catherine Quilligan, Colleen O'Meara, Joseph Glowacki, Vaele Paloaiga, Phyllis Woods, Paul Cara, Sonny Parnis, Dominic Santa Maria, Melville Callanan, Don Tallent, Priscila Rodriguez, Vin Gerber, Melville Callanan, Daniela DiSante, Sigmund Hoenig Sr, Giuseppe Montalti, Annelies Bastiaan

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

Entrance Antiphon *Daniel 3:31, 29,30,43,42*

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name and deal with us
according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading *Ezekiel 18:25-28*

*A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows:
‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you
House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you
do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces
his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he
dies because of the evil that he himself has
committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become
law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has
chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall
certainly live; he shall not die.’

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6*

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading *Philippians 2:1-11*

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can
persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common,
or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in
your convictions and united in your love, with a
common purpose and a common mind. That is the
one thing which would make me completely happy.
There must be no competition among you, no conceit;
but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider
the other person to be better than yourself, so that
nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody
thinks of other people's interests instead. In your
minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling
to his equality with God but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are; and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet, even to accepting death,
death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name
which is above all other names so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus

and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation *John 10:27*

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 21:28-32*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes
will precede you into the kingdom of God.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the
people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons.
He went and said to the first, “My boy, you go and
work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not
go,” but afterwards thought better of it and went. The
man then went and said the same thing to the second
who answered, “Certainly, sir,” but did not go. Which
of the two did the father's will?’ ‘The first’ they said.
Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors
and prostitutes are making their way into the
kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a
pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe
him, and yet the tax
collectors and prostitutes
did. Even after seeing that,
you refused to think better
of it and believe in him.’

Communion Antiphon *CF Psalm 118:49-50*

Remember your word to
your servant, O Lord,
by which you have
given me hope.
This is my comfort
when I am brought low.

“This is how we know
what love is: Jesus Christ
laid down His life for us.
And we ought to lay
down our lives for our
brothers and sisters...
— 1 John 3:16-18



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.

Pray with Pope Leo XIV: One Million Children Praying the Rosary

From 1-7 October, *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to
join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the *One
Million Children Praying the Rosary* prayer campaign, for
peace and unity in the world. Families, parishioners, prayer
groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take
part! For free Rosary resources and to
register, please scan the QR code or visit:
www.acninternational.org/
millionchildrenpraying

“When one million children pray the Rosary,
the world will change.” - Saint Padre Pio



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

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.

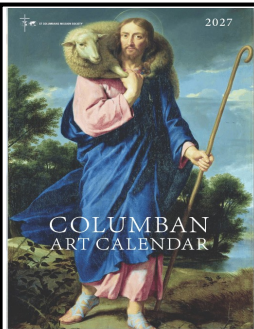
It covers key online safety topics – from gaming and social media, to cyberbullying and AI-generated content – and provides practical ways to support your child to have more positive online experiences.

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:

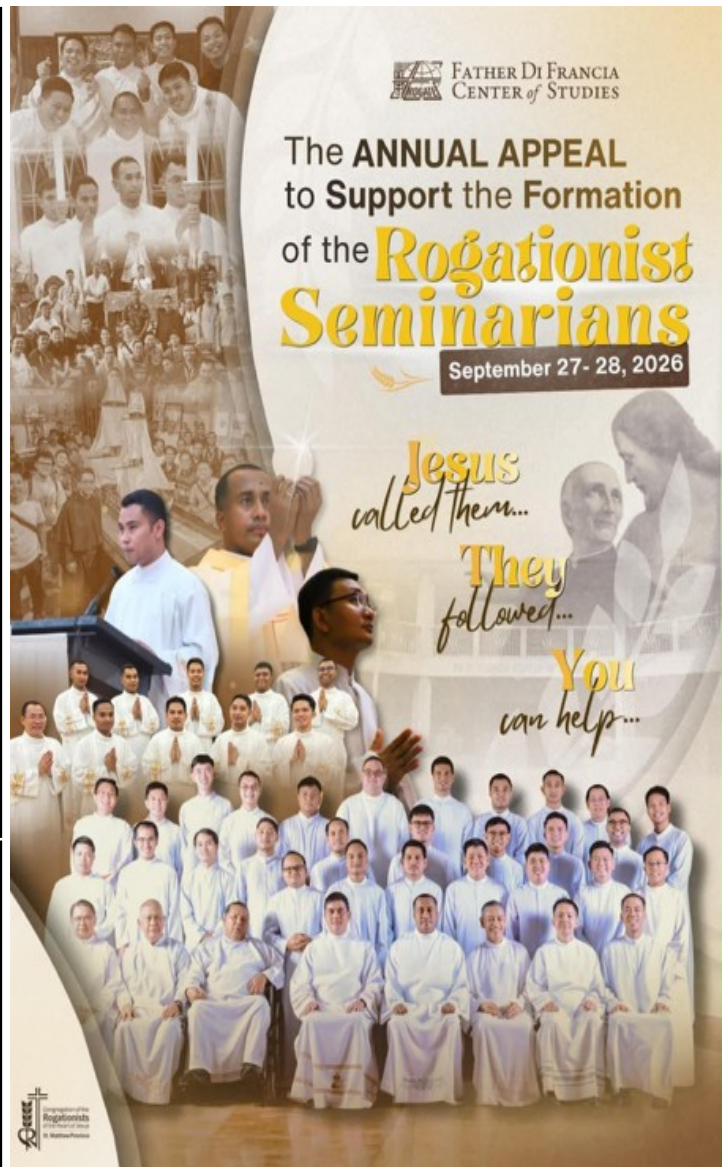
- ☐ understand common online risks and issues
- ☐ learn what helps in different scenarios
- ☐ talk with your child about what they do online
- ☐ know how to respond if something goes wrong.

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

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



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
9am Theo Franken

11am— Lea Jacuta
5pm - Josephine Krajina

New Rosters have been Emailed. Thank you.

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			

Twenty-Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time Saturday & Sunday October 3 & 4, 2026

Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Bill McGuiness	Asther Creo	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Gail Vas	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Fred Smith	Cira Cleary	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Kate Mulholland		Lea Jacuta	Elainne De los Santos
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla Kate Mulholland	Anne Stokie Marissa Tuason	Liz Coustley Lea Jacuta	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	Tania Walters	Sanyata Creo	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration	Veritas	No Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Anne Stokie, Karl Metha			



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

SEPTEMBER

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 9:30am - St Dominic's Parish Hall
SD Primary School 50th Anniversary Mass

Saturday, 10th 11:00am Baptism
St Catherine of Siena Church

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

**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.



Big thanks to you our generous parishioners

Alpha fundraising program from Tony's Pie sales and Sweet Apricot Gold Coin Donation raised a total of \$1084.00

Archbishop Campaign collected in cash giving the amount of \$1107.30 (excluding envelopes)

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

JOIN US IN
Celebrating
50th
ANNIVERSARY
*St. Dominic's
Primary School*

PROVIDING CATHOLIC EDUCATION TO
THE COMMUNITY OF MELTON

Join us on
FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2026
All parishioners, ex students and
community involved with St Dominic's
are invited to attend.

MASS WILL BE HELD AT 9:30AM,
(subject to change)
celebrated by Archbishop Peter Comensoli
and assisted by Fr. Alex Clemente
and Fr. Michael Moody.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
will be available after Mass.

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**PARISH OFFERTORY
GIVING 2026**

August Update

Pledged: \$6,135.77

Actual: \$4,563.42

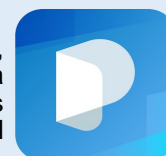
Thank You

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.



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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