



St Damian's Catholic Church

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WELCOME TO ST DAMIAN'S

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

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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 4th MAY 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Acts 5:27-32,40-41

Rev: 5:11-14

Jn 21:1-19

NEXT WEEK

Act 13: 14,43-52;

Apoc 7:9,14 -17;

Jn 10:27-30.

MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA

Sun 11th May :

Mother's Day Morning Tea in Dunlop Room after 10.00am Mass.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is Risen; the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!

PSALM

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life.

At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

The Lord listened and had pity.

The Lord came to my help.

For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Recent Deaths: Pope Francis

Anniversaries: Kaye Nailer, Vittorio Gizzi, Irma Gizzi

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

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.

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.*

SHORT REFLECTION - 3rd Sunday of Easter (Year C)

Dear friends in Christ, the Easter season is a time of joy, renewal, and mission. Today's readings remind us that the Resurrection of Christ is not just a past event - it is a living reality that transforms our present lives.

In the First Reading (Acts 5:27–32, 40–41), the apostles face persecution, yet they remain bold and joyful. They say, *"We must obey God rather than men."* Even after being flogged, they rejoice that they were found worthy to suffer for Christ.

Lesson: Faithfulness to Christ may bring trials, but true joy comes from doing God's will. We are called to witness courageously in our families, workplaces, and communities.

The Responsorial Psalm echoes this spirit: *"I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me."* The psalmist rejoices after being lifted from suffering and despair.

Lesson: God hears our cries and lifts us up. In moments of struggle, we are invited to trust and praise, even when we don't yet see the full picture.

In the Second Reading (Revelation 5:11–14), all creation worships the Lamb who was slain Jesus, victorious in His suffering.

Lesson: Christ reigns through love and sacrifice. We are reminded that our lives, too, must be centered on worship and humility, recognizing Jesus as Lord of all.

In the Gospel (John 21:1–9), Jesus appears to His disciples by the Sea of Tiberias. After a fruitless night of fishing, He tells them to cast the net again and they are overwhelmed with fish. Then, He prepares breakfast for them.

Lesson: Jesus meets us in our ordinary work and in our weariness. When we listen to Him, He brings abundance. He also cares for us with gentleness - a simple meal shows the depth of His love.

How can we apply these readings to life?

- Be faithful and courageous, even when it's hard to live the Gospel.
- Praise God in all circumstances, especially when He lifts us from darkness.
- Worship Jesus as the centre of our lives - He is the Lamb who saves.
- Look for Christ in the ordinary, and let His voice guide your daily decisions.
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Like the apostles, may we rise from fear into faith, from routine into mission, and from sorrow into Easter joy. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Rosters 10th & 11th May 2025

TIME	READERS	Eucharist / Welcome	Counters	Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers
5.30pm	P. Bezzina A. Favrin	D. Whyley M. Jones C. Ho	E & N Mana Lansan	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	Sr Sue P. Gill	J. Tonkin J. Mercado R. Sacco	T. Frazer	
				

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat 10th May: 5.30pm
Parish Presentation of Confirmation
Sat: 17th May, 5.30pm
Sacrament of Confirmation Presentation.
Sun: 18th May: 10.00am
Sacrament of Confirmation Presentation.

BAPTISM :



This weekend we welcome Theodore Ackroyd, Lucia Belvedere, Joshua Butcher into the family of St Damian's who are being baptised.

LENTEN PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

We would like to thank everyone, who have donated to Project Compassion this year.
We have raised \$1637.60 this year.
We appreciate your generous support, and kindness.
With sincere gratitude

Dianne Stubbs, Parish Secretary

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE TICKETS -

On Sale Now

Mother's Day is just around the corner on Sunday, 11 May and we're getting ready to celebrate the amazing mothers in our lives!

To help fund our special Mother's Day celebration, we are selling raffle tickets **after all weekend and weekday Masses**. Your support will go a long way in making this event truly memorable.

Where to Buy:

Church foyer or Parish Office

Ticket Prices:

- **1 Envelope (3 tickets):** \$5
- **Single Ticket:** \$2

Prizes:



- **1st Prize:** \$150 Coles voucher
- **2nd Prize:** Gift Basket (approx. value \$120)
- **3rd Prize:** Two bottles of Penfolds 138 wine (approx. value \$110)

All proceeds will go directly towards the Mother's Day celebration.

Ladies Lunch.



The next lunch is at Watsonia RSL on Tuesday, 20th May. Please feel welcome to join us at 12 noon.
Contact Sarita to book or for any enquiries.
9467 2531 or 0434 581 948

SOME THOUGHTS OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON MAY



Today, friends, we begin the month of May, the month the Church lovingly dedicates to our spiritual mother, the Virgin Mary. This is a time to renew our affection and devotion to the woman chosen from all eternity to be the earthly mother of Jesus Christ- the Word made flesh for our redemption and our mother too.

Let's Live This Month Close to Mary: Mary holds a special place in God's plan of salvation. Conceived without original sin and remaining faithful to her Son throughout her life, she has been crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth. Yet she remains ever close to us - humble, gentle, and ready to intercede for her children.

Everything in Mary's life points us to Jesus. Who knows a child better than a mother? And what good child doesn't love their mother deeply? Jesus, from the Cross, gave Mary to us as our mother (John 19:26-27). To refuse her love would be to turn away from one of God's most precious gifts.

So why not take time this month to get to know Mary better, to draw closer to her, to let yourself be embraced by her maternal love? She knew and loved Jesus like no one else on earth and she loves each of us with the same tenderness.

A Model for Every Christian: Mary is not only our Mother she is also our model. In her humility, obedience, and active charity, she shows us how to live the Gospel.

Mary, the First Disciple: Mary is the first disciple of Jesus, and even now she prays for us - especially for those who do not pray. Through her, Heaven has come near. Her life shows us that holiness is possible: "She shows us that heaven is within reach, if we too do not give in to sin, praise God with humility, and serve others with generosity."

Let's Walk Hand in Hand with Mary: Let's make this month a time of prayer, reflection, and renewed devotion. Let us pray the Rosary, imitate her virtues, entrust our joys and sorrows to her, and allow her to lead us ever closer to her Son.

A holy and blessed month of May to everyone! Let us walk hand in hand with Mary.

Fr Joe Dong Tran

St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria

Good Works

Come and See

Join us to learn more: 10.00 am, Wednesday 21st May
St Martins of Tour Parish, 5 Silk Street Rosanna
Enquiries: please contact Godfrey on 0417 314 729

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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