



THE TIDINGS

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GRANGEFIELDS, HARKNESS, KURUNJANG, PLUMPTON, ROCKBANK & TOOLERN VALE



The Catholic
Parish of Melton
is committed
to the safety,
wellbeing and
dignity of all
children and
vulnerable
adults

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B | 29 September 2024

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday 9.00am–3.00pm

(The parish office is CLOSED on weekends and public holidays)

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 & 5pm
- Wednesday 9.15am

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

- Thursday & Friday 9.15am

CONFESSIONS

St Catherine of Siena Church

Saturday: 5.45 pm | Sunday: 4.45pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT & ROSARY

St Dominic's Church

- Thursday following the 9.15am Mass

SCHOOLS IN OUR PARISH

ST DOMINIC'S PRIMARY SCHOOL (Prep-Year 6)

Address: Church Street, Melton, VIC 3337

Principal: Mr Jeffrey Parker

Phone: +61 3 9743 6225 | **Email:** enquiries@sdmelton.catholic.edu.au

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC

PRIMARY SCHOOL (Prep-Year 6)

Address: 108 Bulmans Road, Melton West, VIC 3337

Principal: Mr Des Noack

Phone: +61 3 9743 2166 | **Email:** info@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au

SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

formerly Catholic Regional College Melton

Melton West (Year 7-12) | **Cobblebank** (Year 7-8)

Address: 109-141 Bulmans Rd, Melton West | Bridge Rd, Cobblebank

Principal: Ms Marlene Jorgensen

Phone: +61 3 8099 6000 | **Email:** info@sfcc.vic.edu.au

Living the Gospel

Cut it out!

THE thought of cutting off a hand or foot or tearing out an eye seems a bit extreme if taken literally. Whilst Jesus didn't mean for us to do a bit of self-surgery, if we find ourselves caught in behaviour that is self-destructive or hurtful to others, the only solution is quite literally to 'cut it out'.

We know within ourselves when our actions are life-giving or life-harming. Surprisingly we often

persist with harmful behaviour even when we know it's harmful.

Jesus' solution is simple: cut out the negative behaviour and get back on track. That's the principle behind Reconciliation.

If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. Mark 9:42



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

Today's Readings: Wis 2:12,17-20; Ps 53 (54); Jm 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

Next Sunday's Readings: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 127 (128); Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

Prayer Requests

Death Anniversaries: Dulce Corazon Caanan, Gerry Gomez, Krystyna Drozd, Anthony Gatt, Ron Nicholas, Anthony Zahra, Robert Patterson, Robert Hoare, Sr. Catherine Quilligan, Colleen O'Meara, Joseph Glowacki, 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, Jim Lawson, Brian Dobson, Marge Price, Kellie Maree Elmer, Carlo Bacchilega, Norman Skinner, Margaret Buttigieg, Lynette Dudkowski

Recently deceased: Mario Vella



NOTICE TO PARISHIONERS

Please note that there will be no 9.15am Mass
next **Wednesday October 2nd** at St Catherine
of Siena Church.

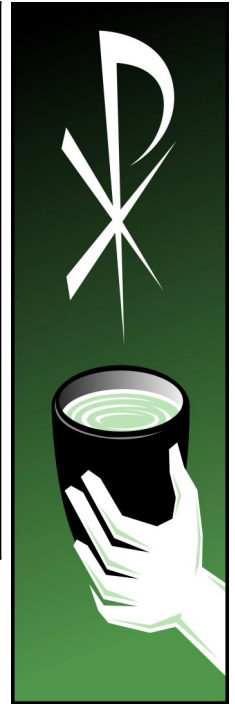
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exploring the word

Reflection

The first part of today's gospel deals with the disciples' jealousy at someone else 'cashing in' on Jesus' name and authority. It is a continuation of their limited understanding about the message and ministry of Jesus. They still cling to an idea that Jesus is going to rise up in power against the forces of Rome and in the aftermath, they are going to be sitting pretty as associates of this powerful figure. The disciples have been blinded by their dreams of glory and forgotten that the real story is that people are being cured and having demons cast out. Rather than celebrating the healing that is occurring in Jesus' name, the disciples are jealous that it's someone else who is getting the credit. Jesus assures them, and us, that any good work being undertaken genuinely in his name is to be welcomed. It is a reminder to us that sometimes we look down on the work of others because 'they're not one of us', or 'they're not doing it our way.'

