



St Damian's Catholic Church

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WELCOME TO ST DAMIAN'S

WEEKENDS

Saturday Evening: 5.30pm

Sunday Morning: 8.00am & 10.00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday: no Mass

Tuesday: 9.15am

Wednesday: 9.15am

Thursday: 9.15am & Divine Mercy

Friday: 9.15am

First Saturday: 9.15am Mass & Divine Mercy

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.00pm

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday at 11.30am after Mass.

Preparation 1st Wednesday each month at

5.30pm in the Dunlop Room. Parents must

contact the Parish Office to make necessary

arrangements. One month notice is required.

ST. DAMIAN'S SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Rosanna Piccolo

Telephone: 9467 8566

Email: principal@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au

HOLY HOUR

One hour of Novena, Confession and

Benediction after morning Mass on the first

Friday of the Month.

MARRIAGES

Those intending to marry at St. Damian's

should arrange to meet the Parish Priest

at least 6 months in advance of the

proposed date.

St. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

All enquiries: 1300 305 330

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 31st AUGUST 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29;

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24;

Lk 14:1, 7-14.

NEXT WEEK

Wis 9:13-18;

Philemon 9-10, 12-17;

Lk 14:25-33.

PSALM

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom.

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor.

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

SRI LANKEN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Wed 3rd Sept— St Gregory the Great

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for
I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Giuseppe & Giuseppina Lentini, Vincenzo D' Atri, Antonio Perez, Hortencia Perez, Horacio Perez

Sick : John Long, Antonio Castro, Perpetuna Basada, Olivia Petrelli, Angelo Trinidad, Norma Frendo

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Safeguarding of children and vulnerable young people

As required by law, we as the Church and Parishes have a moral, legal and ethical responsibility to care for, and promote the wellbeing of children and young people, and protect them from harm or abuse. Therefore while in church or on parish grounds:

**Please ensure you know exactly where your child is if they're not beside you. *Please accompany your child (16 years and younger) if they need to leave the church for any reason (eg: going to toilet or car, etc...) *Children should never be alone in the car park or playground. *Please keep valuable personal belongings with you (purses, glasses, phones, etc...) and double check before leaving your seat, even briefly during Communion*

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we stand, the WURRUNDJERI People. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.

SHORT REFLECTION FOR THE 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

I'd like to begin with a story:

A man once visited a famous monastery known for its holy monks. He asked the Abbot, "What is the secret of your community's peace and joy?" The Abbot smiled and said, "We have learned to live like violins in an orchestra - each one playing softly enough to let the music of God be heard."

This is what today's readings teach us: humility, joyful faith, and generous love.

1. Humility – The Path to God's Favour (Sirach or Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21, 30-31)

The Book of Sirach says: "The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself."

Humility is not thinking less of ourselves but thinking of ourselves less recognising that all we have is a gift from God.

- It helps us listen, forgive, and serve.
- It protects us from pride and makes room for God to work in our lives.

Daily Application: Practice humility by saying a kind word instead of proving you're right, by letting others go first, or by silently offering a prayer for someone who irritates you.

2. Faith Brings Joy, Not Fear (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a)

The Letter to the Hebrews tells us that we have come, not to a mountain of fear (Sinai), but to a heavenly Jerusalem filled with angels and saints. Faith changes the way we approach God. We come not as trembling servants, but as beloved children, joyfully welcomed.

Daily Application: Begin and end each day thanking God for His love rather than worrying about what we lack. Gratitude turns fear into joy.

3. Serving Those Who Cannot Repay Us (Luke 14:1, 7-14)

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to seek the best seats, but to choose the lowest place and to invite the poor, crippled, lame, and blind to our banquet. This is about living for others, not for praise or repayment.

Daily Application: Look for ways to serve quietly - help a neighbour, visit the lonely, share a meal, or encourage someone who has lost hope. These acts may go unnoticed by others, but not by God.

