



THE TIDINGS

SERVING THE AREAS OF MELTON, MELTON WEST, AINTREE, BONNIE BROOK,
GRANGEFIELDS, HARKNESS, KURUNJANG, PLUMPTON, ROCKBANK & TOOLERN VALE



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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YR C | May 4, 2025

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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)

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

- Thursday & Friday 9.15 am (no Mass on public holidays)
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CONFESSION

St Catherine of Siena Church

Saturday: 5.45 pm | Sunday: 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

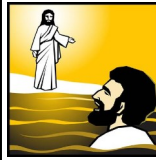
+61 3 9743 2166 | info@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au

ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Melton West Campus (Year 7-12): 109-141 Bulmans Rd, Melton West

Cobblebank Campus (Year 7-8): Bridge Rd, Cobblebank

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



Francis Focus

Considering Peter's return to fishing, Pope Francis reminds us that Peter had long since left it behind to follow Jesus.

The episode shows us how easy it is to return to comfortable routines. 'It can happen to us too', Francis says, 'that, out of tiredness, disappointment, perhaps out of laziness, we forget the Lord and neglect the great choices we have made, to settle for something else.' Each of us faces the temptation to return to our fishing at some point.

But without Jesus in our lives our nets will always feel empty. Sometimes being busy distracts us from what really matters. Perhaps, Francis says, 'we forget prayer, letting ourselves be wrapped up in our own needs.' Sometimes, he adds, 'we neglect charity, with the excuse of daily urgencies.'

Here Peter's swim is instructive. Professionally, it makes little sense. He reached Jesus first, yes, but had to return to the boat for some fish! Yet, as Francis reminds us, in plunging into the water Peter shows us that 'love goes beyond usefulness, convenience or duty.' Peter swam for joy!

What we might ask ourselves now, then, is: how can I respond to the call: 'It is the Lord!' Dare we dive in and swim, like Peter, and 'put out to sea again with Jesus'?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!

Today's Readings:

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 Rev 5:11-14 John 21:1-19

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 13:14, 43-52 Rev 7:9, 14-17 John 10:27-30

Recently Deceased:

Trevor Blakey, Consorcia Miranda, Pru Carberry

Death Anniversaries:

Angelo Pace, Joseph Gixti, Michael Madden, Phyllis Michael, Thomas Spillman, Kathleen Coburn, Lt Col Michael McDermott, Francis Beck, Mary Derksen, Walter German, Yonela Reasonable, Prescilla Lewis, Salvina Cassar, Elizabeth Houlder, Flossie Baillon, Annie Fernandes, Sandy Fernandez, Josephine Calleja, Joyce Calleja, Sam Meilak, Angela & Arthur Pace, Annie Fernandes, Rev Ian Cundy, Marlene Turner, Bill Francis, Ann Kosik, Francis Gomez, Hugh Litchfield, Grace Camilleri, Vince Camilleri, Leli Grima, Mara Leheckuti, Joseph Stewart, Fr Leo Curran, Nancy Williams, Ana Flores, Consolacion de Jesus

Current totals received:

Project Compassion: \$2,064.80

Good Friday Collection for Holy Places: \$1,058.40

Thank You

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

Reflection by Sr. Mary Fermio, RSJ

A meal is a great opportunity for families to get together and get to know each other, strengthening the bonds of family. Usually, each family will contribute something to the meal, sharing their skills and abilities.

Jesus hosted a breakfast by the lake for his friends, providing fish for the meal, but also getting them to provide some of the fish. Peter revealed his joy at seeing Jesus by leaping out of the boat and dashing ashore, then racing back to get some fish for the breakfast. What a lovely scene we can imagine. Jesus and the Apostles sitting on the sand, around a fire, sharing fish both had provided for the meal. Did they talk or just share in a joyful, friendly silence, so glad to have Jesus with them, knowing he was alive, and there was hope for the future.

This meal reflects our Christian community, who gather around the table, Jesus present, each time we go to Mass. Here Jesus nourishes us providing his own Body as food for the journey. Here we can tell Jesus of our hopes, our troubles and listen for an answer from the one who loves us.



“Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.”

Pope Francis

JUBILEE OF ENTREPRENEURS



The Jubilee of Entrepreneurs recognises the important role in society that entrepreneurs play and the opportunities they have to help promote a flourishing human society.

PRAYER

Lord God, we pray for those who are entrepreneurs in our world. May their eyes be open to see the needs of their clients, employees, and all they encounter in their entrepreneurial journey.

May they strive to achieve a fair distribution of the world's resources, to protect the human family, and to take care of our common home.

May their hearts be filled with the desire to serve more than to be served, to give more than to receive, and to love unconditionally as You love us.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Mission in Action: the power of your kindness and compassion



Soup Van

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Do you:

- Have a passion for giving a 'hand up' to individuals experiencing food and financial insecurity?
- Love giving back to your local community?
- Enjoy engaging with people from all walks of life?

What could I be doing on the Soup Vans?

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 soup van vehicle as a team.



Sign up now using our QR code!