The second portion of the gospel is one of the really challenging teachings of Jesus. Drawing on the image of the community as being a whole body, the teaching suggests that it is better to remove the part of the body/community that is causing sinfulness than have the whole body/community perish. It is a concept we are familiar with in modern medicine: sometimes it is necessary to remove diseased tissue to prevent the spread of disease. We are reminded that if we surround ourselves with negative people and negative influences, we too will become negative. If we separate ourselves from negative influences and surround ourselves with positive ones then the positive aspects of our lives will flourish.



gospel focus

Anyone not against us is for us

It is sometimes quite baffling why the movement for ecumenical dialogue is so laboured and apparently delivering such limited results. It seems that it is human nature to dwell much more on what makes us different rather than on what we have in common. Unfortunately, efforts to build dialogue between Christian churches seem to inevitably turn up the differences that impede dialogue more than the commonalities that foster dialogue. Jesus made it clear that "anyone who is not against us is for us". Perhaps if we focus on the common goal of leading people to Jesus we can get beyond the differences that set us against each other.



**NEW VOLUNTEER INFORMATION
AND APPLICATION PACKS ARE NOW
AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING
AREA AND THE PARISH WEBSITE.**



Term 4, 2024

Free eSafety parent and carer webinars

Join eSafety's expert education team for a free live webinar designed for parent and carers.

Term 4 topics:

- **Supporting healthy tech use as your child transitions into high school (30 minutes)**
Suitable for parents and carers of young people in upper primary school (aged 11-12) and Year 7.
- **eSafety 101: How eSafety can help (30 minutes)**
Suitable for parents and carers of children and young people in primary and secondary school. An overview of the eSafety Commissioner, and supporting programs and resources for parents and carers, children, and young people.

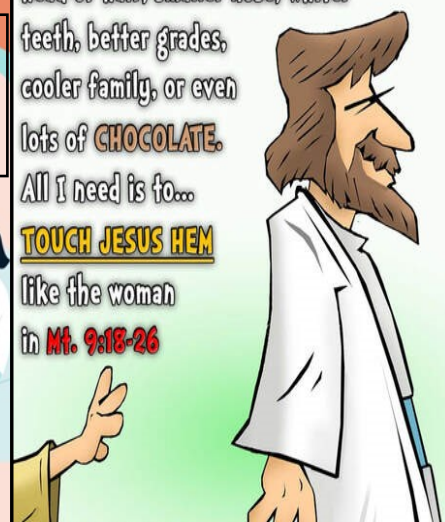
Term 4 dates

- Thursday, 24 October, 12.30pm
- Wednesday, 4 December, 12.30pm



For more information and to register now: esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars

I DO NOT NEED \$\$, fame, a slim waist, full head of hair, smaller nose, whiter teeth, better grades, cooler family, or even lots of **CHOCOLATE**. All I need is to... **TOUCH JESUS HEM** like the woman in **Mt. 9:18-26**



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
30 ST JEROME	1 ST THERESE OF LISIEUX	2 THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS NO 9.15am MASS	3 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	4 ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	5 ST FAUSTINA KOWALSKA 6pm Vigil Mass	6 27th Sunday Ordinary Time 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses 1pm Samoan Mass Observance: Feast of St Vincent De Paul
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS						
7 OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	8	9 9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church 7pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting @ Parish Meeting Room	10 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	11 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church (joined by St Dominic's Primary - Gr 6)	12 6pm Vigil Mass	13 28th Sunday Ordinary Time 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses Life, Marriage & Family Sunday



March
for the Babies

Please wear pink and/or blue for the babies!

Saturday October 12th • 1pm at Treasury Gardens (Cnr Spring St & Wellington Pde)

We are marching in loving memory of the babies lost in abortion and to help end abortion in Victoria, and for better support for pregnant women.

Do not be afraid. Love one another. bear with one another. and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can.

