



This Week's Readings

Acts 1:1-11
Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23
Luke 24:46-53

Next Week's Readings

Acts 2:1-11
Romans 8:8-17
John 14:15-16, 23-26



Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

St. Mel's Parish

BULLETIN

Looking at the Readings

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Many of the Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity.

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Words of Pope Leo XIV

In spirit of faith, the College of Cardinals met for the conclave. Coming from different backgrounds and experiences, we placed in God's hands our desire to elect the new Successor of Peter, the bishop of Rome, a shepherd capable of preserving the rich heritage of the Christian faith and, at the same time, looking to the future, in order to confront the questions, concerns and challenges of today's world. Accompanied by your prayers, we could feel the working of the Holy Spirit, who was able to bring us into harmony, like musical instruments, so that our heartstrings could vibrate in a single melody. *The homily in St Peter's Square 18 May, 2025.*

Prayer for the Day

We mark your eyes with the sign of the cross: see the works of Christ. (*RCIA blessing for the Eyes*)

On the Lighter Side

What do you say to a pirate with two eyes? Eye-eye captain! " Why did the mobile phone start wearing glasses? Because he lost all his contacts.



Liturgical Jottings Our Eyes

Our bodies, our minds and hearts and all our senses are very much part of our participation in the liturgy. Second Vatican Council calls for the faithful to have full, active and conscious participation in liturgical celebrations (SC art. 14). We hear in the first reading: "Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky." Yes many times our eyes are looking upward. Not just to see the Lord rising but at the end of time to see him come down. The Ceiling of the Sistine Chapel makes people look up to see the marvels of God depicted in great artwork. Like Abraham we may look up at the sky to see the stars and wonder at God's creation. The use of incense encourages us to lift our eyes to see the smoke rise with our prayers to the Lord. Artists and architects give us opportunities to raise our eyes heavenward.

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Join us today!

On the first Sunday of each month our PPC members rotate to volunteer and have the urn boiling after 9:30am Mass.

Stay for a cuppa, biscuit, and chat with your fellow Parishioners. All welcome!



St Mel's Parish would like to acknowledge the elders past and present of the Yorta Yorta Nation, and pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our parish and church is situated.





St. Mel's Parish invites you to
come and celebrate with us
the *Feast of*
St. Anthony of Padua

15th June 2025
HOLY MASS

10:00 AM
to be presided by
Fr. Joe Taylor

Parish Administrator of St. Mel's
Vicar General, Diocese of Sandhurst

*Procession of the statue and distribution of the Bread of St. Anthony will follow right after the mass.

***Everyone is invited for LUNCH & PROGRAM** at St. Mel's Parish Hall besides St. Mel's Primary School, 35 Hamilton St., Shepparton. (\$10/adult)

*St. Anthony of
Padua -
A Great
Miracle Worker*

**The Devotion of the Bread
of St. Anthony
(A Series)**

The Great Miracle worker of Padua heard her pleas and granted her request. Her whole family was spared from sickness, and they all survived the epidemic in perfect health.

Grateful to St. Anthony's intercession, she anonymously sent 60 Liras (around A\$ 0.017 today) to the orphanage of Fr. Hannibal with instructions to buy bread for the orphans. This was repeated on several occasions until she finally revealed herself to the Padre and recounted her story.

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

O glorious St. Anthony of Padua, through your superhuman holiness, God has enriched you with the great gift of miracles, which you worked in great abundance, giving health to the sick, sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, speech to the mute, restoring limbs to those who had lost them, and even life to the dead, for which the Holy Church counts you among the most sublime miracle workers. Please, work new wonders for these afflicted persons who are waiting with great anxiety for your graces and miracles.

*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be
St. Anthony, pray for us,*



SCHEDULE OF NOVENA MASSES

for the *Feast of*
St. Anthony of Padua

6 – 14 June 2025
9:15 AM

(on 8th June, Sunday, it's at 9:30AM)

6 June (Friday) - Fr. Ronald
7 June – (Saturday) - Fr. Addin
8 June (Sunday) @9:30AM - Fr. Ruel
9 June (Monday) - Fr. Addin
10 June (Tuesday) - Fr. Ronald
11 June (Wednesday) - Fr. Ruel
12 June (Thursday) - Fr. Addin
***13 June (Friday) - Fr. Ronald
(Mass in Italian)**
14 June (Saturday) - Fr. Ruel

COME & CELEBRATE WITH US!
*Feast of St. Anthony of Padua -
The Great Miracle Worker*
15th June 2025 (Sunday)

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by SHARING A PLATE,**

or through FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

***For BUSINESS SPONSORS** we will be happy to print
your **BUSINESS ADS** for 4 consecutive Sundays in our
Parish Bulletin.

For inquiries, please contact:
Mr. Sev Cortese (0417 229 038) or the Parish Office,
or any of the priests of our parish.

Winter Night Support

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat". (Matt 25:35-40)

Many will remember our community involvement in the Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter. In the last few years, we have tried different formats, to support more people.

