



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

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TME, 25th JANUARY 2026

THIS WEEKEND

Is 8:23-9:3

1 Cor 1:10-13-17

Mt 4:12-23

NEXT WEEK

Zeph 2:3, 3: 12-13

1 Cor 1:26-31

Mt 5:1-12

PSALM

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

The Lord is my light and my salvation

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 26th January: Australia Day

Wed 28th January: St Thomas Aquinas

Sat 31st January: St John Bosco

SRI LANKEN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths: Lisange Constantin, Sr Leonie Gleenen, Leo Javier

Anniversaries: Francesco Garra, Martinus Langelaan, Gordon Bartlett, Emma Henwood

Sick : Teresa Munoz, Lottie Constantino, Estellita Steven, Diana Whyllie, Helen Mc Kinery

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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 - 3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



There is a beautiful saying: "When a small light is lit in a dark room, the whole room changes." Nothing else in the room moves, yet everything looks different. Today's readings tell us that God has lit such a light in our world, and in our hearts through Jesus.

In the First Reading, Isaiah speaks to a people who have lived in darkness, darkness of suffering, exile, fear, and hopelessness. Yet God promises: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." That light is not just comfort; it is a new beginning. God does not leave His people trapped in their night.

In the Gospel, St. Matthew shows us how this prophecy is fulfilled. Jesus begins His ministry in Galilee, a place known for its mixed cultures and troubled history. And there, Jesus proclaims: "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand." Light enters the darkness. He then calls ordinary people - fishermen and invites them to follow Him and become "fishers of men." The light of Christ spreads not by force, but through people who say yes.

St Paul, in the Second Reading, reminds us that this light cannot shine if the Church is divided. The Corinthians were arguing about leaders: Paul, Apollos, Cephas. Paul asks, "Is Christ divided?" When Christians fight, compete, or form groups, the light of Christ becomes blurred. Unity is not optional; it is part of our witness.

From today's Word of God, we can draw three daily reflections:

1. Let Christ enter your darkness: we all carry dark places: fear, guilt, loneliness, worries about the future. Jesus does not wait for us to be perfect. He comes into our Galilee, into our broken and ordinary lives. Let His Word, prayer, and Eucharist shine where you feel lost. Light grows when we let Christ in.
2. Follow, don't delay: the fishermen dropped their nets at once. They did not know everything, but they trusted the One who called them. God still calls us: to forgive, to serve, to change, to be more faithful. Many miss their calling because they keep holding onto their nets. What might God be asking you to let go of today?
3. Build unity, not division: our families, parishes, and communities need healers, not critics. St Paul's warning is still relevant: Christ is not divided. Gossip, pride, and jealousy dim the Gospel's light. Love, humility, and cooperation make Christ visible.

Today, Jesus stands at the shore of our lives and says, "Follow me." If we walk in His light, we become light for others. Amen.

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

ROSTER: 31st Jan & 1st February

Time
5.30pm
8.00am
10.00am

Readers
J. Mercado J. Favrin
V. Dalla- Vecchia C Fitzgerald
J. Sobey P. Gill

EUCCHARIST
L. Gooneratne T. Garcia Sr. F. Hardy
A. Dalla- Vecchia S. Aldridge M. Beverley
N. Cardamone L. Careri P. Del Popolo

COUNTERS
E. Mana Lansan N. Mana Lansan
Supervisor
M. Jones
 Ministries

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.

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AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION – MONDAY, 26 JANUARY 2026

Today we give thanks for Australia - for this beautiful land, for its people, and for the many blessings we enjoy. We remember that this land was first cared for by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and we honour their long history, deep spirituality, and enduring resilience.

Australia Day invites us not only to celebrate, but also to reflect: to heal what is broken, to listen with humility, and to walk together in respect and unity. As followers of Christ, we are called to be peacemakers, to seek justice, and to love one another as brothers and sisters.

To mark this day, our church will celebrate **Holy Mass on Monday, 26 January at 10:00am**, to pray for our country and all its people.

May God bless Australia, guide our leaders, and help us build a nation marked by compassion, unity, and hope.

EUCHARISTIC & READERS ROSTERS TO BE COLLECTED



Dear Readers and Eucharistic Ministers
Thank you so much for volunteering and contributing to our vibrant liturgy at St Damian's Parish.

Our new rosters will be available this weekend for collection in the Church foyer. If you are able to collect a roster for a friend or family member this would be very much appreciated.

Our new rosters start on 31st January. If you have any questions please email me or phone the parish office to assist
Phone: 9467 2797

Email: carmelpatriciafitzgerald@gmail.com>

Thankyou , Carmel Fitzgerald
Roster Co- Ordinator

SACRAMENT ENROLEMENT AT ST DAMIAN'S PARISH 2026

All Catholic children from other schools who haven't received Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation, are invited to participate in the Preparation Program which will begin February 2026. Please call the Parish Office and speak to Andrea Groom for more information on 9467 2797.

January 29, 2026: Enrolment, 4:00-5pm, in the Dunlop Room

Sacraments Program 2026

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February 5-March 26 : Reconciliation Classes

March 21: Parish Presentation Mass, 5:30pm
March 28: Reconciliation Ceremony, 4:45pm

April 23-June 18: First Eucharist Classes

June 13 Parish Presentation Mass, 5:30pm
June 20: First Eucharist Celebration Mass, 5:30pm

July 16-Sept 10: Confirmation Classes

Sept 5: Parish Presentation Mass, 5:30pm
Sept 12: Confirmation Day/Mass, 5:30pm

All classes are held on a Thursday, 4:00-5pm in the Dunlop Room.

Thank you, Andrea Groom (Sacrament Co-Ordinator)

St Damian's Church Bundoora



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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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