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WEEKENDS

Saturday Evening: 5.30pm

Sunday Morning: 8am & 10am

WEEKDAYS

Monday: no Mass

Tuesday: 9.15am

Wednesday: 7.00pm Mass & Novena

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 and Benediction after morning Mass on 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 in Ordinary Time January 28th, 2024

READING

Deut: 18:15-20

1 Cor 7:32-35

Mk 1:21-28

NEXT WEEK

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Cor 9:16-19

Mk 1:29-39

PSALM

If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in, let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Wed: 31st January: St John Bosco

Fri 2nd January: The Presentation of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths: Fedela Gugliotti

Joseph Nguyen Van Cuong

Anniversaries: Martinus Langelaan, Gordon Barrett, Francesco Garra, Anna La Morticella,, Rita Rugger, Brygitte Miclimaka, Eugne Urbois, Kenneth Bartlett, Roland Don Paul

Sick:

CHURCH PRIVACY POLICY: In 2001, the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments introduced legislation that deals with the manner in which public and private sector organisations may record, use, store and disclose information, including health, collected from individuals. The Catholic Parish of St. Damian's Bundoora is committed to upholding the Privacy principles set out in the legislation.

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.



Reflection for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In today's Gospel, we encounter a scene where Jesus enters the synagogue and teaches with an authority that astonishes the people were captivated, not just by His words but by the power that accompanied them.

This authority was not rooted in a title, a position, or an institution. It was an authority that came from Jesus' very being, from His intimate connection with the Father. The people recognized in Jesus a new and profound source of wisdom, one that surpassed human understanding.

The Gospel also presents an encounter with a man possessed by an unclean spirit. The demon recognizes Jesus and questions His authority, asking if He has come to destroy them. Jesus, with calm and commanding authority, rebukes the unclean spirit and restores order. The people are once again amazed, not just by His teaching but by His power over the forces of darkness.

As we reflect on these readings, we are invited to consider the authority in our own lives. We live in a world where authority is often associated with dominance, control, and power. However, Jesus presents a different model of authority—one rooted in love, compassion, and service.

The authority of Jesus liberates; it sets people free from the bonds of sin, darkness, and despair. It is an authority that invites us to a profound relationship with God, not one based on fear but on love.

In our daily lives, we encounter various sources of authority—whether in our workplaces, communities, or even within our families. Jesus challenges us to examine the nature of the authority we exercise and encounter. Is it an authority that seeks to dominate and control, or is it an authority that serves and uplifts?

St. Paul, in our second reading, speaks of the freedom that comes from undivided devotion to the Lord. This undivided devotion allows us to live in the world but not be of the world, to exercise authority with a heart attuned to the teachings of Christ.

As we strive to live out our Christian calling, let us draw inspiration from the authority of Jesus. Let our words and actions reflect the liberating power of the Gospel. May our authority be a force for good, bringing healing, reconciliation, and justice to a world in need. Let us pray for the grace to exercise authority with humility, recognizing that true leadership is found in service. May the Holy Spirit guide us, so that, like Jesus, we may bring light into the darkness and set the captives free. Amen.

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P.

Rosters: for 3rd & 4th February 2024

Mass Time	Reader / Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety	Counters	Readers/ Responders
5.30pm	P. Bezzina P. Cosgrove	D. Whyley S. Gooneratne M. Spiteri	J. Barone	E & N Manalansan	Readers/ Responders Eucharist / Welcomers, .. Please gather together in the Sacristy about minutes prior to Mass. Eucharist Ministers— please remember that you are also welcoming parishioners & visitors & handing out the newsletter.
8.00am	O. Carvalho V. Dalla vecchia	A. Dalla – vecchia S. Aldridge C. Fitzgerald	A. Brammer	Supervisor	
10.00am	J. Capuana M. Han	L. Careri N. Cardamone C. Manabat	L. Careri	M. Jones	

What's on at St. Damian's Parish & beyond. . .

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 25th February: 10.00 am Loyola College Mass

PARISH STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.
If you are able to help with deliveries to your neighbours. Thank you!

PIETY SHOP

The Piety shop will re-open on the weekend of the 3rd & 4th February and will be open after all weekend Masses.

The 2024 Columban Calendars will be available for the next two weekends @10.00 each.

INTRODUCING THE CDF SMART TERMINAL FOR EASY DONATIONS

Donation Point

1. Choose amount
2. Press # or dollar
3. Confirm



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm excited to share with you a convenient way to make contributions to our Catholic Development Fund (CDF) through the newly installed CDF Smart Terminal in our church.

The Smart Terminal, known as 'Quest QT850' with a Donation Point Tap application, is located on your left-hand side as you enter the church. Making a donation is now simpler than ever:

1. **Select a preset donation amount – options include \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, etc.**
2. **Choose your desired donation amount.**
3. **Input the selected amount (up to \$99.00).**
4. **Confirm, and it's done!**

If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact either Fr. Joe Dong or the Parish Office. Your generous contributions play a vital role in supporting our parish community.

Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

God Bless

World Day of Prayer 2024

Theme this year:

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN PALESTINE

'I beg you...bear with one another in love'

Saturday 2nd March at 10:30am

St Damian's Parish

5 settlement Road, Bundoora

Followed by a light lunch and Tea and Coffee
in the Dunlop Room

GENTLE REMINDER FOR A SACRED WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

As we gather in prayer and worship during the Holy Mass, we kindly request your cooperation in maintaining a sacred and reverent atmosphere. Please take note of the following reminders:

1. **Silent Phones:** Prioritize a distraction-free environment by placing your mobile phones on silent mode during the Holy Mass.
2. **Silence in the Church:** To honour the sanctity of the Mass, we encourage everyone to maintain a quiet and contemplative atmosphere within the church. This fosters an environment conducive to prayer and reflection.
3. **Stay Until the End:** As a sign of unity and respect for the entire worshipping community, we kindly request that you remain until the Final Song has concluded.

Your mindful observance of these reminders contributes to the solemnity of our worship experience. We appreciate your understanding and commitment to fostering a sacred space for all. REMINDERS!

Fr. Joe Dong Tran .P.P

APPRECIATION FOR ROSTER COORDINATORS

Dear Coordinators,

I extend my deepest thanks to each of you for your invaluable assistance in creating the new rosters for the upcoming year:

- **Roster of Counters:** Marie Jones
- **Roster of Readers & Eucharistic Ministers:** Carmel FitzGerald
- **Roster of Piety Shop:** Annemarie Brammer

Your dedication, time, and effort in putting together these rosters have made the task much more manageable for me. Your commitment to the parish is truly commendable.

May God bless each of you abundantly and continue to hold you in His love.

Kind regards, **Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P.**

Sacraments Program 2024

31st January- 20th March: Reconciliation Classes.

17th April- 12th June Confirmation Classes

July 17–September 4 : Eucharist Classes

All classes are scheduled every Wednesday at 4.00pm to 5.00pm in the Dunlop Room.

Any enquiries please contact the Parish Office 9467 2797.

Andrea Groom

Sacramental Co- Ordinator

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.

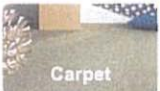
Lord, our God, deepen our love and strengthen our faith.
Jesus, nourish us with your Word and Eucharist.
Holy Spirit, direct us in all we do and help us to say always:

"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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