



St Damian's Catholic Church

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WELCOME TO ST DAMIAN'S

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

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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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, KING of the Universe 24th November 2024

THIS WEEKEND

Dan 7:13-14;

Rev 1:5-8;

Jn 18:33-37.

NEXT WEEK

Jer 33:14-16;

1 Thess 3:12-4:2;

Lk 21:25-28,34-36.

PSALM

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power.

The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time.

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Sat 30th November: St Andrew

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of
David our father; blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Andrea Faustina, Domenic & Theresa, Domenic, Vincent, Maria, Ancestors,

Suleiman Chamoun, Matilda Chamoun, Robert Chamoun, Marie Haddad, Michael Vader, Elizabeth De Vincenzo

Sick: Judy Cousins, Jon Walker, Teresita Calma

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 on the Solemnity of the Feast of Christ the King – Year B

Dear Friends in Christ the King,

The Solemnity of Christ the King marks the conclusion of the liturgical year and invites us to reflect on Christ's eternal reign over all creation. It reminds us that, as the Church prepares to begin a new liturgical year, our lives are centred on Jesus, the King of Kings.

In our first reading from Daniel 7:13-14, we see a vision of "one like a Son of Man" being given dominion, glory, and kingship. His reign is eternal and universal, surpassing all earthly kingdoms. This reminds us that Christ's kingdom is not based on power or force but on justice, love, and mercy.

In the second reading, from Revelation 1:5-8, we are reminded that Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. His kingship is rooted in his love for us, demonstrated by his sacrifice on the cross to free us from sin. His reign invites us to live as citizens of a kingdom that is not of this world but is eternal and redemptive.

In the Gospel of John 18:33-37, Pilate questions Jesus about being a king. Jesus responds, "My kingdom is not from this world." His kingship is not about political power but about truth. Jesus is the King who came to serve and save, inviting us to listen to his voice and live according to the truth of the Gospel.

What can we learn from this feast?

1. **Christ's Kingdom is Eternal:** While earthly kingdoms rise and fall, Christ's reign is everlasting, offering us hope and assurance amid life's uncertainties.
2. **We are called to be witnesses:** As members of Christ's kingdom, we are called to reflect his love, justice, and mercy in our lives, becoming ambassadors of his truth.
3. **True power is found in service:** Jesus teaches us that true kingship is found in humility and self-giving love, not in domination or control.
4. **Prepare for the New Liturgical Year:** As we transition into the new Church year, this feast reminds us to renew our commitment to Christ as our King and guide in all things.

Let us rejoice in Christ, our King, and pledge ourselves anew to serve him with faithful hearts, proclaiming his kingdom through our words and actions. May his reign of love and peace be alive in our hearts and in the world! Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Roster: 30th November & 1st December 2024					
Mass Time	Reader / Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety	Counters	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.
5.30pm	D. Whyley A. Dass	T. Garcia N. Nugent A. Karuppiah	J. Noonan	E & N Mana Lansan	
8.00am	J. North C. Fitzgerald	S. Aldridge M. Beverley J. Fellowes	A. Sharkey	Supervisor	
10.00am	J. Capuana N.. Mathews	Sr S Barker S. Gooneratne P. Gill	C. Manabat	M. Sweetman 	

SAVE THE DATES

Friday 29th November : Memorial Candle Lighting Mass at 7.00pm in the Church Followed by Cuppa..

Friday 6th December: Thanksgiving Mass & Supper for Volunteers at 7.00pm in the Hall.

ST DAMIAN'S 2025 ADVENT PROGRAM

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

As announced in our bulletin over the past few weeks, I am excited to remind you about our upcoming **Advent Program**, facilitated by **Sister Sue Barker SGS** and her dedicated team, along with **Maria-Han** and **Ellen Macmanus**. In preparation for welcoming Jesus Christ, the Son of God, into our world, we invite you to join us for three reflective and spiritually enriching sessions on the following Thursdays:

- **28th November**
- **5th December**
- **11th December**



The sessions will run from **7:30 pm to 9:00 pm** in the **Dunlop Room**.

These sessions are **free of charge** and open to everyone. A cuppa will also be provided for fellowship and sharing.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Sister Sue Barker and her team for their dedication and generosity in organizing this program.

I warmly encourage you all to attend and take this opportunity to deepen your faith and prepare your hearts for the coming of Christ this Advent season.

God bless you all, and I look forward to welcoming you!

Invitation to Christmas Eve Family Mass

Dear Parents,

On **Christmas Eve**, we warmly invite you and your children to join us for our **Family Mass at 7:30 pm**, with **Carols starting at 7:00 pm**. This special celebration is a wonderful opportunity for our St. Damian's Community to come together in the spirit of Christmas.

To make it even more joyful, I encourage the children to dress as their favourite Nativity character: **Mary, an Angel, a Shepherd, a Star, a Donkey, a Sheep, a Wise Man**, or any other role from the Nativity story.

Let's celebrate this holy night with hearts full of love and joy. I look forward to welcoming you all and sharing this special time together.

1st Collection

BSB: 083347 Account: 660192933

Thanksgiving Offering To support:

1. Parish running costs
2. Parish pastoral initiatives
3. Diocesan and various services

We appreciate all donations, In the narrative please add your name and envelope number.

CANDLES LIGHT IN MEMORIAL SERVICE AT CHURCH



Dear Parishioners, Friends, and Visitors,

According to Church tradition, November is a month dedicated to remembering our loved ones who have passed before us. One meaningful way we honour their memory is through the lighting of candles during a memorial Mass, a tradition that brings comfort and reminds us of our enduring connection to them.

The Meaning Behind Candle Lighting:

- **Symbolism:** The candle flame represents the life and spirit of the departed, symbolizing their eternal soul. Lighting a candle is a universal act of remembrance.
- **Reflection:** Lighting a candle invites us to pause, reflect, and connect with our memories.
- **Community:** Coming together to light candles provides a shared experience of remembrance and support.
- **Comfort:** This act brings solace, allowing us to feel close to those we miss.

With this in mind, I warmly invite you to our **Memorial Candle Lighting Mass on Friday, November 29th, at 7:00 pm** in our Church.

If you would like to join us, please consider the following:

1. **Bring a Photo:** Feel free to bring a framed photo of your loved one.
2. **Family Candle Lighting:** After Mass, each family is invited to light a candle provided by the parish. If you wish for your family name to be announced aloud, please send it to us in advance, along with a confirmation of your attendance.

We look forward to gathering in prayer for our loved ones and honouring their memory. Following the Mass, you are warmly invited to join us for a cuppa in the Dunlop Room.

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Blessings to you all,

2nd Collection

BSB: 083347: Account: 661001801

Presbytery Offering To support:

1. Fr. Dong Tran
2. Sick and retired priests
3. Priests in needy parishes
4. Archbishop & auxiliary bishops

We appreciate all donations, In the narrative please put your name and envelope number. Thank you

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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