



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

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT, 1ST MARCH 2026

THIS WEEKEND

Gen 12:1-4
2 Tim 1:8-10
Mt 17:1-9

NEXT WEEK

Ex 17:3-7
Rom 5:1-2,5-8
John 4:5-42

PSALM

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SRI LANKAN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :
Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.
Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Vittorio Gizzi, Giuseppe Varalla

Sick : Diana Whyllley, Helen Mc Kinery,

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.

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.



The unseen face of God

In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word for God's glory, 'kabod', signifies the glorious manifestation of his presence. When this happens, the normally unseen and imperfectly known God makes himself known to his people in a visible and tangible way.

For example, in Exodus, the 'kabod' of God goes before his people in visible pillars of cloud and fire. This glorious appearance of God's presence and power leads the Israelites out of Egypt and it descends on Mt Sinai to give Moses the Ten Commandments. However, when Moses asks to see God's glory up close, God responds, "No one shall see my face and live."

When God reveals himself in the Old Testament, there was always some kind of separation or distance between his supremely holy presence and his people. Although God goes before his people and dwells with them, no one is permitted to see him face-to-face. To take another Old Testament example, Elijah responds to the passing presence of God on Mt Horeb (in 2 Kings) by covering his face. This separation recognised the gulf that still existed between God and humanity because of sin.

But in this week's gospel, Moses and Elijah appear at the top of a mountain, Mt Tabor, and commune face-to-face with the one true God. Jesus' identity is revealed; he is the 'kabod' of God, the same saving presence of God that spoke from the fiery cloud in Exodus.

However, this revelation of Jesus' divinity will only make sense after his death and resurrection. As much as the transfiguration reveals the truth about who Jesus is, Easter reveals so much more.

On Mt Tabor, Jesus is revealed in his divine glory, clothed in white and shining like the sun. On Golgotha, he is seen in tortured and shamed, stripped of his clothes.

On Mt Tabor, Jesus is surrounded by two of Israel's greatest heroes, representing God's communication and enduring presence with his people; on Golgotha, he is flanked by two criminals, representing the depth of sin and suffering in the human condition. Peter is awestruck and wants to stay on Mt Tabor, while he cowers in fear and doesn't approach Golgotha.

But, at both, the glory of God is unveiled for the whole world, and Jesus is revealed as the one true Son of God. At the transfiguration, a voice from heaven declares that "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour," at Golgotha, the truth of Jesus' divinity is proclaimed by a Roman centurion, one of his crucifiers.

As St Paul says in this week's Second Reading, we are reconciled to God because "he abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News."

And, just as Moses and Elijah saw in the transfiguration, through Jesus' death and resurrection, we have now seen, in him, the 'kabod' of God face-to-face.

Joseph Doyle

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ROSTER: 7th & 8th March 2026

Time	READERS	EUCCHARIST	COUNTERS	Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers
5.30pm	A. Dass J. Venturini	C. Ho Sr. F. Hardy A. Karuppiah	G. Mee A. Doukakakis	Please gather together in the Church about 5 minutes before Mass.
8.00am	Sr Nelia O. Carvalho	W. Fernando M. Harrison M. Sweetman	SUPERVISOR	Eucharistic Ministers
10.00am	E. Jones J. Capuana	J. Tonkin N. Cardamone L. Careri	T. Frazer	Please remember you are also welcoming Parishioners & visitors & handing out the newsletter.
			Ministries	

Safeguarding of children and vulnerable young people

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WORLD PRAYER DAY

Dear Parishioners,

You are invited to take part in this year's service for the local World Day of Prayer, on Friday the 6th March 2026.

This year the service will be held at St Peter's Anglican Church, corner of Monckton Road and Grimshaw Street, at 2.00pm followed by afternoon tea.

The local World Day of Prayer has always been an ecumenical service, involving St Damian's, Greenswell Uniting Church and St Peter's Anglican Church.

It would be lovely if we can continue this tradition of having people from the three churches.

Sylvia Peacock
St Peter's Anglican Church



BAPTISM: This weekend we welcome, into the family of St Damian's, Jasper Jose Jack and Ruby Yovanches who are being baptised.

PASCHAL TRIDUUM MASSES

Journeying with Christ through Love, the Cross, and Hope

Day 1: Wednesday, 25 March : 7.00pm

Celebrant: Fr Shiran CSs

Theme: The Day of Love and Service

Reflecting on Christ's Gift of love and our call to serve one another.

Day 2: Thursday, 26 March : 7.00pm

Celebrant: Fr EkaTanaya SJ

Theme: The Day of the Cross and Silence

Entering into the mystery of Christ's suffering and saving sacrifice

Day 3: Friday, 27 March: 7.00pm

Celebrant: Fr Robin CSs

Theme: The Day of Waiting and Hope

Learning to wait with Faith, Trusting in God's promise of new life.

Noted: Please bring your own plate and join us for a shared dinner after Mass in the Dunlop and Briglia Rooms.

- Station of the Cross: Every Friday morning after 9.15am Mass
- Sacrament of Confession: 1st & 2nd Rite: Friday 20th March at 7.30pm



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Second Sunday of Lent

28 February – 1 March 2026

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ST DAMIAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL 2026

OPEN DAYS
REGISTER NOW

TUESDAY 3 MARCH
WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH

9:30-10.45AM & 6.00-7.15PM

15 MINUTE INFORMATION SESSION

Tours available at
9.30am every 2nd
Thursday
in Term 1 & 2

Any enquiries please
Contact the office
9467 8566

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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