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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.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR C | February 16, 2025

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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 & 5pm
- Wednesday Mass 9.15am

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

- Thursday & Friday 9.15am

CONFESSION

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

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@sfcc.vic.edu.au



Blessed are the poor? – the hungry? – those who mourn? What is Jesus doing in these Beatitudes?

Jesus was not a 'pie in the sky' dreamer saying: 'You are destitute, hungry now. Don't worry, you will be okay in paradise in the long distant future.' *That* would be a cruel celestial joke.

Rather, Jesus was setting about the task of creating a new sort of society, the Kingdom of God on earth, in which the destitute, the starving, the weeping, are *blessed* in the sense that they can expect their suffering to be alleviated, companions to be found in their distress.

The Divine imperative is that His followers break out of their comfort zone of plenty of money, full stomachs, much to laugh about. They must enter into the harsh reality of other people's destitute, starving, weeping lives. Woe to them if they do not.

Can Our Lord look into the heart of each one of us living in our comfortable world, and then with confidence turn to that *other* world and recite the Beatitudes?

We might pause for a moment, recognise that Jesus' credibility is on the line, and pray that His Father's will be done on *earth* as it is in Heaven.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Happy are they who hope in the Lord!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Today's Readings: Jer 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Luke 6:17, 20-26

Next Week's Readings: 1 Sam 26:2 7-9 12-13 22-23 1 Cor 15:45-49

Luke 6:27-38

Prayer Requests

Recently Deceased:

Fr John Walter O'Reilly PE

Death Anniversaries:

Tom Sweeney, Gerardo Tomassi, Consey Tissera, Sandra Hogan, Bernard Sweeney, John Debono, Ligaya Inciong, Fredrick Lazarus, Jack Todd, Christopher Bubeck, Roshan Mendoza, Rita Fernando, Joseph Camilleri, Darren Bathalomeuze, Petronella Franken, Pauline Camilleri, Leon Jongebloed, Teodora G Ty, Richard Zielinski, Carlo Girardi, Teresa Ang Gunik Choo, Jose Sosa, Kathleen Twomey, Helen Luettgau, Jesus Sarmiento, Francesca Barton, Jean White, Pietro Anselmi, Leo McGuire, Una Donovan, Gwenda Bishop



Parish Offertory Giving

January Update

Pledged: \$6,500.23 Actual: 4,925.25

Thank
You

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

Reflection by Sr Mary Fermio, RSI

Most people would think "happy are the millionaires, those who pay 18 million for a house, own a Cadillac" etc. Our papers mostly tell us about the rich, whether they are criminals or not. Our TV news shows us their lives, their funerals, their wealth. Some of us may even envy them.

But Jesus thinks and tells us otherwise. He says "happy are the poor, the hungry, those who weep for your reward will be in Heaven", not for just a little while, but forever. Feeling poor and needy, can open us to seek God. The ones who come to hear and seek Jesus, are the poor and needy, those who seek hope and healing, because they know their vulnerability. Poverty, grief and hunger have no value for their own sake. Wealth and happiness are not condemned. but they can make us feel self-sufficient with no need of God.

What is my preference? Do I feel a need for God? Does my life reflect this?

2025 Jubilee Year

15-18 February	Jubilee of Artist
21-23 February	Jubilee of Deacons
8-9 March	Jubilee of the World of Volunteering
28 March	24 Hours for the Lord
28-30 March	Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mary

JUBILEE OF DEACONS

The Jubilee of Deacons has a theme 'Deacons: Joyful Witness of Hope', reminding us that Deacons help bring the hope and love of Christ to a world which has lost hope.

Prayer

Loving God, St Paul understood his diakonia as the proclamation of the good news of reconciliation (2 Cor 5:12-20). May deacons today help bring awareness of the Good News of Jesus to a world in need of hope. St Paul also wrote that a deacon must have some essential qualities (1 Tim 3:8-13), including that he must be serious, not double-tongued, not a drunkard, not greedy, and must hold the mystery of faith with a clear conscience. His family life should be exemplary. May deacons today be given the grace of God to hold to these ideals. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

PRIME TIMERS February Outing

BBQ at Melton Botanic Gardens, Tuesday 25th, 11:30 am
Sausage sizzle will be provided BYO salad, drinks etc.
Further enquiries: Ineke 0400 120 401 / ineke49@yahoo.com

Catholic Vocations

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www.vocationsmelbourne.org



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

End poverty
Promote justice
Uphold dignity

THE BEATITUDES

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT,
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.
BLESSED ARE THEY WHO MOURN,
FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.
BLESSED ARE THE MEEK,
FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE LAND.
BLESSED ARE THEY WHO HUNGER AND THIRST
FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS,
FOR THEY WILL BE SATISFIED.
BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL,
FOR THEY WILL BE SHOWN MERCY.
BLESSED ARE THE CLEAN OF HEART,
FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD.
BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY
WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD.
BLESSED ARE THEY WHO ARE PERSECUTED
FOR THE SAKE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Matthew 5:3-10

REST IN PEACE FR JOHN

Many of our young parishioners, and their parents, would have known Fr John O'Reilly from their involvement with Catholic Regional College Melton (now St Francis Catholic College) and CRC Sydenham.



