



THE TIDINGS

SERVING THE AREAS OF MELTON, MELTON WEST, AINTREE, BONNIE BROOK,
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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD — Year B | 12 May 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)

Principal: Mr Jeffrey Parker

Address: Church Street, Melton, VIC 3337

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

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PRIMARY SCHOOL (Prep-Year 6)

Principal: Mr Des Noack

Address: 108 Bulmans Road, Melton West, VIC 3337

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

SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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

formerly Catholic Regional College Melton

Principal: Ms Marlene Jorgensen

Address: 109-141 Bulmans Rd, Melton West, VIC 3337

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

Living the Gospel

Proclaim Good News

ST FRANCIS of Assisi is credited with saying,
'Preach the gospel at all times and when necessary, use words!'

In every interaction we have, we say so much about who we are, what we think of the other person and what we believe – even without opening our mouth. Our actions and attitudes proclaim our beliefs more powerfully than our words ever do.

If we claim to be concerned about justice and yet behave unjustly then it is our actions, not our words, that will be heard!

When we are called to 'proclaim the Good News' we are called to do this first and foremost in action.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!*

Today's Scripture Readings

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 46 (47); Eph 4:1-7,11-13; Mk 16:15-20

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 103 (104); 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23



NOTICE TO PARISHIONERS

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday
May 16th due to the Archdiocesan Parish
Administration Forum.



Parish Stewardship Update

April Pledged: \$6,461.16

Actual: \$4,845.96

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App checklist for parents



Term 2, 2024

Free eSafety parent and carer webinars

Checklist

The aim of this checklist is to help you navigate the app world and give you the tools to ensure you and your family enjoy safe and positive online experiences.

Do your research

- [The eSafety Guide](#) is a good starting point.
- Other sources include [Common Sense Media](#) and [ConnectSafely](#), which review the most popular apps.
- Search for recent reviews from Google Play and Apple Store.
- Discuss the benefits and risks with family or friends who use the app.

eSafety tip: Check whether the app can be used for [content sharing](#), [photo and video sharing](#), [messaging and online chat](#), [voice chat](#), [video calling](#), [live streaming](#), [gaming](#), [in-app purchasing](#), [online relationships](#), [location sharing](#) and [encryption](#).

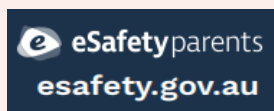
Check the age rating and requirements

- Apps usually state a minimum age for users in their terms of use but they don't all have verification requirements.
- [The eSafety Guide](#) includes the stated age for many popular apps.
- [Common Sense Media](#) makes an independent assessment of provides age recommendations
- Check the advice on the eSafety Parent page [Are they old enough?](#)

eSafety tip: When deciding if an app is suitable for your child, think about their level of maturity and judgement as well as the age recommendation.

Consider privacy – read the terms and conditions and ask yourself these questions:

- What information does the app request?
- Does the app provide privacy protections?
- Can you restrict who sees your profile?
- Who can find you in a search?
- What information can people see about you?



eSafety tip: See the eSafety page [Connecting safely – Apps](#) for more advice. [The eSafety Guide](#) contains links to information about how to adjust privacy settings in popular apps.

Check the permissions and other settings – read the community guidelines and ask yourself these questions:

- What permissions does the app request?
- What information the app collect?
- Does the app need microphone and/or video camera access to perform its functions?
- What are the default settings?
- Do you need to change default settings, initially and after each update?
- Does the app allow in-app purchases?

eSafety tip: See the eSafety Parents page [Taming the technology](#) for advice on using parental control and safe browsing tools.

Safety check

- Can you report things in the app? (For example: online abuse, impersonator accounts, offensive or illegal content).
- Is the in-app reporting process easy and clear?
- Are the in-app reporting options limited or can you report a wide range of safety concerns?

eSafety tip: Let you child know they can come to you for help if anything makes them feel uncomfortable or unsafe and they won't be in trouble. You can help them [report serious online abuse](#) to the eSafety Commissioner.

Join one of the free webinars for parents and carers. These live webinars give parents and carers the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe online experiences.



Duration of webinar : 30 minutes

ESAFETY 101: HOW ESAFETY CAN HELP

This webinar provides an overview of the eSafety Commissioner, and supporting programs and resources for parents and carers, children and young people.

It's suitable for parents and carers of children and young people in primary and secondary school.

- Tuesday, 14 May: 12:30 pm
- Thursday, 6 June: 12:30 pm

WELLBEING AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

An overview of strategies to protect, respond to and support your child online. This webinar will focus on the digital skills to protect and support young people's mental health and wellbeing online. It's suitable for parents and carers of children and young people in secondary school.

- Thursday, 16 May: 12:30 pm
- Tuesday, 4 June: 2:00 pm

CONSENT AND ONLINE BOUNDARIES: HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR PRIMARY-AGED CHILD

As children begin to navigate the online world, they need to know how to make decisions around consent and boundaries. This webinar will outline strategies for parents and carers, as well as support those hard-to-have conversations. It's suitable for parents and carers of children in primary school.

