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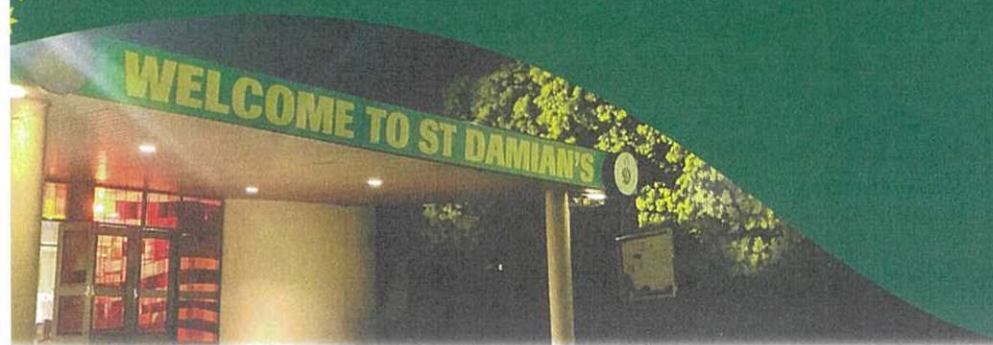
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WEEKENDS

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

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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 16th MARCH, 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18;

Phil 3:20—4:1;

Lk 9:28-36.

NEXT WEEK

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15;

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12;

Lk 13:1-9.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon 17th March— St Patrick

Wed 19th March—St Joseph,

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

PSALM.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.'

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord!

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Recent Deaths: Mary Sedawie

Anniversaries:

Sick: Elizabeth San Martin, Manuel Paneda, Lottie Constantino, Helen Mc Kinnery, Peter Coffey
John Long, Maria Hau

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...)*

REFLECTION FOR THE 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



The readings for the 2nd Sunday of Lent invite us to reflect on faith, transformation, and the promise of eternal glory.

1st Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 - God's Covenant with Abram

In this passage, God makes a covenant with Abram (later Abraham), promising him descendants as numerous as the stars. Even though Abram has no children at this point, he believes in God's promise, and his faith is counted as righteousness. This reminds us that God's promises often require patience and trust. Just as Abram had to wait, we too must trust in God's timing and remain faithful even when the future seems uncertain.

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17 - 4:1 - Our True Citizenship in Heaven

St. Paul encourages believers to imitate him in following Christ, warning against those who live only for earthly pleasures. He reminds us that our true home is in heaven, where Christ will transform our bodies to be like His. This is a call to live not just for temporary worldly desires but with our eyes fixed on eternal life. Lent is a time to reflect on where we are placing our focus are we living for Christ or for the passing things of this world?

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 - The Transfiguration of Jesus

Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a mountain where He is transfigured, revealing His divine glory. Moses and Elijah appear, representing the Law and the Prophets, and they speak with Jesus about His coming Passion. The disciples are overwhelmed but hear God's voice: **"This is my chosen Son; listen to Him."**

This event reminds us that suffering and glory go hand in hand. Jesus' Transfiguration foreshadows His Resurrection but also prepares the disciples for His coming suffering. In our own lives, we must remember that moments of trial often lead to transformation and deeper faith.

Key Lessons for Us Today:

1. **Trust in God's Promises:** Like Abraham, we must believe that God is faithful, even when His promises take time to unfold.
2. **Live for Heaven, Not Just Earth:** St Paul urges us to focus on our heavenly citizenship rather than earthly desires.
3. **Listen to Jesus:** In the Gospel, God tells us to listen to His Son. Are we truly paying attention to Jesus in our daily lives?
4. **Transformation Comes Through Suffering:** Just as Jesus' glory was revealed after the Cross, our trials can lead to spiritual growth and renewal.

This Lent, may we open our hearts to trust, listen, and be transformed by God's presence in our lives. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

ROSTERS 22nd & 23rd March

	Reader / Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Counters
5.30pm	A. Dass A. Favrin	A. Karuppiah T. Garcia M. Jones	P. Martino V. Zappa
8.00am	O. Carvalho L. Cultrera	K. Keating C. Love V. Smith	Supervisor
10.00am	J. Mercado Sr Sue	J. Tonkin L. Careri R. Sacco	M. Sweetman



Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers

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.

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 JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us In your son Jesus Christ, our brother and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of the Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May these seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of new heaven and new earth,
when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen

GREETINGS FROM VIETNAM BY

PARISH PRIEST

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope you are all keeping well. I am writing to you from Vietnam, where I had to travel urgently due to my dear mother's serious illness. Unfortunately, I had to leave the parish without the chance to say goodbye, and I sincerely apologize for this.

I am currently tending to matters here and hope to return to the parish as soon as possible, hopefully in about two weeks.

I also want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for coming together to assist in welcoming Bishop Rene Ramirez. Your kindness and support mean so much to me.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome Bishop Rene Ramirez and visitors to our 10.00am Mass this weekend.

Mass will be followed by a light morning tea and a meet and greet in the Dunlop Room.

Everyone is welcome.

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.

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: March 20, 27, and 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

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.

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

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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