So, friends, humility, joyful faith, and selfless service this is how God invites us to live each day. And one day, at the great banquet of heaven, He will say: "Friend, come up higher." Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Rosters 6th & 7th September 2025

Time	Readers	Eucharist/ Welcome	Counters
5.30pm	J. Borg S. Gooneratne	W. Fernando Sr . Felicity T. Garcia	N & K Nugent M. Thompson
8.00am	V. Dalla– Vecchia C. Love	A. Dalla– Vecchia Sr . Nelia M. Beverley	Supervisor
10.00am	P. Bezzina E. Jones	J. Venturini L. Careri W. Md Eleney	M. Jones



Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers

Please gather together in the Church about 5 minutes before Mass. Eucharistic Ministers Please remember you are also welcoming Parishioners & visitors & handing out the newsletter.

PRESENTATION OF SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

At this weekend Masses, we welcome the students from St Damian's Primary School and Parish and their Families for the Sacrament of Eucharist.

THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2025

ALL NEW KIA PICANTO TO BE WON!!!

Tickets are available to be purchased by contacting, Dianne in the Parish Office 9467 2797. Tickets are \$2.00 each and \$1.50 from each ticket goes directly to St Damian's Parish.

Raffle Drawn on the 6th December



1st PRIZE!!

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Women's Group - "Handmaids of the Lord" We are inviting women (36 yrs old+) for a Christian Life Program.

Date: Sundays, 17 August to 5 October 2025

Time: 1:30 pm - 5pm

Venue: St Damian's Catholic Church, Dunlop Room (Bundoora)

We will have talks to help one understand and live one's faith more deeply. (fostering prayers, study and friendship)

No cost; food and drinks are provided.
 Contact: Jem Streicher (0432 164347) or
 Josie Domingo (0405 431407)

* Ministry of the Couples for Christ Australia for women (married, widows, divorced or single women)

ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2025

Dear friends in Christ, at the recent Clergy Conference held at RACV Cape Schank, our Archbishop, Peter A. Comensoli, invited all parish priests to assist him in promoting the *Archbishop's Campaign 2025*.

As your parish priest, I now reach out to ask for your generous support. Your contribution will assist the Archbishop in sustaining important works, including:

- **Corpus Christi College Building Fund** – supporting the formation of future priests
- **Priests Retirement Foundation** – caring for our retired clergy
- **John Pierce Centre** – serving the hearing-impaired community
- **Melbourne Overseas Mission** – reaching out to those in need around the world
- **University of Divinity Building Fund** – enhancing theological education
- **Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives** – fostering faith across the Archdiocese
- **Seminarian Education** – preparing future shepherds of our Church

Envelopes for your donation are available in the Church foyer.

On behalf of Archbishop Peter, I sincerely thank you for your generosity and ongoing support. May God bless you and your families abundantly.

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

10th Anniversary of Priesthood – A Message of Thanks

Dear Parishioners and Visitors, we are now only a few days away from celebrating my 10th Anniversary of Priesthood, and I would like to reach out once more to share my heartfelt gratitude and joy.

First, please know that this is an open celebration – everyone is warmly invited! **Second**, my sincere thanks to all who have volunteered to help organise this special event. In particular, I thank our Parish Pastoral Council, our parish secretary, Dianne, and our dedicated helpers – Loida Kanniah, Paul Bezzina, Marie Jones, and Shay – for their time and efforts.

Finally, I deeply appreciate your generosity in providing food, drinks, and donations to make this celebration truly memorable.

Please note: Mass of Thanksgiving will begin at 6:00 pm in the Church, followed by an informal dinner and entertainment in the Hall.

I feel like a truly "spoiled priest" to be surrounded by such a loving and supportive community. I look forward to celebrating this milestone with all of you. Once again, thank you and God bless you all.

Fr. Joe Dong Tran

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St Damian's Parish Prayer

Lord, our God, your parish family thanks you for the faith we all share.

Make us a people who care for one another and may we have a genuine concern for the wider community.

Help our parents to give good example;
Give our children the grace of love and respect.
Fill our youth with wisdom, hope and vision;
Their Leadership is the future of our Church and our Nation.
To our sick—grant health;
To those of advancing years—serenity;
And to those in sorrow—your peace and joy.

Lord, our God, deepen our love and strengthen our faith.
Jesus, nourish us with your Word and Eucharist.
Holy Spirit, direct us in all we do and help us to say always:

"Lord, it is good for us to be here."

This is our home, be with us as we continue to build your kingdom on earth.

St Damian Pray for us

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