

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: 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 8th March, 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Deut 26:4-10;

Rom 10:8-13;

Lk 4:1-13.

NEXT WEEK

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18;

Phil 3:20-4:1;

Lk 9:28-36.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

PSALM.

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you have commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon.

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'

I will save him in distress and give him glory.

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Anna Camilli, Assunta Gizzi

Sick: Elizabeth San Martin, Manuel Paneda, Lottie Constantino, Helen Mc Kinnery, Peter Coffey

John Long, Maria Hau

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...)*

REFLECTION ON THE LENTEN SEASON 2025

By the Parish Priest Fr. Joe Dong

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Lenten season of 2025 began on Ash Wednesday – last Wednesday, March 5, and will conclude on Holy Thursday, April 17, leading us to the joyful celebration of Easter Sunday on April 20. Lent is a sacred time of reflection, repentance, and renewal as we prepare our hearts for the resurrection of Christ.

Inspired by Pope Francis' Lenten message, *"Let Us Journey Together in Hope,"* and guided by the scriptural readings from the 1st Sunday of Lent: Deuteronomy 26:4-10, Romans 10:8-13, and Luke 4:1-13, we are invited to embrace the following spiritual practices:

1. Journeying in Faith (Deut 26:4-10)

This passage recalls Israel's journey from slavery to freedom, reminding us of the importance of gratitude for God's providence.

How to live it?

- Reflect on your personal spiritual journey.
- Offer prayers of thanksgiving for God's faithfulness in your life.
- Cultivate a habit of daily gratitude.

2. Journeying Together in Community (Rom 10:8-13)

St Paul reminds us that salvation is for all who believe and confess Jesus as Lord. Faith is not meant to be lived in isolation but in communion with others.

How to live it?

- Engage in acts of charity and service to those in need.
- Participate actively in parish life and outreach programs.
- Strengthen unity within your family, church, and community.

3. Journeying in Hope Through Sacrifice (Lk 4:1-13)

Jesus' time of temptation in the desert teaches us the power of trust in God, even in the face of trials and hardships.

How to live it?

- Fast from distractions and sinful habits.
- Deepen your prayer life and cultivate a spirit of trust in God.
- Let hope guide you through challenges and uncertainties.

As we walk together as Pilgrims of Hope, may this Lenten season lead us to deeper conversion, stronger unity, and renewed faith in God's promise of salvation. Amen!

ROSTERS 15th and 16th MARCH 2025

	Reader / Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Counters	Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers
5.30pm	J. Borg P. Cosgrove	L. Robinson B. Joyce D. Whyley	P. Martino V. Zappa	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
8.00am	T. Shebal Sr Nelia	S. Aldridge M. Beverley J. Fellowes	Supervisor D. Mash	
10.00am	N. Matthews P. Bezzina	C. Manabat P. Gill W. Mc Elenev		

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **fasting and abstinence** from meat. On all other Fridays, except **solemnities**, the common practice of **penance** is observed through **prayer, self-denial, and almsgiving**.

- **Fasting:** Obligatory for those who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year.
- **Abstinence from meat:** Obligatory for those who have completed their 14th year. (*Canon 1252*)

Lenten Retreat with the Melbourne Archdiocese Proclaim Team

Dear Friends in Christ,

On behalf of the Proclaim Team, as parish priest, I warmly invite you to a day of spiritual reflection through a Lenten Retreat as we prepare to enter the holy season of Lent.

This special retreat will take place at **St. Damian's Church** on **Saturday, 5th April**, beginning with **9:15 AM Morning Mass**, followed by **sessions, Exposition, Benediction, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation**. We anticipate concluding around **3:30 PM**.

Please note: A **light Morning Tea and Lunch** will be provided in the Dunlop Room, so there is no need to bring your own.

We encourage you to bring along family and friends and take this opportunity to set aside time for prayer, reflection, and renewal.

We look forward to sharing this sacred journey with you. Blessings,

Fr. Joe Dong & the Proclaim Team

PROJECT COMPASSION

Dear Parishioners,

Please support Project Compassion in 2025. Project Compassion Boxes will be available in the Church and also the Church Foyer. Please take the boxes home for you to donate.

ST DAMIAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY **TUESDAY 11 MARCH**

9:30-10:45 AM & 6:00-7:15 PM

15 MINUTE INFORMATION SESSIONS AT

9:30AM & 6:00PM FOLLOWED BY TOURS

TOURS AVAILABLE AT 9:30AM

EVERY 2ND THURSDAY IN TERM 1 & 2

BOOKINGS ARE REQUIRED VIA THE OFFICE

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WELCOME FROM THE RCIA TEAM

The RCIA team would like to introduce our Candidates Evie and Kobe who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist this Easter. Please welcome and pray for them during this very exciting and special time.

2025 LENTEN TIMETABLE

***LENTEN REFLECTION MEETINGS WITH THE FAITH ENRICHMENT GROUP -**

"Walking with Mary to Jerusalem."

Location: St Damian's Dunlop Room

Every Thursday at 7:30 PM - Dates: March 13, 20, 27, and April 3, followed a light cuppa.

Everyone is invited.

***LENTEN RETREAT WITH ARCHDIOCESE PROCLAIM TEAM -**

Saturday 5th April from 9:15am Mass, Reflection Sessions, Exposition, Benediction, & Reconciliation, concluding around 3:30 PM.

***STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday morning after 9:15am Mass.

***EPISCOPAL VISIT** by Bishop Rene Ramirez RCJ - Auxiliary Bishop for the Northern Region - Celebrates 10:00AM Mass on Sunday 16th March & Good Friday at 3:00PM

***SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

1ST & 2ND RITE: Friday 11th April at 7:30pm

LAWN MOWING & CLEANING GROUPS

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all the **volunteers** who have dedicated their time and effort to cleaning both the inside and outside of our church. Your hard work and generosity are truly appreciated.

Our Lawn Mowing Team meets **once a month on Saturday mornings**, while our **Cleaning Groups** gather **fortnightly** to maintain the church's cleanliness.

If you would like to join us, please contact:

- **Lawn Mowing:** Paul Bezzina - paul.bezzina@imprbrands.com
- **Cleaning Groups:** Chung Ho - vho2011@gmail.com

Or reach out to the **Parish Office** at 03 9467 2797

Thank you once again for your support and dedication!

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P

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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ST. DAMIAN'S CHURCH, BUNDOORA
2025 HOLY WEEK SERVICE TIMES

HOLY THURSDAY, 17TH APRIL

**7:30 PM MASS OF THE LORD'S
SUPPER & FOLLOWED BY THE
ADORATION**



GOOD FRIDAY, 18TH APRIL

**10:00AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS & MORNING
TEA IN THE DUNLOP ROOM**

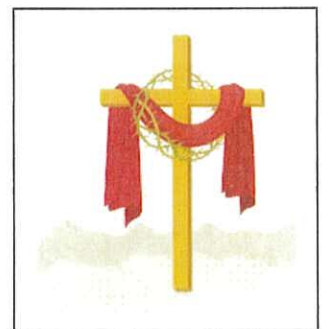
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

WITH BISHOP RENE RAMIREZ RCJ

3:00 PM AT ST. DAMIAN'S CHURCH

HOLY SATURDAY, 19TH APRIL

6:30 PM EASTER VIGIL



EASTER SUNDAY, 20TH APRIL

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM MASSES