This year we are organising frozen meals to be stored in 3 local venues, for rough sleepers and families struggling to feed themselves and their children.

We are asking for help to provide the meals in the following way:

- (1) next time you make a pot of soup, a casserole, pasta dish or any other meal, make an extra serving or two and save it in the container, labelling it clearly. Freeze it. Give either myself or Sr Pam a ring and we can collect it and take it to a distribution point.
- (2) if you need any containers or labels, please give me a call.
- (2) donations of grocery items or vegies eg from your garden, are most welcome. If you would like to do a larger food donation, (there is some financial assistance available for this) please give me a call.

Thank you for your generosity

Maree McKenna (0409 056 464) and Sr Pam (0458 999 108)

2026 Foundation (Prep) Enrolment - St Mel's PS and St Anne's College

Enrolment Applications for 2026 are still being taken via our school community websites -

St. Mel's Primary School Website:

www.smshepparton.catholic.edu.au

St. Anne's College website:

www.sackialla.catholic.edu.au/

Primary School families holding a valid Health Care Card (HCC) are eligible for a significant reduction in School Fees for the upcoming year, including all fees and levies.

Interviews for families with students commencing Foundation in 2026 will commence shortly.



St. Mel's Parish

18 Hamilton St., Shepparton

29-31 May 2025

*Triduum of Prayer
to St. Hannibal*

*after the 9:15AM Daily Mass

1 June 2025

*Feast of
St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia*

Founder of the Rogationists and Daughters of Divine Zeal
Apostle of Prayer for Vocations
Father of the Orphans and the Poor

*Prayer to St. Hannibal will be recited after the 9:30AM and 5:00PM Sunday Masses. Holy Mass for his feast will be celebrated on 2 June 2025 by the Rogationist Religious community.



Subscribe to Flocknote, to receive parish news & updates about upcoming events: Subscribe by using the QR Code.



Shepparton & Nagambie Mass Schedule

St Mel's

SUNDAY

St. Mel's 9:30 am
St. Mel's 5:00 pm

TUESDAY to SATURDAY

St. Mel's 9:15 am

St Malachy's

SUNDAY (1st & 3rd)*

St. Malachy's 09:00 am
*2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays
Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

CONFESSIONS

St. Mel's: Every Thurs at 8:15 - 9:00 am

BAPTISMS (St Mel's)

3rd Sunday of the month

MARRIAGE

2 months-notice required

Parish Staff

Fr. Joe Taylor
Parish Administrator

Fr. Ruel Desamparado RCJ
Assistant Priest

Sr Pam Barlow
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Office Hours

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Friday: 9:30am -12:30 pm

Commentators/Lectors/ Special Ministers

Sunday 8th
June

Commentators

9:30am Gabrielle Barrette
5pm Samoan Community

Lectors

9:30am Pauline Pettigrew (L1) David Sellwood (L2)
5pm Samoan Community (L1) (L2)

Special Ministers

9:30am Anthony Butts & Sarah Maloney
5pm Rosana Legalo & Erin Tanner



St. Mel's Parish
18 Hamilton St., Shepparton
VIC 3630

As one Parish Community
we invite you to

JOIN US FOR THE
9 FIRST FRIDAY
NOVENA MASSES
IN HONOR OF THE

Sto. Niño
(Infant Jesus)

6:00PM
at St. Mel's Parish Church

- *2nd May
- *6th June
- *4th July
- *1st August
- *5th September
- *3rd October
- *7th November
- *5th December,
2nd January 2026

FEAST OF THE
STO. NIÑO 2026
WILL BE ON
18TH JANUARY 2026.




Support your Parish!

Help fund our initiatives
to move from
maintenance to mission!

"Together we do more"

Use the QR Code to access
our Donations Page.

May's Target = \$14,877
Actual - \$8,875
Short - \$6,002
June's Target = \$20,880



\$14,877 is May's Target

\$8,875
Week Four \$1,640

\$7,235
Week Three \$2,278

\$4,957
Week Two \$1,848

\$3,109
Week One \$3,109

**TOGETHER
WE CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

JOIN US IN REACHING OUR
MONTHLY GOAL

**DONATE
TODAY!**

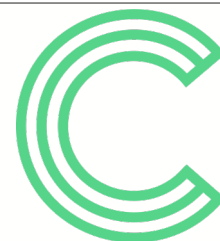
ST. MEL'S PARISH

We ask for your prayers for the Eternal Repose of

Anniversaries: Catena Cari, Frances Cusheon, Vincenzo Campi,
Angela-Rasa Lustri, Francesca Lustri



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We are a Safe Church Community.
We promote the safety, wellbeing
and inclusion of all and a zero
tolerance to abuse.

St Mel's Parish Safeguarding officer
is Trish Mathisen. Ph: 0428 213 757

To find out more ways on how you can help improve our Parochial
Community please contact Mel at **(03) 5831 2194**
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