Fr John passed away last week and our thoughts are with Fr John, his family and his friends at Sacred Heart /Emmaus Parish community.

A man of deep faith and an unwavering commitment to Catholic education, his vision and drive were instrumental in establishing secondary education in the north-west of Melbourne. We thank him for his past tireless effort and service to our community.

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. Forms are also available in the Gathering Space to fill out and return to the Parish Office.



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.

10 Things to Know About Jubilee 2025

by Maria Wiering

(continued)

3. The theme of the Holy Year is "Pilgrims of Hope." The papal bull, issued 9 May, that introduced the coming Jubilee Year is titled "Spes Non Confundit," or "Hope does not disappoint," drawn from Romans 5:5.

"Everyone knows what it is to hope," Pope Francis wrote. "In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring."

"Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt," he continued.

"Often we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us find reasons for that hope."

Pope Francis also hopes the year draws Catholics toward patience, which he described in "Spes Non Confundit" as a "virtue closely linked to hope," yet can feel elusive in "our fast-paced world, we are used to wanting everything now."

This is the logo chosen by the Vatican for the Holy Year 2025. Pope Francis has chosen the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope," for the Jubilee Year, which is marked by pilgrimages, prayer, repentance and acts of mercy.



SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

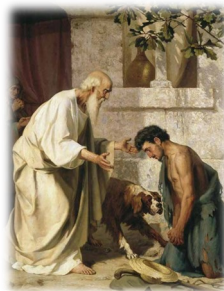
In the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, the safety and wellbeing of all persons is of highest priority.

PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM 2025

Theme: **Metanoia**

a transformative change of heart

Inspired by the Gospels



Let the beautifully designed, 76 page, full colour booklet guide your spiritual renewal through daily reflections, Sunday readings, spiritual direction, prayers and group discussion questions.

Program commences the week of March 3 and runs over 6 weeks. The provided free booklet is easy to follow.

Generally, groups meet in the Parish Meeting Room and on a variety of days and times suitable to participants. Sometimes meetings are held in a parishioner's home.

Feedback over the past 18 years has been very positive as participants were able to share their faith and life experiences within a welcoming and caring environment. The entire program is a faithful and enjoyable experience.

**Come along and give it a try ...
you will be delightfully surprised.**

Names are required by February 18.

Feel free to organise your own group - but let Brendan know.

Complete your details on the sheet in the Gathering Area of the church and Brendan will contact you to confirm details of night / day / group.

Contact Coordinator: Brendan Richards

0418 883 550 or bmrchards@ozemail.com.au

PLEASE RING THE MASS MANAGER IF UNABLE TO ATTEND:

6 pm	Tania Walters	0492 952 478	11 am	Lea Jacuta	0414 390 151
9 am	Theo Franken	0411 040 897	5 pm	Josephine Krajina	0407 042 133



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday February 15&16, 2025	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Tania Walters	Karl Metha	Liza Fernandes	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Maria Prasetyono	Lawrence Camenzuli	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Responder	Tania Walters	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
Presentation of Gifts	Tetchie Hadfield	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Robert Obtinalla	Vickie Cassar	Liz Coustley	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	Kate Mulholland	Faith Tuputala	Chelsea Amato	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Tania Walters	Anne Stokie	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Choir	Divine Mercy	Samoan Choir	Veritas Choir	Tongan Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Jennifer Peters			

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time			Saturday & Sunday February 22&23, 2025	
MINISTERS OF:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Margaret Richards	Anne Stokie	Chelsea Amato	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Tania Walters	Jennifer Peters	Cira Cleary	Frank Unferdorben
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Chelsea Amato	Elainne de los Santos
Holy Communion	Leny Obtinalla	Maureen Mohr	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo	Choir	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Graham Dempsey	Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration Choir	St Anuarite Choir	Filipino Choir
Counters	Leslie Gordon, John Woof			



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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

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

FEBRUARY

Saturday & Sunday 15th @ 6 pm or 16th @ 11am	Presentation Weekend for St Luke's Penance Sacramental Program
Wednesday 19th	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15 am: St Catherine's Year 5 students to attend
Thursday 20th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 21st	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am: St Dominic's Grade 4 students to attend
Saturday, 22nd	Baptisms @ 11 am & 12:15 pm
Wednesday, 26th	Mass: St Catherine's Church 9:15 am: St Catherine's Year 4 students to attend
Thursday, 27th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 28th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am: St Dominic's Grade 3 students to attend

MARCH

Wednesday, 5th	Ash Wednesday Masses: St Catherine of Siena Church 9:15am (whole school) & 7 pm Prayer Service: St Dominic's School 9:15am
Thursday, 6th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am
Friday, 7th	Mass: St Dominic's Church 9:15 am

HOME VISITATION & BLESSING REQUESTS

For Home Visitation & Blessing requests, please speak to
one of our priests after Mass or fill out the online request
form: [TINYURL.COM/HBLESSING](https://tinyurl.com/HBlessing)



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 5th

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

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

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

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Parish.



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