



St Anthony of Padua **Melton South Parish**

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1st June 2025

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Alex Clemente RCJ
ASSISTANT PRIEST: Fr Wilford Urmaza RCJ

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH STAFF

Parish Secretary: Lesley Morffew
Admin Assistant: Judy Johnson
Pastoral Associate: Naim Chdid

Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30am-4.30pm

Email: meltonsouth@cam.org.au

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PARISHIONER'S DONATIONS/COLLECTIONS

Parishioners who wish to donate electronically are now able to go to the link below and make their contributions online. The link to the St Anthony's Parish is: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/donate?id=0012w00000LOj5yAAD>

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Or use the QR code



St Anthony's School **Principal:** Caitlyn Lalor
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In the case of urgent situations-sickness etc. please call 0422 869 646

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

Godwin Barton	0425 734 449
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Ex-OFFICIO: Fr Alex Clemente PP, Fr Wilford Urmaza, Caitlyn Lalor, and Bill Hill
Council Secretary: Judy Johnson

SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Coordinator/Officer: Aloysious Dacunha 0431 012 511

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Allison Pereira	0422 775 245
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St Anthony's Parish is committed to the care, safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people, and vulnerable people.

For any queries regarding the newsletter please contact Judy Johnson 0414 007 009

Items for the newsletter must be submitted by Wednesday midnight please email judyparishnews@gmail.com

Judy Johnson's office hours are Tue, Wed and Thu 10.30-1.30pm

WORSHIP QUARANT-MASS AND DEVOTIONS

MASS TIMES: 2/6/2025-8/6/2025

Monday	2/6	6.30pm	Sunday Masses	
Tuesday	3/6	9.30am	Saturday Vigil	7/6 5.00pm
St Anthony's Novena	12th Week Adoration	6pm	Sunday	8/6 8.30am & 10.30am
Novena	6.15pm Followed by Benediction & Mass	6.30pm		
Wednesday	4/6	9.30am		
Thursday	5/6	9.30am		
Friday	6/6	9.30am		
First Friday Devotions		7.30pm		
Saturday	7/6	First Saturday 9.30am		

Confession is available and begins 30 minutes prior to each Mass Tuesday–Sunday and will cease 5 minutes before Mass commences.

ST ANTHONY'S FEAST DAY- FRIDAY 13th JUNE

Bishop Rene will celebrate mass at **6.30pm**,
we will have **Veneration of a First-Class Relic,**
of St Anthony of Padua after mass.

Please join us for fellowship after our celebration.
We will have a special collection at this mass, which will cover the
Feast Day expenses.

Rosary **9.00am prior to masses**

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 7th & 8th June

Readers and Extraordinary Ministers please present yourself to the Mass Coordinator 15 minutes before the scheduled Mass time or a replacement will be found. If you are unavailable for these dates please contact Lesley at the Parish Office. Thank you.

MASS COORDINATORS

5.00pm: Godwin & Julie **8.30am:** Natalie & Ron **10.30am:** Lilibeth & Godwin

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.00pm: Gavin Pereira & Lisa Marshall **8.30am:** Anthea Scerri & Mercy Seufatu **10.30am:** Rosabella & Rhys Tuala

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Aloysious Dacunha & Leo Felix **8.30am:** Ron Howard & Elizabeth Underwood **10.30am:** Doris & George Bonello

PIETY STALL

5.00pm: Lorraine Tellis **8.30am:** Pat Chiles **10.30am :** Geetha Vincent

FLOWER ROSTER: June: Ana

**ALL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PARISH MUST HAVE A CURRENT VALID WORKING WITH
CHILDREN CHECK AND A CODE OF CONDUCT FORM SIGNED AND REGISTERED WITH THE PARISH**

FAITH FORMATION QUADRANT

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

Baptisms will be held at St Anthony's on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month at 11.00am.

Please go to: [Baptism of Infants | St Anthony of Padua Catholic Parish](#) . Please contact the Parish Offices if you need any assistance.

ADULT PREPARATION: Adult preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation are through the R.C.I.A Program. Please see Fr Alex, Fr Wilford or Naim Chdid .

FATIMA STATUE These families are praying together for the mission of the Parish:

Joe & Jacqueline Spiteri 0402 512 841
Gregory McCutcheon 0455 457 645
Godwin & Kim Barton 0425 734 449

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA 1st Sunday of the month 3pm.