— ST MARY MACKILLOP —

PLEASE RING THE MASS MANAGERS IF UNABLE TO ATTEND:

6 pm	Tania Walters	0492 952 478
9 am	Theo Franken	0411 040 897
11am	Bruna Tomassi	9743 0341
5 pm	Josephine Krajina	0407 042 133

Update: Bulmans Rd Closure

Bulmans Rd will be closed between Piccolotto Drive and Westlake Drive until **Friday 13 December**.

Water main renewal works are complete and new drainage, pavement, kerb and crossing works are now in progress.

Access to St Catherine of Siena Primary, St Francis College and the Church will be maintained during this period.



2025 Columban Art Calendars now available at the Piety Stall

We also have Daily & Sunday missals available along with other gifts perfect to commemorate Sacraments of Initiation and for everyday devotional use.



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday September 28&29, 2024

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Kate Mulholland	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tania Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Jennifer Peters	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Bill McGuinness	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa -Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Help Needed	Chelsea Amato	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday October 5&6, 2024

MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa -Sanchez
Responder	Tania Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Maureen Mohr	Bruna Tomassi	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Sanyata Creo	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			



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

menALIVE Men's Weekend

Saturday 5th and 6th October
CRC Caroline Springs Cafeteria
28 College St, Caroline Springs VIC
Investment: \$45



Register: [TRYBOOKING.COM/1263695](https://trybooking.com/1263695) or scan QR code



Schedule:

Saturday 8am to 9pm: Workshops, morning and afternoon tea, lunch and BBQ dinner.

Sunday 8.30am to 1.30pm: Morning tea & lunch, concluding with 12.30pm Mass.

Samoan Community Mass

Please note that the next scheduled Samoan Mass on October 6th has been cancelled. Samoan Masses will not be on until further notice.

Vacancy - Melton Parish Secretary

12 month Temporary Role (Maternity Leave Cover)

Our Parish secretary Vivien is expecting her second baby at the end of December so the Parish is looking for someone to temporarily fill her part-time role from the start of December 2024 until late November 2025.

Please contact the parish office for a copy of the Position Description if you are interested.



Parish Offertory Giving August Update

Pledged: \$7,392.62
Actual: \$5,348.92

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome!

Please collect a Welcome Pack from the Gathering Area of the church. Once census form is completed place it in the white return box in the Gathering Area.

MISSED OUT ON THE TIDINGS?

Back issues of The Tidings are available on our parish website:
www.melbcatholic.org/melton

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Would you like to receive

The Tidings before the weekend?

Head to our website to subscribe to The Tidings or simply scan the QR code to enter your email to receive a digital copy. You will then receive a verification link via email to confirm your subscription.

Migrant and Refugee Mass: 'Mass for all nations'

Sunday 29th September • Cathedral Hall, ACU

2pm Rosary Procession around the Cathedral

3pm Migrant and Refugee Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Peter Comensoli and migrant chaplains.

All are most welcome!

VINNIES SOUP VANS STREET SERVICE MELTON



Soup Vans will continue its Street Service around Melton as follows:

Tuesday

6.00-6.30pm **Melton Town Centre Amphitheatre**
Palmerston St, Melton

7.00-7.30pm **Melton Station Square Shopping Centre**
11-25 Station St, Melton South

Thursday (new stop)

6.00-7.00pm **Melton Town Centre Amphitheatre**
Palmerston St, Melton

- Fruit and vegetables
- Non-perishable pantry items
- Toiletries
- Soup, sandwiches, hot food



SOUP VAN VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Scan the QR code to sign up to help with preparing and packing food, assisting with loading the Soup Vans, distributing food on a 'Soup Van Run' and assisting in cleaning up the kitchen and vehicle as a team.

Parish Offertory Giving

If you would like to make either a one-off donation or to set up recurring donations to the parish, please scan the QR code or head to our website:

[TINYURL.COM/GIVEMELTON](https://tinyurl.com/GIVEMELTON)



You may also like to use the Smart Terminal at the welcome desk to contribute to the Parish.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

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

HOME VISITATION & BLESSING REQUESTS

For Home Visitation & Blessing requests, please speak to Deacon Chris after Mass or fill out the online request form:

[TINYURL.COM/HBLESSING](https://tinyurl.com/HBLESSING)

PARISH BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Announcements & Notices: Please submit your announcement or notices no later than 5pm 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.



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