



St Damian's Catholic Church

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WEEKENDS

Saturday Evening: 5.30pm

Sunday Morning: 8am & 10am

WEEKDAYS

Monday: no Mass

Tuesday: 9.15am

Wednesday: 7.00pm Mass & Novena

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 and Benediction after morning Mass on 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

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 10th September 2023

READING

Ezek 33: 7-9

Rom 13:8-10

Mt 18:15-20

NEXT WEEK

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35

PSALM

**O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and We the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

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Harden not your hearts.**

FEAST DAY DURING THE WEEK

Wed : 13th Sept:	St John Chrysostom
Thur: 14th Sept:	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Fri : 15th Sept:	Our Lady of Sorrows
Sat: 16th Sept:	Sts Cornelius

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION!

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths : Dorothy Meeny

Anniversaries

Ines Flippi,

Emanuela Vigilante,

Irma Gizzi

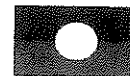
Sick: Anita Gentile, Paul Long, Louisa, Virginia, Michael Mac Manus, Samuel Sughihto

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 WURUNDJERI People of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.



GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

This Sunday, the Church reminds us of our responsibility to towards one another. Most importantly, she reminds us that dialogue and mutual love is the best method of to promote reconciliation.

In the first reading, God reminds us through Prophet Ezekiel, that we have a responsibility towards one another. This is especially, with regards to counselling and warning others of the consequences of their actions in order to save them. It takes love to warn, counsel or advice someone. So, we are to do this with love.

Our 2nd reading, St. Paul hits the nail right on head: *"Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love."* We must take note of the adjective, mutual with which Paul qualified love. The quality of this love is not just a mere selfish feeling or desire to satisfy oneself. Rather, it is that which thinks and cares about the good and welfare of the other.

And, our Gospel from St Matthew, Jesus gives us the principles of reconciliation. This means that conflicts are inevitable, they must come. They are inevitable in relationships, in families, and in communities. However, the question is how do we resolve them amicably? Suffice to note that at the centre of Jesus' principle is, dialogue. Ability to counsel and talk over issues, to see things from the perspective of others or, the ability to empathize with others.

However, our Lord gives us a three-dimensional principle of reconciliation. First, we must sit down and dialogue one on one, and face to face. Then, seek the mediation of a good friend, and finally, seek the mediation of our community or family. As Christians, how do we resolve our problems today? Take a pound of flesh from the other, or go straight to the court of law? We must take note of the three basic steps that Christ gives us today.

Unfortunately, today, we neglect all these basic steps and go straight to: *"treat him/her like a tax collector."* Before this, if at all it, is necessary, we must make all efforts to reconcile with others through dialogue. Dialogue fosters mutual respect for the other, it saves us a lot of energy and time and the cost of lawsuits. Finally, it fosters mutual love and restores relationships. when we dialogue and to agree, God seals it with a great. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran PP

Rosters for 16th & 17th September

Mass Time	Reader/Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety Shop	Counters	Readers/ Responders
5.30pm	N. Nugent J. Mercado	C. Ho M. Jones M. Kanniah	D. Stubbs	N & K Nugent M. Thompson	Eucharist / Welcomers, ..
8.00am	Sr Nelia V. Smith	C. Love S. Aldridge M. Beverley	C. Love	Supervisor	Please gather together in the
10.00am	J. Venturini J. Capuana	L. Careri W. Mc Eleney R. Sacco	S. O'Connor	M. Jones	Sacristy about 15 Minutes prior to Mass.
				 Ministries	Eucharist Ministers— please re- member that

ANointing MASS:

St. James 5:14-15 in his letter says: "Is any among you sick? Let him call for the presbyters of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."

I write to inviting you if you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick and it will be held in **our St. Damian's Church on Tuesday September 26 at 9:15am Mass, followed by a light cuppa in Dunlop Room afterward.**

This sacrament has a powerful effect upon the sick person (CCC 1520-21):

- Strengthening, peace and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness or the frailty of old age".
- "Healing of the soul, but also of the body if such is God's will.
- Forgiveness of sin.
- "Union with the passion of Christ." One's suffering becomes "a participation in the saving work of Jesus."

PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND DONATIONS THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Priest Retirement Fund last weekend for Father's Day. We raised \$520.55 this has been sent to the Priest Retirement Fund.

Congratulations to Winners of the Fathers Day Raffle

We would like to congratulate our Three Winners, on winning tickets to attend this years Feast Dinner Dance.

Have You Been Thinking About Becoming Catholic? Are you married to a Catholic? Are your children Catholic? Do you feel it is time to enquire further into the Catholic faith?

The Church welcomes all people who genuinely search for God. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is designed for people who feel a call to know more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith. The RCIA is a process for preparing adults for Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist

(Holy Communion). It is also for those who have been baptized (in any Christian faith) who wish to complete their Initiation into the Catholic Church.

It involves a series of sessions learning about the life of Jesus through the Gospels, to discuss what His message means for us in everyday life and to enlighten, inform and discuss Catholic beliefs and practices.

Please feel free to contact the Parish Office on 9467 2797 for any further information

DINNER DANCE VOLUNTEERING

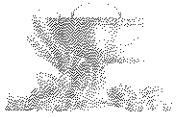
Do you want to join our team of volunteers for the Dinner Dance on September 16???

In order to prepare well for this event, we need more volunteers to assist us such as, setting up tables, welcoming guests, traffic management, or other roles etc.

If you think you can help us, please don't hesitate to contact our Parish Office: Bundoora@cam.org.au or (03)94672797 - Thanks so much for your consideration. Please fill in details in the foyer.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FIRST EUCHARIST

Congratulations to all the children from our parish as they receive the Sacrament of Eucharist this Saturday at 2.00pm & 5.30PM



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED ON FATHER'S DAY

We would like to thank everyone who assisted in making this a special fathers day for many parishioners. Those who assisted in the Church, helped with the Father's day raffle or assisted with the morning tea. We couldn't have done this without you all.

St DAMIAN'S PARISH 57TH YEAR FEAST DINNER DANCE

LOYOLA CAMPANIONS HALL

325 Grimshaw St, Watsonia VIC 3087

**SATURDAY THE 16TH OF SEPTEMBER
2023**

6.00PM – 11.00PM

A Vigil Mass at 5:00pm, instead of 5:30pm as usual

– Only this weekend

*** **MENU** *** Buffet Style

***Carvery:**

Roast Beef and Pork; Scallop Potato and Gravy;
Condiments; Bread and Butter; Steamed
Salmon, Prawns, Calamari, and baby octopus'
salad.

*** Chafing Dishes:**

Veal Tortellini chicken and mushroom and BBQ
Maryland fillet in apricot jus

***Asian Clay pots: X5**

Beef Mongolian Chinese; Chicken Chop suey;
Beef Rendang Malaysian style; Fried Rice /
steamed rice, and Chow mien

***Salads: x3**

Garden Salad; Waldorf Salad, and 5 bean mix
salad in coriander dressing

***Dessert x3**

Tiramisu; Fresh fruit Salad, and Chocolate mud

***Drinks: Provide & Also,**

Bring Your Own – BYO!

Music: 2 BANDS INVOLVED & DJ

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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