



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

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20TH JULY 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Gen 18:1-10;

Col 1:24-28;

Lk 10:38-42.

NEXT WEEK

Gen 18:20-32

Col 2:12-14

Luke 11:1-13

SRI LANKEN SINGHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Tue 22nd July —St Mary Magdalene

Wed 23rd July—Sts Joachim and Anne

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with
a generous heart and yield a harvest
through perseverance.

Alleluia!

PSALM

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

*He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth
from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue.*

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his

*neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear
the Lord.*

*He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a
loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent.*

Such a man will stand firm for ever.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Recent Deaths: Vlado Zakanj, Sr Therese Denny Sgs

Anniversaries: Maria Paniza, Rosa Dau Canh, Tuan Pham, Catherine Hong, Maria Hanh, Maria Xuan, Lee Tucknott
Spencer Jordan Rector, Joseph Dong, Teresa Dalla Vecchia, Maria Xuan, Tien Pham, Maria Trinh, Joesph Tuoc,
Joseph Tuan, Mario Camilli, William Henwood, Nicola del Popolo,

Sick : Helen Mc Kinnery , John Long, Antonio Castro, Perpetuna Basada, Olivia Petrelli, Angelo Trinidad, Norma Frendo

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...)* **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*

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.



REFLECTION FOR THE 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

Theme: Welcoming Christ – In Others, In Ourselves, and In Silence

Dear Friends in Christ, this Sunday's readings bring us into the heart of true hospitality, not just welcoming others into our homes, but also welcoming Christ into our lives, our hearts, and even our sufferings.

Our first reading today from Book of Genesis 18:1–10, Abraham, sitting by the oak of Mamre in the heat of the day, see three mysterious men approaching. Without hesitation, he runs to greet them, offers water, rest, and food. His humble generosity opens the door to a profound revelation: God is visiting him, and Sarah will bear a son despite her old age.

Lesson: In welcoming others, especially the unknown, the outsider, or the weary we may be welcoming God Himself.

St. Paul in our second reading 1: 24-28, speaks of a great mystery once hidden but now revealed: "Christ in you, the hope of glory." Paul rejoices even in suffering because he sees it as sharing in Christ's mission and life. For him, Christian maturity means allowing Christ to live and grow within us.

Lesson: The Christian life is not just about doing things for Christ but letting Christ live in us.

In the Gospel of St Luke 10:38-42, Jesus visits the home of Martha and Mary. Martha is busy, distracted, overwhelmed with serving. Mary simply sits and listens to Jesus. When Martha complains, Jesus responds with love: *"Martha, Martha you are worried about many things... Mary has chosen the better part."*

Lesson: While service is important, it must be rooted in attentive presence to Christ.

All three readings this Sunday speak of hospitality, but at deeper levels:

- Abraham welcomes God disguised as a stranger.
- Paul teaches that God lives within us, even through suffering.
- Jesus reminds Martha (and us) that we must first welcome Him into our hearts through stillness and Listening.

In a world that values productivity, noise, and multitasking, today's readings are a gentle but firm call to slow down, make space, and be truly present to others, to ourselves, and especially to God.

Let us pray: *Lord, teach us to welcome You, in the stranger at our door, in the silence of our hearts, in the cross of our suffering. May we, like Mary, choose the better part, and never let it be taken from us. Amen.*

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Rosters 26th & 27th July 2025

Time	Readers	Eucharist/ Welcome	Counters
5.30pm	A. Dass D. Whyley	A. Karuppiah M. Jones C. Ho	G. Love A. Schuck
8.00am	Sr Nelia T. Shebaul	C.. Love V. Smith M. Sweetman	Supervisor
10.00am	N. Matthews J. Sobey	N. Cardamone E. Jones J. Tonkin	D. Mash
			 Ministries

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.



FORMATION SESSION MORNING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS

Dear Volunteers, first of all, we sincerely apologise for the change in schedule. Due to an unforeseen and unavoidable commitment, we are unable to hold our originally planned session. We are truly sorry for any inconvenience this may cause and greatly appreciate your understanding.

OUR FORMATION SESSION WILL NOW BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 2ND AUGUST AT 10:00AM IN THE CHURCH – INSTEAD OF THE PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED SATURDAY 26TH JULY.

After the session, we warmly invite you to join us for **morning tea in the Dunlop Room**.

This gathering will be a wonderful opportunity to:

- Reflect on the importance of our ministry,
- Refresh our understanding of our roles,
- And stay updated with a few important changes that **Carmel, Daniela, and I** would like to share with you.

We truly look forward to seeing you and thank you once again for your ongoing dedication and generous service.

Warm regards,
The Team

FR JOE DONG TRAN – 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION



Dear St Damian's Parishioners and Visitors,

On behalf of our parish team, I warmly invite you to **SAVE THE DATE** for a very special occasion:

Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr Joe Dong Tran's 10th Anniversary of Ordination

@. **Friday, 12th September**

@. **6:00 pm Mass,**

followed by a Joyful celebration in the hall.

To help make this celebration a success, we kindly ask for your support. If you are able to volunteer, Please add your name to the sign-up sheets available in the church foyer.

Volunteers are needed for:

Set-Up and Cleaning Committee, led by **Paul Bezzina**
Food and Drinks Committee, led by **Marie Jones** and **Shay Gooneratne**

Thank you sincerely for your generosity and support. We look forward to celebrating this joyful milestone with you. Any enquiries please contact the Parish Office on 9467 2797. **More details to come soon!**

Dianne Stubbs,
Parish Secretary

10¢ CANS & BOTTLES DONATIONS

Green bins have been placed to the right of the church where you can drop off your donations at any time. Thank you all.



THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES ARE READY TO BE COLLECTED

Dear Parishioners,

Thanksgiving envelopes are now ready to be collected at the back of the Church. Also If you are able to help a friend and deliver their envelopes this will be much appreciated. Thankyou

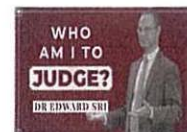
BAPTISM:

This weekend we welcome Aura Stephen, Quinn Matthews & Amelia Matthews, Anh Minh Tran & Chau Minh Tran who are being baptised.



Who Am I to Judge?" – 8-Session Program

Thursday, July 27th at 7:00 PM
Continues: Every Thursday evening
Location: Dunlop Room



Explore how to respond to a relativistic culture with truth and love through this engaging series. Everyone is welcome!



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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