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

Tuesday 7.00-7.30pm
Melton Station Square Shopping Centre
11-25 Station St, Melton Sth

Thursday (new stop) 6.00-7.00pm Melton
Town Centre Amphitheatre
Palmerston St, Melton

- Non-perishable pantry items
- Toiletries Soup,
- Sandwiches, hot food

Memorial Wall Plaques

Spots available on our Memorial Wall, next to St Dominic's Church, 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, please contact the Parish Office directly.



ENROLMENT FOR ST PADRE PIO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL THORNHILL PARK <https://spthornhillpark.catholic.edu.au>

Enrolment interest for St Padre Pio Catholic Primary School, Thornhill Park is now open for students from Grade Prep to Grade 6 for 2026.

Enrolment Enquiries | St Padre Pio Catholic Primary School website

ENROLMENT FOR ST MARIANNE COPE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL MOUNT ATKINSON <https://smcmountatkinson.catholic.edu.au>

Enrolment interest for St Marianne Cope Catholic Primary School is now open for students from Grade Prep to Grade 6.

Enrolment enquiries for the 3- and 4-year-old kindergartens will be open soon. *Please note that the enrolment criteria for the Primary School differ from those of the Children's Hub, and each enrolment process is separate and independent.*

Enrolment Enquiries | St Marianne Cope Primary School website

Baptism Information Night

The next Baptism Information Night, for those booked in for baptisms at our Parish, will be held at
St Catherine of Siena Church, West Melton.
on Wednesday, May 21 at 7.30pm



Working with
Children Check

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.



Term 2, 2025
eSafety parents and carers webinars

Join eSafety for a free live webinar designed for parents and carers.

For dates and times go to:
[eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)

Term 2 topics:

- **Understanding and using parental controls to help protect your child online (45 minutes).** For parents and carers of children in primary school.
- **Sexual extortion: What parents and carers need to know (30 minutes).** For parents and carers of young people in upper primary and secondary school.
- **eSafety 101 - how eSafety can help you (30 minutes).** For parents and carers of children and young people in primary and secondary school.

For more information and to register now: [eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AT A WEEKEND MASS?

Pick up a 'Volunteer Information Pack' in the Gathering Area of the church for detailed information on each ministry and an application form.

PLEASE RING THE MASS MANAGER IF UNABLE TO ATTEND AND PERFORM YOUR ROSTERED DUTY ➡

6 pm Tania Walters 0492 952 478
9 am Theo Franken 0411 040 897

11am Lea Jacuta 0414 390 151
5 pm Josephine Krajina 0407 042 133

3rd Sunday of Easter			Saturday & Sunday May 3&4, 2025	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Kate Mulholland	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Cira Cleary	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tania Walters	Jennifer Peters	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Leny Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Tania Walters	Maureen Mohr	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Karl Metha, Anne Stokie, Maureen Mohr			

4th Sunday of Easter			Saturday & Sunday May 10&11, 2025	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcomer	Tania Walters	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Manoj D'Silva	Sanghaya Creo	Liza Fernandes	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Alzira Mascarenhas	Cira Cleary	Janet Estrada
Presentation of Gifts	Tania Walters	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Faith Tuputala	Chelsea Amato	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Margaret Richards	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	Veritas Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Jennifer Peters, Anne Stokie			



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



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the
seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

Franciscus

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www.melbcatholic.org/melton

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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.

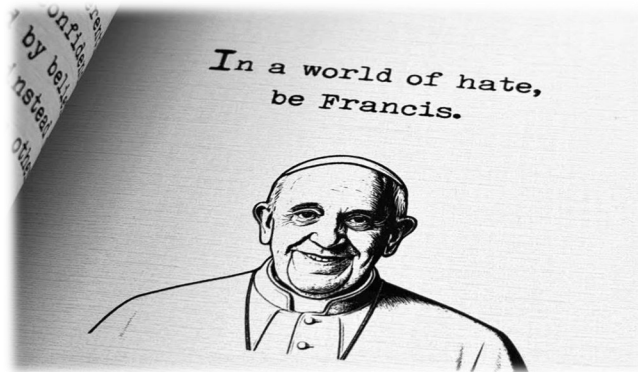


Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm

MAY

Thursday, 1st	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 2nd	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am Year Prep students to attend .
Wednesday, 7th	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15 am Whole school Mass for St Catherine's School: celebrating Mothers' Day
Thursday, 8th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am St Luke's Sacramental Program for First Eucharist to begin at 7 pm in St Dominic's Hall
Friday, 9th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am Year 6 students to attend .
Sunday, 11th	Happy Mothers' Day
Wednesday, 14th	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15 am Year 5 students to attend
Thursday, 15th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 16th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am Year 5 students to attend .
Saturday, 17th @ 6pm Mass & Sunday, 18th @ 11 am Mass	Presentation and commitment of participants in the St Luke's Sacramental Program for First Eucharist in our parish



St Anthony of Padua, Melton South

Our Lady's Month of May— all Saturdays 9:30am Mass followed
by Rosary at the Grotto (cuppa after please bring a plate)
May 13—Tuesday 6:30pm Mass Feast of our Lady of Fatima
(cuppa after please bring a plate to share)
June 13—Friday 6:30 pm Mass Feast of St Anthony of Padua by
Bishop Rene Ramirez, RCJ (fellowship to follow after Mass)
special collection to cover this celebration.

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

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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