



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

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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

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT, 8TH MARCH 2026

THIS WEEKEND

Ex 17:3-7
Rom 5:1-2,5-8
John 4:5-42

NEXT WEEK

1 Sam 16:1,6-7, 10-13
Eph 5:8-14
Jn 9:1-41

SRI LANKAN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :
Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.
Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

DATE TO REMEMBER

Sun 15th March: Mannix Mass at 10.00am

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

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PSALM

If today you hear 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.'

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Recent Deaths: Thomas Antony Joseph

Anniversaries: Jimmy (Giglio) Cantatore, Irma Gizzi, Anna Camilli, Angela & Elena Peres, Assunta Gizzi, Teresa Basile, Maria Antonio Russo

Sick : Diana Whylley, Helen Mc Kinery,



A SHORT REFLECTION – 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT, A.

I'd like to begin with a story: A man once walked through a dry, dusty land, searching for water. He came upon a small spring, almost hidden under rocks. At first, he thought it too little to quench his thirst. But as he drank, he realized the water was life itself - fresh, sustaining, and abundant. Sometimes, the smallest source can meet the deepest need.

In the **first reading (Exodus 17:3-7)**, the Israelites grumbled to Moses: "Why did you bring us out of Egypt to make us die of thirst?" God commanded Moses to strike the rock at Horeb, and water flowed. This story reminds us that in our moments of doubt and scarcity, God is always ready to provide. He turns our complaints and struggles into life-giving grace, just as He did for His people in the desert.

In **St. Paul's letter to the Romans (5:1-2, 5-8)**, we hear that through faith, we are justified and enjoy peace with God. God's love is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, especially visible in the sacrifice of Christ while we were still sinners. Lent calls us to remember that even when we fail, God's mercy is constant and His love transformative. Our trust in Him gives life even in dry seasons of our hearts.

The **Gospel (John 4:5-42)** presents Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well. He offers her living water, which quenches thirst forever. Like the woman, we often seek satisfaction in the world: relationships, success, or possessions, but only Christ satisfies the deepest longings of our souls. His invitation is personal: come, drink, and never thirst again.

Three Ways to Live Lent:

1. **Seek God's living water through prayer:** make time to encounter Him daily, even in small moments.
2. **Practice mercy and generosity:** like Christ, pour out love to those in need, letting our actions flow like living water.
3. **Examine and renew faith:** identify areas of doubt or complaint in your life, and consciously trust God's providence.

In this season of Lent, let us allow Christ to quench our spiritual thirst, transforming our doubts and weariness into life, hope, and joy. The well is before us; let us drink deeply and carry that living water to others. Amen.

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

ROSTER: 14th & 15th March 2026

Time	READERS	EUCCHARIST
5.30pm	M. Joyce D. Whyley	M. Jones L. Robinson J. Mercado
8.00am	J. North C. Love	C. Fitzgerald S. Aldridge M. Beverley
10.00am	Mannix Mass	Mannix Mass

COUNTERS

P. Martino
V. Zappa

SUPERVISOR

D. Mash



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: **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*

CHIRSM MASS:

Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 31 March 2026 at 10am at St Patrick's Cathedral. All are invited to join the Archbishop and priests. There will be NO Morning Mass in our parish that day.

RCIA

Please welcome and pray for our newly Elect, Zac, who is celebrating his first Scrutiny this weekend. This is an important part of his preparation for Baptism at the Easter Vigil.

2026 St Patrick's Day Mass and Patrick Oration

on Tuesday 17 March

at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.

The evening will include:

- 6.00pm: Mass for the Solemnity of St Patrick (Clergy who wish to concelebrate or assist are encouraged to notify the Cathedral via: cathedral@cam.org.au)
- 7.15pm: Patrick Oration delivered by the Archbishop
- 8.00pm: Refreshments will be served in the Cathedral grounds

The event will be a significant event in the life of the local Church of Melbourne, with the Oration introducing *Light into the City*, the Archbishop's vision for the renewal of the Cathedral and its surrounds – a once-in-a-generation opportunity to restore and reimagine this sacred precinct for future generations.

Places can be reserved via cathedral@cam.org.au

We very much hope you and your community will be able to join us.

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

PASCHAL TRIDUMM MASSES

Journeying with Christ through Love, the Cross, and Hope

Day 1: Wednesday, 25 March : 7.00pm

Celebrant: Fr Shiran CSsR

Theme: The Day of Love and Service

Reflecting on Christ's Gift of love and our call to serve one another.

Day 2: Thursday, 26 March : 7.00pm

Celebrant: Fr EkaTanaya SJ

Theme: The Day of the Cross and Silence

Entering into the mystery of Christ's suffering and saving sacrifice

Day 3: Friday, 27 March: 7.00pm

Celebrant: Fr Robin CSsR

Theme: The Day of Waiting and Hope

Learning to wait with Faith, Trusting in God's promise of new life.

Noted: Please bring your own plate and join us for a shared dinner after Mass in the Dunlop and Briglia Rooms.

- Station of the Cross: Every Friday morning after 9.15am Mass
- Sacrament of Confession: 1st & 2nd Rite: Friday 20th March at 7.30pm



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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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