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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

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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

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME , 30th July 2023

READING

1Kgs3:5, 7-12;

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 13:44-52

NEXT WEEK

Dan 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Pet 1:16-19

Mt 17:1-9

PSALM

Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means ore to me than silver and gold.

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight.

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways.

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple.

Lord, I love your commands.

FEAST DAY DURING THE WEEK

Mon	31st July:	St Ignatius
Tues	1st August:	St Alphonsus
Thur	3rd August:	St Dominic
Fri	4TH August:	St John Vianney

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths : Lee Tucknott

Anniversaries: Frank Monagle,
Kevin Mc Grath

Maria Teresa Ziino

Luigi Vigilante
Michela Grandofa,

Veronica Lewis
Arnold Schroeder

Sick: Anita Gentile, Joven Mercado, Paul Long , Dennis Razal, Louisa, Virginia

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 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 for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

In the light of God's word this Sunday reminds us that the greatest of all treasures is the Kingdom of God. In his love, God himself has chosen us, and prepared it for us before time. So, the church encourages us to pray for wisdom as Solomon did, to enable us to discern the true value and mysteries of God's kingdom.

Our first reading from the first book of King began in a very interesting way. I am thinking if we were Solomon what would we ask for? I guess, some of us would ask for more cars, houses, shoes, foods, money, power, children and much more! On the contrary, Solomon asked for wisdom for the benefit of both his kingdom and God's kingdom. He begged God to give him understanding: *"Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil."*

In the second reading, Paul reminds us that: *"In everything, God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose."* God is leading us through the storms of life towards our home, and towards his kingdom.

What is more, with Paul everything is utterly inclusive and comprehensive. It has no qualifications or limits. Nothing exists or occurs in heaven or on earth without the knowledge of God. By saying that *"all things work together for us,"* Paul also assures us that there is no discord in God's providence. This is especially, for those who through their faith in Christ have wisely become God's friends.

Today's gospel is a continuation of Jesus' use of parables to teach us about the Kingdom of God. Therefore, it is a call to be as wise as Solomon. Without wisdom, we can neither understand the parables of Christ, nor seek the kingdom of God.

What can we learn from today's parables? These parables, Christ reminds us of the excellence and beauty of eternal life. The kingdom of God is indeed a treasure hidden from the wise of this world.

Only those who are wise according to God's standard look for it and find it. To find it, we must first value it, and when we have found it, we must hide it in our hearts. Therefore, let us ask God for understanding and wisdom as Solomon did, so that we may be wise enough to discern what is good for us, and for the goodness, beauty of others. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran PP

Rosters for 5th & 6th August 2023

Mass Time	Reader/Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety Shop	Counters	Readers/ Responders Eucharist / Welcomers, ..
5.30pm	S. Gooneratne D. Whyley	J. Mercado Sr F. Hardy C. Ho	M. Thompson	G. Love A. Schuck	Please gather
8.00am	M. Thavarajah V. Dalla-Vecchia	A. Dalla-Vecchia V. Smith I. Thavarajah	A. Sharkey	Supervisor D. Mash	together in the Sacristy about 15 Minutes prior to Mass.
10.00am	C. Manabat B. Walter	C. Manabat W. Mc Eleney R. Sacco	S. O'Connor	 Ministries	Eucharist Ministers— please remember that you are also

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

St. DAMIAN'S PARISH 57TH YEAR FEAST DINNER DANCE

We invite you ALL to join us in celebrating the Feast of
St Damian's

DATE: Saturday 16 September

TIME: Doors open 6pm-11pm

VENUE: Loyola Companions Hall

COST: \$60 - Adults

\$25 -Children under 8

Free -Children under 5

ATTIRE: Smart Casual

Proceeds will go to the Parish

Solar Panel Installation

Notice: Saturday 16 September

we will be Celebrating,

The Vigil Mass at 5pm, instead of 5:30 pm

TICKET SALES: Tickets are available for purchase to parish groups from this week and also to individuals from Fr Dong and Dianne from parish office during week and also after Mass from next weekend. We encourage you to invite **your relative families and friends to make your own tables of 8/10 people.**

Tickets will need to be purchased by **Sunday September 3rd** so we can finalise seating arrangements.

LADIES LUNCH

The next ladies lunch is on Tuesday 15th August. All ladies of our Parish are warmly invited to join us at Watsonia RSL at 12 Noon.

If anyone should need transport that can be organized. Contact Sarita to book or for any enquiries 9467 2531 or 0434581948

PARKING ON BASKETBALL COURTS

St Damian's Primary are about to start some renovations. For this reason the top basketball court cannot be used for parking as Portable Class Rooms are now being used by the children. For this reason and the safety of the children please don't park next to them. We Thank you for your assistance.

Memorial Service for Lee Tucknott

We are very sad to inform you, of the passing of Lee Tucknott, daughter of Ann. Lee's memorial service will be on Friday 4th August at 1.00pm at St Damian's Church. Limited parking due to school portables.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 4th August: First Friday Mass 9.15am, Mass & Novena.

Sat 5th August: First Saturday Mass 9.15 am

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE CLOSING THIS WEEKEND

Please contact Parish Office to purchase if
needed!

Father's Day this year will be held on Sunday 3rd September.

- Three fabulous prizes for FREE Parish Feast Dinner Dance

@. 1st = Two Adults & two children under 8

@. 2nd = Two Adults

@. 3rd = One Adult

- Winners will be drawn on Father's Day;

Sun 3rd Sept after the 10:00am Mass. Barbeques will be serving in both Masses after 5:30pm & 10:00am on Sunday.

Piety Shop

The Piety Shop is open after each weekend Masses - via the church foyer. We have a various selection of stock with gifts suitable for CONFIRMATION, BAPTISM, ROSARY, and Inspirational items, including bookmarks, pins, and plaques are also available. We also have items suitable for seasonal prayer or devotional use including medals prayer cards featuring popular Saints and Novena Booklets. You're all invited to pop in. Thanks!



Dear Volunteers,

I write to invite you - for all new as well as existing volunteers of the Eucharistic Ministry and Minister of Reading, who come for a short **TRAINING SESSION**. It will be held on **Saturday August 19th from 10.30am - 11:15am** in the Church. A light cuppa afterwards in the Dunlop Room. I'm looking forward to meeting you all. Thank you!

PLEASE COLLECT THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

Envelopes for the next period start 10th August are ready to be collected at the back of the Church. If you are able to collect and deliver envelopes to a friend it would be greatly appreciated. We thank our Volunteers who assist the Parish in collating and delivering our envelopes. 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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