



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: 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
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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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, 26TH NOVEMBER 2023

READING

Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17
1 Cor 15:20-26,28
Mt 25:31-46

NEXT WEEK

Is 63:16-17
1 Cor 1:3-9
Mk 13:33-37

PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me response.

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

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FEAST DAY DURING THE WEEK

Thurs: 30th November: St Andrew

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths : Lina Fasciani

Anniversaries : Max Mortimer, Salvatore & Immacolata Barone, Rosa Pascuzzi, Charles Warson

Sick:: Joven, Anita Gentile, Paul Long, Louisa, Virginia, Samuel Sughihto, Gloria Franco, Luisa Valente, Rosa Diez, Emman Paneda

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 the 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 WURUNDJERI People of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.

Gospel Reflection on Solemnity of Christ the King – 34th, Year A

Dear Friends in Christ the King,

We are on the 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time, also known as the Solemnity of Christ the King that marks the end of liturgical year. This Feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 against the deadly influence of Secularism. The feast is intended to proclaim in a resounding and effective way, Christ's royalty over all nations.

Our first reading today, the Lord through prophet Ezekiel reassures us of his continuous care for us: "I am going to look after my flock myself... I shall be a true shepherd to them...." One remarkable thing about this reading is that for nine times, the personal pronoun "I" was employed. First, this is to convey God's personal interest in his flock. Second, this was to prove his promises already fulfilled in Jesus Christ in our time.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us of Christ's kingship and reign. He will continue to maintain his reign until He conquers death. Christ accomplished a task that no other could. That is, the defeat of sin and Satan through his own death. It was a hundred percent and total knockout. St Paul tells us that Christ did it "by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands...nailing it to the cross and by triumphing over them..." (Col 2, 14). He did it for our sake, and for the sake of his kingdom. So, we must abide with him who shed his blood for us. We must be part of his kingdom. We owe him homage every day of our life because, He is the King of kings.

Our Gospel today reminds us of the reign of Christ. His reign is that of justice. He will judge each of us according to our deeds. There will be no corruption, manipulation, or structural injustices during his reign. Rather, "...He will judge among the nations...and no nation will threaten another, nor will they train for war anymore, and His sceptre shall be peace and justice" (Is 2:4).

The question is, where is Christ supposed to reign? Of course, first, in our hearts! So, it suffices to note that, today's celebration would be meaningful, only if we personally permit Christ to reign in our lives. If he reigns in every heart, then he reigns in our world. If he reigns there already, then rejoice and celebrate. If not, then let us ask him today, to come in and reign. He says to us: "I stand at the door waiting, if you open, I will come in to eat and dine with him" (Rev 3, 20). Let us also permit him to be truly in control of the kingdom of our heart because if we make Him the king of our lives, we shall lack nothing, and surely, his goodness and mercy shall follow us, all the days of our life. And of course, we shall dwell peacefully in His palace. Amen.

Fr Joe Dong Tran PP

Rosters for 2nd & 3rd December 2023

Mass Time	Reader/Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety Shop	Counters	Readers/ Responders Eucharist / Welcomers, . . .
5.30pm	J. Mercado N. Nugent	B. Joyce L. Robinson D. Mash	P. Cosgrove	E. Manalansan N. Manlansan	Please gather
8.00am	V. Smith C. Fitzgerald	C. Love K. Keating Sr. Nelia	G. Cappadona	Supervisor M. Sweetman	together in the
10.00am	J. Capuana M. Han	N. Cardamone W. Mc Eleney R. Sacco	C. Manabat	 Ministries	Sacristy about 15 Minutes prior to Mass. Eucharist Ministers— please remember that you are also

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ADVENT RETREAT ON DECEMBER 9, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

I extend a heartfelt invitation to all of you for a **full-day Advent Retreat taking place on December 9, 2023**, right here in our parish. The retreat will run from 10 am to 4 pm and promises to be a day of spiritual enrichment and reflection.

Our theme for this special day is **"Mary's Yes to God's Call."** Led by the Melbourne Archdiocesan Proclaim Office, the retreat will encompass various elements such as Praise & Worship, insightful Talks, moments for Reflection, enriching Discussion, and an opportunity for Sharing.

