



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

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, 14TH SEPTEMBER 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Numbers 21:4-9

Philippians 2:6-11

John 3:13-17

NEXT WEEK

Amos 8:4-7

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Luke 16:1-13

PSALM

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Give heed, my people, to my teaching; turn your ear to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable and reveal hidden lessons of the past.

When he slew them then they would seek him, return and seek him in earnest. They would remember that God was their rock, God the Most High their redeemer.

But the words they spoke were mere flattery; they lied to him with their lips. For their hearts were not truly with him; they were not faithful to his covenant.

Yet he who is full of compassion forgave them their sin and spared them. So often he held back his anger when he might have stirred up his rage.

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

SRI LANKEN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Tues 16th Sept - Sts Cornelius and Cyprian

Sat 20th Sept- Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Aileen Zappa, Hugh Thompson (10th Anniversary) , Elisabetta Napoleone (10th Anniversary)
Jeanette Foard,

Sick : Olivia Petrelli, Angelo Trinidad, Norma Frendo

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REFLECTION ON THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross reminds us that the Cross, once a sign of shame and death, has become for us the greatest symbol of love, hope, and victory. Today's readings show us how God transforms suffering into salvation and how the Cross continues to shape our daily lives.

In the first reading from **Numbers 21:4-9**, the Israelites, weary in the desert, complain against God and Moses. As a result, they are bitten by serpents and face death. Yet God provides a remedy: Moses lifts up a bronze serpent, and whoever looks upon it is healed. This story teaches us that healing comes not from ourselves but from turning our gaze back to God. In our own lives, we too are "bitten" by sin, discouragement, or suffering. Often, we are tempted to stay stuck in bitterness or self-pity. But the Cross invites us to look up with faith, to seek God in prayer, and to trust that He can heal and restore us.

The second reading, **Philippians 2:6-11**, is a hymn to the humility and glory of Christ. Though He was in the form of God, Jesus emptied Himself, became human, and accepted death on a cross. Because of this humility, God exalted Him above every name. Here we learn that the path to true greatness is not through pride, power, or recognition, but through humility and self-giving love. In daily life, this means embracing small acts of sacrifice: serving our families, forgiving those who hurt us, putting others first. Every hidden act of love is a way of walking the path of the Cross with Christ, and God transforms it into a share in His glory.

The Gospel, **John 3:13-17**, brings the message to its climax. Jesus tells Nicodemus that He must be lifted up like the bronze serpent, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life. Then comes the heart of the Gospel: *"God so loved the world that He gave His only Son."* The Cross is not a symbol of condemnation but of salvation. It reveals how deeply we are loved that God would give everything, even His Son, for our sake.

What does this mean for us today? It means that every cross in our lives: pain, disappointment, failure can be transformed if united with Christ. It means that we are never alone, because the Cross assures us of God's love even in the darkest moments. And it calls us to love others with the same generosity, even when it costs us something.

The Cross stands at the centre of Christian life. To exalt the Cross is to recognize in it the power of God's mercy, the call to humility, and the assurance of eternal life. When we make the sign of the Cross, when we look upon a crucifix, we are reminded: here is love, here is hope, here is victory. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Rosters 20th & 21st September

Time	Readers	Eucharist/ Welcome	Counters
5.30pm	J. Mercado M. Joyce	D. Whyley E. Taylor M. Spiteri	Volunteers Volunteers
8.00am	Sr Nelia T. Shebaul	C. Love M. Sweetman S. Aldridge	Supervisor
10.00am	P. Gill J. Sobey	W. Mc Eleney R. Sacco J. Venturini	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.

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:

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MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM PARISH PRIEST

Dear parishioners and visitors,

From the bottom of my heart, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all of you for joining me in celebrating my 10th Anniversary of Priesthood on Friday, 12 September.

This milestone has been made truly special by your presence, prayers, and support. I am especially thankful to the many volunteers, the Parish Pastoral Council, the organising team, and the beautiful combination choir. A very special word of thanks to **Loida Kanniah, Paul Bezzina,**

Shayarana Gooneratne, Marie Jones, Dianne Stubbs, and Ann Robinson (our choir conductor), who so generously shared their time and talents.

Your dedication, love, and encouragement have been a true blessing in my life and ministry here in St Damian's Community. I must confess that, over time, this place has truly become home for me, and I can now say with joy that I love this community. Please continue to keep me in your prayers, as I also hold you all in mine.

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all those who worked quietly behind the scenes. Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and for spoiling me so much!

With heartfelt thanks and every blessing,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P.

GOOD NEWS -

Dear Parishioners, I am delighted to share with you the joyful news that **Deacon Duy Ngoc Huy Quynh, CSsR** – whom we know as **Huy** – was ordained to the **diaconate** on **16th August 2025**. Huy will be staying with me for the next **nine months**, during which he will serve our parish community. Let us keep him in our prayers and give him a warm and heartfelt welcome as he begins his **diaconate ministry** among us.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our parish will be celebrating an **ANOINTING MASS** for all in need on Wednesday, 24 September at 9:15am. Following the Holy Mass, you are warmly invited to join us for morning tea in the Dunlop Room. All are most welcome!

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

For those who wish to receive **Holy Communion at home**, please contact us:

Parish phone: 03 9467 2797

Email: bundoora@cam.org.au

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THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2025

ALL NEW KIA PICANTO TO BE WON!!!

Tickets are available to be purchased by contacting, Dianne in the Parish Office 9467 2797.

Tickets are \$2.00 each and \$1.50 from each ticket goes directly to St Damian's Parish.

Raffle Drawn on the 6th December



1st PRIZE!!

All New 2025 Kia Picanto S Auto valued @ \$22,340 Drive Away

2nd Prize – Gift Card to the value of \$5,000

3rd Prize – Gift Card to the value of \$3,000

4th Prize & 5th Prize - Gift Card to the value of \$1000

6th & 7th Prizes - Gift Cards to the value of @ \$500 each

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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