



St Damian's Catholic Church

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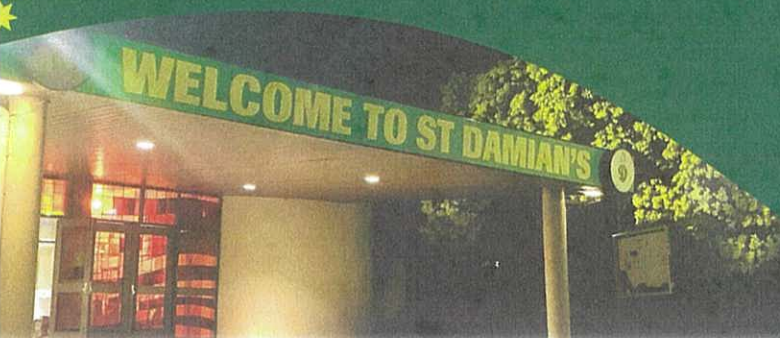
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WEEKENDS

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

The 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9th, FEBRUARY 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Is 6:1-8

1 Cor 15:1-11

Lk 5:1-11

NEXT WEEK

Jer 17:5-8;

1Cor 15:12,16-20;

Lk 6:17,20-26.

PSALM.

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways: 'How great is the glory of the Lord!'

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon 10th Feb: St Scholastica

Tue 11th Feb: Our Lady of Lourdes

Fri 14th Feb: Sts Cyril, & St Methpodius

Devine Mercy & Benediction

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: John & Emilia Cisak, Jozef Cisak, Marcel Abraham, Suzanne Abraham, Marceline Martin, Oriano Napoleone (30th Anniversary) , Jamal & Zelina Taouk

Sick: Helen Mc Kinnery

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...)*

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.

(Is 6:1-2,3-8; Ps 137(138): 1-5,7-8; 1Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11).

Dear Brethren,

**5th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time**

Our readings, on the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, reminds us that though we are utterly unworthy of God's mission but Christ makes us worthy Missionaries, if only we can say: Here I am, send me.

One common thing to all our readings is the feeling and expression of unworthiness by Isaiah, Paul and Peter. Truly speaking, being humans, they were not worthy of God's mission. Surely, none of us is as holy and worthy enough.

This feeling of unworthiness was a sign of the humility of Isaiah, who confessed: "I am a man of unclean lips," of Paul who admitted: "I am the least of the apostles (1 Cor 15:9)," and of Peter, who pleaded: "Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man" (Lk 5:8).

They all acknowledged their unworthiness before God, and that they were not worthy to be His instruments. Their humility was a sign that they needed God's grace in order to succeed. Of course, God knew this, because He is the one that calls and sanctifies one for his mission.

In our Gospel, Christ called Peter to follow Him. How could Peter, an experienced fisherman who could not catch any fish throughout the night be fisher of men? Men, the most difficult of all the species created by God. Of course, Christ knew he was not worthy, yet He chose him and made him worthy for His mission.

I'd like to suggest some lessons that you can take away from our readings this Sunday:

Firstly, it's the grace of God that sustains those whom he calls. God sanctifies and justifies those whom he called (Rom 8:30). Our experience is important, but not sufficient for God's mission. But His grace is sufficient for us (2Cor 12:9).

Secondly, there would always be millions of reason and excuses to avoid God's call and will. Today, Isaiah lamented: "I am a man of unclean leaps." So, there would always be excuses, in order not to help the poor, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, welcome the homeless, visit the sick and even bury the dead. There are any excuses in order not to do the right thing: I am incapacitated, I have too little to give, I can do nothing. I am very busy and I do not have time.

Finally, all we need to do is: kill that excuse! Be docile to the Holy Spirit because, he makes those available worthy and capable for God's mission. Like Isaiah, if only we can say: Here I am, send me. Then, Christ will make us fishers of men. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P P

Roster: 15th & 16th February 2025

Mass Time	Reader / Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety	Counters	Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers
5.30pm	A.Favrin J. Borg	A. Karuppiah M. Jones C.Ho		N & K Nugent M. Thompson	Please gather together in the Church about 5 minutes before Mass.
8.00am	Sr Nelia T. Shebual	V. Smith M. Sweetman S. Aldridge		Supervisor G. Spiteri	Eucharistic Ministers Please remember
10.00am	Mannix Mass	Mannix Mass		 Ministries	you are also welcoming parishioners & visitors & handing out the newsletter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 13th Feb: Opening of School & Staff
Commissioning Mass at 9.15am

Sun 16th Feb: 10.00am Mannix Mass
(Loyola College)

LENTEN PROGRAM

As a parish, we are preparing for Jesus' death and Resurrection in a special way so that we may experience true transformation in our lives during this powerful season of Lent. The Faith Enrichment Group invites you to participate in a new program from Ascension—*Walking with Mary to Jerusalem*.

The program follows Mary on her journey to Jerusalem alongside her son, Jesus, and includes engaging videos by Fr. Toups and Gospel discussion. Running weekly each Thurs evening, starting 27th Feb @ 7.30pm in the Dunlop Room, until 3rd April.

Thankyou Ellen Mac Manus

DUNLOP ROOM FOR HIRE

The Dunlop Room is available for hire for Family gatherings, Baptism functions, Community Groups. The room can hold around 50 people .

If you would like any further information or would like to view the room.

Please contact the Parish Office on 9467 2797.

ENVELOPES TO BE COLLECTED THANKSGIVING & ROSTERS

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to inform you that the new series of Thanksgiving envelopes & Counters Rosters are ready to be collected at the back of the Church.

If possible, may I kindly ask you to assist by delivering envelopes to your friends and family members who are unable to collect them in person? Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and generosity.

SACRAMENT PROGRAM AT ST DAMIAN'S PARISH

We are now taking enrolments for our Sacrament Programs.



These courses are available to all Catholic Children attending both Government & Private Schools.

Reconciliation: from Grade 3 and Over.

Eucharist: Grade 4 or anyone who has previously received the sacraments of Reconciliation.

Confirmation:

Classes are on Thursday evening at 4.00pm to 5.00pm in the Dunlop Room. If you would like to join Confirmation group please contact the Parish Office .

For Children in Grade 6 or any student who has previously received the Sacrament of Eucharist.

Each course will be with our Sacrament Co Ordinator: Andrea Groom
At : St Damian's Parish in the Dunlop Room
Cost : \$150 per child.

Please bring a copy of your Baptism Certificate, if this is the first time enrolling for a Sacrament Course at St Damian's. Please contact Parish Office on 9467 2797 for all enquiries.

Office Hours: Tues—Thurs 10.00am to 3.00pm
Friday : 10.00 am to 1.00pm
Thank you.

St Damian's Ladies Lunch Group.



We are a group of parishioners who gather for a friendly catch up over lunch.

If you are new to our parish, maybe recently retired or just haven't joined us before you are certainly most welcome to come along.

Our first lunch for 2025 is at Watsonia RSL at 12 noon on Tuesday, 18th February.

Contact Sarita to book or for any inquiries.
9467 2531 or 0434 581 948.

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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