The parish will be providing Morning Tea and lunch, ensuring a nourishing and enjoyable day for everyone attending. I encourage you to mark this date in your diary and extend this invitation to your friends and families. It would be wonderful to commence our Advent journey by spending precious time in the company of Mary, reflecting on her unwavering faith and willingness to answer God's call.

Your presence will truly enrich this event, fostering a sense of community and shared spiritual growth. I eagerly anticipate meeting and sharing this meaningful day with each one of you.

With warm regards, Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Advent Gospel Reflection Meetings!



Dear Friends, you are cordially invited to join me for a special series of Advent Gospel Reflection Meetings led by Fr. Joe Dong. These reflective gatherings will take place **every Wednesday during the Advent Season, immediately following the Evening Mass at 7 PM.** (Please note there will be NO NO-VENA during this Time.) I'm looking forward to sharing this insightful journey with you. God bless!



Please Support our Mission Lunch to support Phillipine Mission of Pastorelle Sisters.

Sat : 2nd December
Dunlop Room,
St Damian's Parish
Bundoora

Tickets: \$30 each
PH: Grace:

Donations to Catholic Deaf Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Catholic Deaf Collection last weekend.

We raised \$357.75 which is very much appreciated. Thank you.

INVITATION

**SPECIAL THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT
CONTRIBUTION AND INVOLVEMENT
VOLUNTEERS END OF YEAR
THANK YOU!**

**FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2023
7.00 PM MASS OF THANKSGIVING
FOLLOWED BY SUPPER IN THE HALL**

**RSVP: For Catering Purposes
Please Contact Dianne:**

9467 2797 or bundoora@cam.org.au

THE PIETY SHOP

Many beautiful Nativities are now available as are a variety of Christmas ornaments and cards in packets of five, eight or ten. Also in stock is the 2024 Columban Calendar at only \$10.00. The calendar would make an excellent gift for family and friends, and helps to support the missionaries. Thank you.

1st Collection: Thanksgiving Offering To support:
Parish running costs, Parish pastoral initiatives
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BSB: 083347 Account: 660192933

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2nd Collection Presbytery Offering To support:

Fr. Dong Tran, Sick and retired priests,

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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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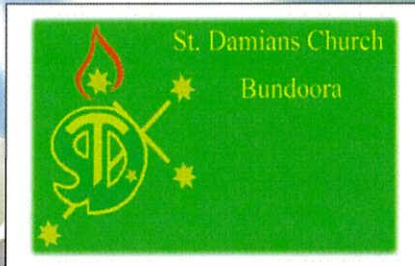


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ST DAMIAN'S 2024 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



24TH DECEMBER: SUNDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE

6.00pm Christmas Carols

6.30pm Family Mass

9:00pm Christmas Carols

9:30pm Christmas Eve Mass

25TH DECEMBER: MONDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY

**8:00am & 10:00am
Christmas Masses**



@. ADVENT GOSPEL REFLECTION MEETING

Every Wednesdays after evening Mass: 6th; 13th; 20th from 7.30pm – 8.30pm

@. HEALING MASS

Thursday 7th December at 9.15am with morning tea in Dunlop Room

@. THANKSGIVING MASS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Friday 8th December at 7pm & followed by supper in the hall

@. A FULL - DAY ADVENT RETREAT LED BY PROCLAIM OFFICE

Theme: "MARY'S YES TO GOD'S CALL"

Time: Saturday December 9 from 10 to 4pm

Venue: St Damian's Parish, Bundoora

@. SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Friday 15th December at 7pm: 3rd Rite & Individual confession if you wish

@. CHRISTMAS PREPARATION WORKING BEES

Saturday, 16th December at 9.00 -11:30am

@. CHRISTMAS CAROLS PRAYER SERVICE

Friday 22nd December @ 7:30pm to 8.30pm

@. SATURDAY 30TH DECEMBER

Feast of The Holy Family at 5.30pm Vigil Mass

@. SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER

Feast of the Holy Family, 8.00am & 10.00am Masses

@. MONDAY 1ST JANUARY 2024

Mary, the Holy Mother of God, 7:00pm Mass

(During January normal weekday and weekend Masses Program)

