



St Damian's Catholic Church

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WEEKENDS

Saturday Evening: 5.30pm
Sunday Morning: 8am & 10am

WEEKDAYS

Monday: no Mass
Tuesday: 9.15am
Wednesday: 9.15am
Thursday: 9.15am
Friday: 9.15am
First Saturday: 9.15am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5pm and during monthly Holy Hour

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday at 11.30am after Mass.
Preparation 1st Wednesday each month at 5.30pm in the Dunlop Room. Parents should 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 21ST APRIL 2024

THIS WEEKEND

Acts 4: 8-12
1 Jn 3:1-2
Jn 10 11-18

NEXT WEEK

Acts 9:26-31
1 Jn 3:18-24
Jn 15:1-8

PSALM

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.!

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Fri 26th April: St Mark

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths: Frank Gridley,

Anniversaries: Agapito Omega, Kalil Azal, Catherine Naha, Edward Orfali, Menotti Camilli

Sick: Iris Bonello, Carlos, Peter Oei, and Edilberto Boy Omega

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...)*

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.



Weekend Bulletin for 4th Week of Easter

Short Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Easter – Year B

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we come together on this fourth Sunday of Easter, known as Good Shepherd Sunday, we are called to reflect on the profound love and care of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Good Shepherd. In our Gospel reading from the Evangelist John, Jesus portrays himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep, demonstrating his selfless sacrifice and unwavering commitment to his flock.

In the second reading from the first letter of St. John, we are reminded of our ultimate destiny - to be like God and to see him as he truly is. This vision of divine glory inspires us to strive for holiness and to emulate the example of Christ, the Good Shepherd, in our lives.

The first reading from the Book of Acts further reinforces the centrality of Jesus Christ in our salvation. It proclaims that salvation is found in no one else but Jesus, for he is the name by which we are saved. This truth underscores the significance of our relationship with Jesus Christ, who leads us to eternal life through his selfless sacrifice on the cross.

On this special Sunday dedicated to the Vocation of Priesthood, I humbly ask for your prayers for me and for all priests, that we may faithfully follow the example of the Good Shepherd in our service to God's people. Let us pray for the grace to be true shepherds after the heart of Christ, caring for the spiritual welfare of those entrusted to our care with selflessness and compassion.

As your shepherd, I promise to keep you all in my daily eucharistic celebration and prayers, entrusting each one of you to the loving care of the Good Shepherd. May his love and protection surround us always, guiding us along the path of righteousness and leading us to the fullness of life in him.

With prayers and blessings,

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Rosters for 27th & 28th April 2024

Mass Time	Reader / Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety	Counters	Readers/ Responders
5.30pm	J. Mercado N. Nugent	P. Cosgrove M. Kanniah S. Gooneratne	J. Noonan	G. Love A. Schuck	Eucharist/ Welcomers
8.00am	V. Smith' C. Love	M. Beverley J. Fellowes C. Fitzgerald	J. Finch	Supervisor	Please gather together in the Sacristy about minutes prior to Mass.
10.00am	J. Venturini' B. Walter	N. Cardamone L. Careri C. Manabat	J. Ventuini	M. Sweetman	Eucharist Ministers— please remember that you are also welcoming pa- rishioners & visi- tors & handing
					

BAPTISM : This weekend we welcome into the family of St Damian's Mikayla Jayde Del Toso who is being baptised.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

I am pleased to announce the updated Parish Pastoral Council membership team following the recent renewal process. Our team now consists of the following members:

New Members:	Renewal Members:	Ex-officio Members:
1. Kai Straicher	1. Paul Bezzina	1. Dianne Stubbs (Parish Secretary)
2. Shay Gooneratne	2. Carlos Manabat	2. Fr. Joe Dong (Parish Priest)
	3. Michael Kanniah	
	4. Santina Pezzin	

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the new and renewal members for their willingness to serve and contribute to our parish community. Your dedication and commitment are truly appreciated, and I look forward to working together with you all to continue serving our community.

I also want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the outgoing members who have dedicated their time and effort to the Parish Pastoral Council over the past several years. Your contributions have been invaluable, and we are grateful for your service.

May God bless each of us as we continue our mission of serving and nurturing our parish community.

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Warm regards,

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Parish Census Announcement

Dear Friends,

This year, our Archbishop has requested that we conduct a Parish Census over three weekends in May. The purpose of this census is to update our records and better understand the demographics of our parish community.

Details regarding the Parish Census are as follows:

1. Census Roll Out Week 1 – Saturday May 4th / Sunday May 5th.

- Census Cards distributed before every Mass.
- Explanation about how to fill the cards out.
- Collection and safe keeping of Pledge cards

2. Census Roll Out Week 2 – Saturday May 11th / Sunday May 12th

Census Cards distributed before every Mass.

3. Census Roll Out Week 3 – Saturday May 18th / Sunday May 19th.

- Census Cards distributed before every Mass.
- Final reminder to fill out cards.

Thank you for your cooperation and participation in the Parish Census. Your input is invaluable as we strive to strengthen and grow our parish community.

FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA OF DIVINE MERCY CHALET

Dear Friends,

I'm writing to inform you about an exciting update to our parish prayer schedule in response to the positive feedback we received from our Divine Mercy celebration last Sunday.

Many parishioners expressed a desire to continue praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet regularly, and I am pleased to announce that we will now be offering the **Novena of Divine Mercy Chaplet once a week on Thursdays after the 9:15 AM Mass.**

I invite all of you to join us in prayer as we come together to lift up our intentions and seek God's mercy and grace. Let us support one another in our spiritual journey and grow closer to God through our communal prayer. God bless you abundantly.

Mother's Day Raffle Tickets Now Available!



Dear Parishioners,

As Mother's Day approaches on Sunday, May 12th, we are excited to announce that our parish will be holding a special raffle to celebrate this occasion. To prepare for this event, we will begin selling raffle tickets starting from this week.

Your support for this initiative is greatly appreciated, as proceeds from the raffle will go towards for this event.

We encourage all parishioners to participate in this raffle and help make Mother's Day a memorable and enjoyable celebration for everyone. Your contribution will make a difference and is a wonderful way to show your appreciation for the mothers in our lives. Thank you for your support.

WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE - FREE EVENT!

You know that prayer is important but may still find it challenging.

Perhaps it's hard to find time, or you're unsure what to do when you pray. Or, maybe you feel discouraged by your weaknesses and your inability to overcome them. If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Many of the saints struggled in prayer.

They were like us. But each time they fell, they got up again and learned to rely more on God's grace.

What God did in the lives of countless saints, he wants to do in the lives of ordinary people like us. And that's what this study is about: the journey of prayer God wants to take us on.

Join us for When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God at St Damian's in the Dunlop Room beginning 19th June, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, and continuing every following Weds for total 7 weeks.

For more information contact Maria by email at han_maria@hotmail.com or indicate your interest on the form located in the Church foyer.

Have you been thinking about coming a catholic? Or, Have you even been thinking to invite other to be a catholic? IF YES!

Please feel free to contact the Parish Office on 9467 2797 for any further information

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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