



St Damian's Catholic Church

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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

Saturdays 5.00pm and First Friday 10.00am

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday at 11.30am after Mass.

Preparation 1st Wednesday each month at 6.30pm 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

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, 5TH APRIL 2026

THIS WEEKEND

Act 10: 34, 37-43;

Col 3:1-4;

Jn 20:1-9.

NEXT WEEK

Acts 2:42-47

1 Pet 1:3-9

Jn 20:19-31

PSALM

**This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

**This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

SRI LANKAN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Vittorio Gizzi, Irma Gizzi, Lina & Gino Giaccotto, Anna Vollenhoven, Elias & Sonia Taouk Shoukry & Adel Succar

Sick : Diana Whylley, John Long, Susie., Moding Ilanto

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.



2026 EASTER MESSAGE

“PEACE BE WITH YOU & HAVE A BLESSED EASTER.”

Dear beloved St. Damian's parish family,

At Easter, the Risen Jesus does not begin with explanations or reproaches. He simply comes and says: “Peace be with you.” These words are more than a greeting - they are a gift. They are the very first gift of Easter, and they are offered to each one of us, especially when our hearts feel tired, anxious, or burdened.

In 2026, we live in a time when peace can feel fragile. Many families carry quiet struggles: the rising cost of living, the pressures of work, concerns for children and their future, health challenges, and the hidden tensions within relationships. Often, we try to be strong for one another, yet deep within, we long for peace.

The Gospel of Easter (John 20:19–31) speaks directly into this reality. The disciples are gathered behind closed doors, afraid and uncertain. Into that fear, Jesus comes, not when they are ready, but precisely when they are not and says again: “Peace be with you.”

Jesus comes a second time, breathing the Holy Spirit upon them, turning their fear into courage and sending them out with a mission. Then He comes a third time, especially for St. Thomas the Apostle - the one who doubts, who struggles to believe, who needs to see and touch.

How do often we find ourselves in that same place? In family life, in our personal journeys, we know what it means to struggle, to question, to feel overwhelmed. There are moments when faith feels distant and peace seems out of reach. Yet Easter reminds us of this unchanging truth: Jesus always comes back for us.

He enters not only the church, but our homes. He comes into our daily lives, into our worries, our disappointments, and even our failures - not to judge, but to heal. His peace is not loud or dramatic. It is gentle, faithful, and enduring. It strengthens us quietly and restores hope where it has faded.

Dear families, your everyday acts of love are a living witness to this faith. Your patience, your forgiveness, your sacrifices, your care for one another - these are the places where the Risen Christ is truly present. And we are not only called to receive this peace - but we are also sent to share it.

In simple ways, we become instruments of Easter: a kind word spoken at the right moment, a gesture of forgiveness, time given to someone who is lonely, support offered to those in need. Through these small acts, Christ's peace becomes visible again in our world.

This Easter, may every family in St. Damian's open their hearts to the Risen Lord. May His peace dwell in your homes. His hope strengthens you in every trial, and His love shine through you to others.

The Lord is truly risen- He is with us. We need not be afraid. May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you and your loved ones this Easter.

Fr. Joe Dong Jran P.P.

ROSTER: 11th & 12th April 2026

Time	READERS	EUCCHARIST
5.30pm	P. Cosgrove A. Dass	D. Mash M. Spiteri E. Taylor
8.00am	C. Love L. Starvaggi	Sr. Nelia A. Brammer J. Fellowes
10.00am	C. Manabat J. Sobey	Sr. S. Barker E. Jones P. Gill

COUNTERS

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Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers

Please gather together
in the Church
about 5 minutes
before Mass.

Eucharistic Ministers

Please remember
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Parishioners & visitors
& handing out the
newsletter.

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...) *Children should never be alone in the car park or playground. *Please keep valuable personal belongings with you (purses, glasses, phones, etc...) and double check before leaving your seat, even briefly during Communion*

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTIONS:

Today, we have two collections. The first collection, with envelopes in the pews, is for the Holy Land to support the Church and sacred sites. The second collection is for the needs of our parish of St Damian's.

Thank you for your generous love and continued support.

APPRECIATION MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST



Dear St Damian's Parish Family,

First of all, I wish you all a blessed and joyful Easter. May the Risen Lord fill your hearts and your families with peace, hope, and new life.

As your Parish Priest, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to each of you for your care, love, support, and dedication to St Damian's Parish in so many ways. Your generosity and commitment are a true blessing to our parish community.

I would especially like to thank **all our volunteers**. My heart is with you. I am deeply grateful to the many individuals and teams who faithfully serve our parish: the Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee, Eucharistic Ministers and Readers, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Choirs, Florists, the Parish Secretary, Deacon Huy, the Hospitality Team, Cleaning Teams, the Lawn Mowing Team, and many others who quietly serve behind the scenes. Your dedication, often unseen, is deeply appreciated and never taken for granted.

Finally, I want to offer a special word of thanks to our **School Principal, Mrs Rosanna Piccolo**, as she completes her long and dedicated career in education at the end of this year. On behalf of the St Damian's Parish community, I express our sincere gratitude for your commitment to Catholic education, and especially for your devoted service to St Damian's Primary School. Thank you for all that you have done for our parish and school community. I pray that the Risen Lord will continue to bless you, guide you, and hold you in His loving care. May He grant you joy, peace, good health, and abundant blessings in your retirement.

Thank you, and may God bless you all.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY EASTER FROM FR JOE DONG & PARISH STAFF



Project Compassion 2026

Friends in Christ, as we enter the final month of Project Compassion 2026, we kindly invite you to return your boxes or envelopes with your generous donations. Your support brings hope and dignity to those in need.

On behalf of Caritas Australia, thank you sincerely for your kindness and compassion. May God bless you abundantly. Kind regards,

DATES TO REMEMBER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY— 12TH APRIL

2.00 PM—Confession, Adoration, Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

3.15 PM—Solemn Mass with Fr. Florentino (" Boy")

THANKSGIVING MASS

SATURDAY 30TH MAY 2026 @ 5.30PM

Thanksgiving Mass at St Damian's for Fr. Huy & Fr. Joe Vuong, followed by dinner after Mass in the Hall.

St Damian's Church Bundoora





FREE Alpha 12-Week Course incl. Complimentary Meals

Join us for a free meal and open conversation where no question is too simple or too difficult.
We'll watch a short video and share about life, faith and meaning.

You are invited to come along and join us!

WHEN: Thursdays commencing 11th June to 20th August 2026

TIME: 7:00 to 9:30 pm

WHERE: St Damian's Parish - 5 Settlement Road, Bundoora
in the Dunlop & Briglia Rooms

To register or for more information, please contact: **Paul Bezzina** on **0413 981 312**
or via email paulbezzina1@outlook.com

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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