PASTORAL CARE QUADRANT

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time:

Seloti Alainuuese, Angela Aquilina, Emmanuel & Jane DeBrincat, Philip Giordmanya, Alfred Grech, Heather 'Rose' Marslen & Romeo Miranda

Please pray for the Sick:

Teresita Arrozal, , Nickolia Maria Caruana, Mary Caruana, Christabelle, Lydia De Vega, Makerita Faleulu, Melanie Fue, Mary Ann de Guzman, Bruce Hynes, Estela James, Kotinis Cornelia Kani, Shirley Lacson, Judy Layton, Peter Manicaro, Reg Marslen, Pam Meier, Damien Michael, Hazel Michael, Tony Michael, Veronica Michael, Jan Mifsud, Nickol, Caleb O'Brien, John Osborne, Pauline Osborne, Anna Samy, Samantha Smith, Sina, Saleri, Charlie Spiteri, Janko Stojanovic, Uatoa Tuigamala, Duane Underwood, Clint Abela Wadge, Wai Walsh, Josphine Xuereb and all those who have requested our prayers.

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED ON THIS LIST.



SERVICE AND COMMUNITY QUADRANT

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ENROLMENT FOR ST PADRE PIO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL -THORNHILL PARK

Enrolments are filling fast for the 2026 school opening of St Padre Pio Catholic Primary School in Thornhill Park. In particular, places for Foundation (Prep) 2026 are nearly full, with final spots being reserved for Baptised Catholic students only. If you are thinking of enrolling your Prep child at St Padre Pio for 2026, please register your interest as soon as possible at spthornhillpark.catholic.edu.au, as Prep Enrolment Interviews will be beginning soon and Enrolment Offers to occur shortly after. It is also important to act quickly for Grades 1 - 6 also with positions filling at a steady pace.

ENROLMENT FOR ST MARIANNE COPE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL-MOUNT ATKINSON

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](#)

WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION- Thursday 5th June 2025

7pm-Spiritual Reading 7.15pm-Meditations by Fr Peter Fitzsimons 7.45pm-Benediction 8.00pm-Examination of conscience 8.15pm -Talk.

A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dr Gerard O'Shea, a distinguished academic and educator specializing in religious education will be giving talks on 'A Brief Overview of the History of the Catholic Church'.

3rd June Part 2-The Medieval Church, The Reformation and Counter Reformation, The 'Enlightenment' and 19th Century & The 20th and 21st Centuries. **Venue St Anthony of Padua Melton South Time 7.30pm Tuesday 3rd June.**

Please add your name to the clipboard in the foyer if you are attending-Thank you.

FAITH TALK

Dr Gerard O'Shea will give a talk on the topic of 'Angels' on Tuesday 10th June at St Anthony's of Padua.

SAVE THE DATE-INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL-15TH JUNE

Parishioners, please save the date for our upcoming International Food Festival. The Festival will be held in Padua Hall on Sunday 15th June after the 10.30am Mass.

MAJOR FUNDRAISER- RAFFLE

We will be having a Raffle which will be a major fundraiser for the Parish. First Prize will be a MG ZS Excite valued at \$26,999.00, there will be many other amazing prizes too. Tickets are \$25.00 each and will go on sale 15th June 2025.

JUBILEE OF FAMILIES, CHILDREN, GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

This Jubilee celebrates the importance of the family unit, recognising the unique roles played by children and grandparents; and also honours the elderly members of our communities, some of whom are without family members of their own.

Please go to pilgrimsofhope.catholic.org.au/~documents/route%3A/download/10/ for details.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

The Holy Father has called the universal Church to this special time of grace, a time to focus on reconciliation and forgiveness, prayer and reflection, sojourn and pilgrimage. A time to focus on hope.

For more information, please go to [Hope does not disappoint: Archdiocese of... | Melbourne Catholic](#)



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION-THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

1ST COLLECTION (Supports our Priests, sick and retired Priests, Priests in needy Parishes and our Archbishop) : \$1929.00

2ND COLLECTION (Pays our parish costs and supports the archdiocese and its charitable works): \$3124.00

REFLECTION THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD- Sr Mary Fermio RSJ

To be a witness in a court case can be a difficult experience. Witnessing as a Christian can also be a demanding one, as it can call forth from us demands not usually made.

Jesus tells his disciples they will be his witnesses "to the ends of the earth". The ends of the earth were very limited in those days, but we have seen the Gospel spread to every part of our world. Jesus says goodbye to the disciples and leaves them.

One would think they would be feeling very sad and miserable, but we are told "they went back to Jerusalem full of joy". The next few days were like a retreat getting ready for their mission.

"They were continually in the Temple praising God".

At the end of Mass, the priest blesses us and says: "GO, the Mass is ended".

We are being sent out on mission to witness to Jesus, by the joyful goodness and generosity of our lives. It is for this mission we are confirmed in the power of the Holy Spirit.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'
Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'
As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 46

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

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

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

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

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS -PENTECOST SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-11

SECOND READING: Rom 8:8-17

GOSPEL: Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