- Tuesday, 28 May: 12:30 pm
- Tuesday, 18 June: 12:30 pm

[eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)

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13 OUR LADY OF FATIMA	14	15 9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church (joined by St Catherine's Primary Grade 4 classes) 7.30pm Baptism Information Night @ St Catherine of Siena Church	16 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church St Luke's: Sacrament of Eucharist Classes	17 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church (joined by St Dominic's Primary Grade 4 classes) Followed by Penance for students receiving First Eucharist	18 Baptisms: 11am & 12.15pm 6pm Vigil Mass Presentation Masses for Candidates (St Catherine's Primary School)	19 PENTECOST SUNDAY 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses Sacrament of Eucharist (St Catherine's Primary School)
20 MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH	21	22 9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church (joined by St Catherine's Primary Grade 4 classes) Followed by Penance for students receiving First Eucharist	23 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church St Luke's: Sacrament of Eucharist Classes	24 OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church (joined by St Dominic's Primary Grade 4 classes) Followed by Penance for students receiving First Eucharist	25 Baptisms: 11am & 12.15pm 6pm Vigil Mass	26 TRINITY SUNDAY 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses
27	28	29 9.15am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church (joined by St Catherine's Primary Grade 4 classes) Followed by Penance for students receiving First Eucharist	30 9am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Church (joined by St Francis College for MacKillop House Mass) St Luke's: Sacrament of Eucharist Classes	31 VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 9.15am Mass at St Dominic's Church	1 JUNE 6pm Vigil Mass	2 THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD 9am, 11am & 5pm Sunday Masses

Upcoming Thanksgiving Campaign

Dear Parishioners,

In two weeks, we will commence our Offertory Giving Campaign in our parish community, which will run over a three-week period. Giving generously is a way to deepen our faith and is a vital part of our identity as Christian worshippers.

You are encouraged to engage prayerfully with the content presented and provided over this time and we look forward to growing and going deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.

God & Beer: The Biekie Priest w. Fr Geoff McIlroy

Monday 13th May • 6.30pm dinner, 7.30pm talk
Notting Hill Hotel (Steakhouse Room)
260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill, VIC

Register: GODANDBEER.COM.AU

BAPTISM INFORMATION EVENING



The next Baptism Information Night for those booked in for baptisms will be held on

Wednesday May 15th at 7.30pm at St Catherine of Siena Church

Catholic Theological College's Online Seminar series: Engaging Your Faith

Sign up for one of 9 short, online sessions offered by CTC for personal, theological and spiritual development.

Theology, Scripture, Meditation, Spirituality, Science & Faith.

Choose what interests you from \$25 per session.

For more information and to register: ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/



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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

The Ascension of the Lord		Saturday & Sunday May 11 & 12, 2024		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Margaret Richards	Asther Creo	Chelsea Amato	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Cira Cleary	Janet Estradra	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Tania Walters	Alzira Mascarenhas	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Janet Estradra	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa -Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator		Sanyata Creo	Chelsea Amato	
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir		Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			

Pentecost Sunday		Saturday & Sunday May 18 & 19, 2024		
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Graham Dempsey	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Michael Higgins
Responder	Daniel Walters	Theo Franken	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa -Sanchez
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Mario Cassar	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Bill McGuinness	Richard Kealy	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	Choir	Sanyata Creo	Choir	
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			



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

Honouring the mothers and motherly figures in our parish and wishing them a very blessed Mothers Day this Sunday!

Thank you for all you are and do — may you look to Our Lady, the Blessed Mother, as the perfect model of motherhood. We ask her to intercede for you all in a special way this weekend.

St Catherine of Siena Primary School honoured mothers last Wednesday with a whole school Mother's Day Mass celebrated by Fr Michael, followed by morning tea—with over 200 of the school's mothers joining students and staff.



The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother.

— ST THERESE OF LISIEUX —

Memorial Wall Plaques

Our Memorial Wall next to St Dominic's Church has spots available to commemorate former parishioners and loved ones whose remains are buried or interred elsewhere with a memorial plaque.

For more details or to arrange or reserve a spot for a plaque, please contact the Parish Office. Forms are also available in the Gathering Space to fill out and return to the Parish Office.



St Vincent de Paul Society

The Melton Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society meets at the Parish Meeting Room (next to St Dominic's Presbytery) every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Visitors are welcome! Enquiries: Neil 0403 165 414.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 25 May 2024 • 8am to 9.30am

St Dominic's Parish Hall

Speaker: Joe Viscuso

Joe spent 35 years working at Holden and has some stories to tell about his experience there.

The Knights of the Southern Cross invite all men in the parish to come and enjoy a breakfast of eggs, bacon and sausages with toast, tea and coffee.



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



Would you like to receive The Tidings before the weekend?

Email melton@cam.org.au requesting to join the mailing list for The Tidings or scan the QR code to subscribe on our website.

Parish Thanksgiving

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

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 safter Mass or fill out the online request form:

<https://tinyurl.com/HBlessing>

PARISH BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Announcements & Notices: Please submit your announcement or notices not 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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