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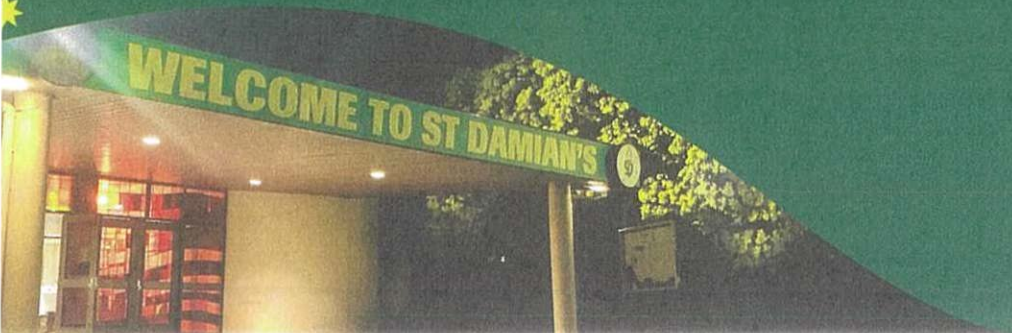
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WEEKENDS

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

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 30th MARCH, 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Joshua 5:9-12;

2 Cor 5:17-21;

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32.

NEXT WEEK

Is 43:16-21;

Phil 3:8-14;

Jn 8:1-11.

PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips;
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and
against you.

Praise and honour to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!

Recent Deaths: An-na Hau, Peter Coffey, Thuoc Nguyen, Angela Prosperi-Porta

Anniversaries: Sam Siccita (25th Anniversary), Anna Vandenhoven, Antonio Manalansan

Sick: Elizabeth San Martin, Manuel Paneda, Lottie Constantino, Helen Mc Kinnery,
John Long, Antonio Castro



The 4th Sunday of Lent Year C invites us to reflect on God's mercy, faithfulness, and the new beginnings He offers us. Through the stories of the Israelites' first Passover in the Promised Land, the parable of the Prodigal Son, and Paul's teaching on becoming a new creation in Christ, we learn about God's constant care and call to reconciliation.

These readings remind us of the importance of gratitude, forgiveness, and embracing a renewed life in Christ.

Celebrating New Beginnings

The 4th Sunday of Lent Year C highlights the Israelites' first Passover in the Promised Land. This event marks a new beginning for them and shows God's faithfulness. He fulfilled His promise to bring them to a land flowing with milk and honey.

This celebration is a powerful reminder of God's constant care. The Israelites' journey was long and difficult, but God was always with them. Their first Passover in the Promised Land is a moment of gratitude and renewed hope.

For us, the 4th Sunday of Lent Year C encourages us to reflect on our own journeys. We are reminded of God's promises and His presence in our lives. Just as the Israelites celebrated their new beginning, we too can find joy in God's promises and look forward to our own new beginnings with faith and hope.

Embracing Mercy and Forgiveness

The parable of the Prodigal Son, found in the Gospel for the 4th Sunday of Lent Year C, is a story with twists, turns, and reversals. It focuses on freedom and duty, showing how God's mercy can change lives.

The younger son seeks freedom. He wants to live as he wishes, without respect for his father. He even implies that he would prefer his father were dead to claim his wealth. When he returns home, he is more interested in physical comfort than in a relationship with his father.

The older son is dutiful. He serves his father without complaint but harbors resentment. He takes pride in being "the good son" and wishes for a reward. He is driven by his ego and desires to be held in high esteem. He becomes furious when his reckless brother returns and is restored to the same level in the family.

Neither son seems motivated by love. The younger son is selfish, while the older son is prideful. Their actions show a lack of understanding of their father's love. They focus on themselves rather than their relationship with their father.

The father, however, loves both of his sons dearly. He uses his love to show the proper place of freedom and duty.

He is generous and forgiving with his younger son, welcoming him back wholeheartedly. He could have easily been offended by the older brother's attitude but instead reassures him of his love and shared inheritance.

The readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent Year C remind us of God's mercy. They show us the importance of seeking forgiveness and offering it to others. They encourage us to embrace God's love and to live as new creations in Christ.

This parable encourages us to reflect on our own lives. Are we seeking freedom without responsibility, or are we dutiful without love? Let us strive to find balance, motivated by love, as we follow God's example of mercy and forgiveness.

New Life in Christ

On the 4th Sunday of Lent Year C, Paul teaches that anyone in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone, and a new life begins. This shows God's power to renew us.

In Christ, God reconciles the world to Himself. He calls us to be reconciled with Him and with others. This means healing our relationships and living in peace.

The readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent Year C remind us of God's mercy and forgiveness. They encourage us to seek a new beginning in Christ. By embracing this new life, we can grow closer to God and to each other.

The 4th Sunday of Lent Year C offers us profound lessons about God's unwavering love and mercy. Through the stories of the Israelites' first Passover, the parable of the Prodigal Son, and Paul's teaching on new life in Christ, we see the many ways God calls us to renewal and reconciliation.

Let us embrace these messages, seek forgiveness, and celebrate the new beginnings God offers us.

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.

2025 LENTEN TIMETABLE

*LENTEN REFLECTION MEETINGS WITH THE FAITH ENRICHMENT GROUP -

"Walking with Mary to Jerusalem."

Location: St Damian's Dunlop Room

Every Thursday at 7:30 PM - Dates: April 3, followed by a light cuppa. Everyone is welcome.

*LENTEN RETREAT WITH ARCHDIOCESE

PROCLAIM TEAM – Saturday 5th April from 9:15am Mass, Reflection Sessions, Exposition, Benediction, & Reconciliation, concluding around 3:30 PM.

***STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday morning after 9:15am Mass. Followed by individual confession.

*GOOD FRIDAY: 18th April

Passion of the Lord at 3.00pm Bishop Rene Ramirez RCJ – Auxiliary Bishop for the Northern Region.

*SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

1ST & 2ND RITE: Friday 11th April at 7:30pm

WELCOME FROM THE RCIA TEAM

The RCIA team would like to introduce our Candidates Evie and Kobe who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist this Easter. Please welcome and pray for them during this very exciting and special time. Thank you.

OPEN DAY LOYOLA COLLEGE WATSONIA

SUNDAY, 18TH MAY 2025: 1.00PM to 4.00pm

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A Message from Fr Dong in Vietnam

On Tuesday Evening, Fr Dong contacted the Parish Council and Parish Office with the sad news that his mother An-na Hau had passed away during the day.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Fr Dong and his family at this difficult time. Please remember Fr Dong and his mother in your prayers.

Lenten Retreat with the Melbourne Archdiocese Proclaim Team

Dear Friends in Christ,

On behalf of the Proclaim Team, as parish priest, I warmly invite you to a day of spiritual reflection through a Lenten Retreat as we prepare to enter the holy season of Lent.

This special retreat will take place at **St. Damian's Church** on **Saturday, 5th April**, beginning with **9:15 AM Morning Mass**, followed by sessions, **Exposition, Benediction, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation**. We anticipate concluding around **3:30 PM**.

Please note: A light Morning Tea and Lunch will be provided in the Dunlop Room, so there is no need to bring your own. If you can please contact the Parish office to confirm your attendance and for catering purposes on 9467 2797.

We encourage you to bring along family and friends and take this opportunity to set aside time for prayer, reflection, and renewal.

We look forward to sharing this sacred journey with you. Blessings,

Fr. Joe Dong & the Proclaim Team

Rosters 5th & 6th April 2025

TIME	READERS	Eucharist / Welcome	Counters	Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers
5.30pm	N. Nugent J. Mercado	L. Gooneratne S. Gooneratne W. Fernando	W. Fernando M. Thompson	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.
8.00am	V. Dalla-Vecchia C. Love	A. Dalla-Vecchia M. Beverley J. Fellowes	Supervisor	
10.00am	N. Mathews P. Gill	C. Manabat J. Venturini R. Sacco	T. Frazer	



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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