



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

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 29th October 2023

READING

EX 22:20-26
1 Thess 1:5-10
Mt 22: 34-40

NEXT WEEK

Mal 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10
1 Thess 2:7-9, 13
Mt 23:1-12

PSALM

I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress,
my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield,
my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am
saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king and shown
his love for his anointed.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

FEAST DAY DURING THE WEEK

Wed : 1st November: All Saints Day : 9.15am & 7.00pm
Thurs : 2nd November , All Souls' Day: 9.15am & 7.00pm

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION!

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my
Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Recent Deaths : Vincent Taylor, John Muscat

Anniversaries: Christos Pittas, Varghese, Rose Ovehil, Robert Adjudge

Sick:: Joven, Anita Gentile, Paul Long, Louisa, Virginia, Samuel Sughihto, Gloria Franco, Luisa Valente
Rosa Diez

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 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Dear sisters and brothers in God's love,

Today, the church reminds us of the most important theological virtue, love. In a most special way, Jesus gives us the two dimensions of love. The vertical, love of God, and the horizontal, love of neighbour.

In the first reading, through Moses, God warns us: "You must not oppress the stranger or molest him...not be harsh with the widow or with orphans." God reminds us that such acts would attract his wrath upon the oppressor. Therefore, the lesson here is that we must treat others justly and with love. God hates oppression and injustice especially, against the weak, the poor and the defenceless.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds the Thessalonians community of their former status as pagans, and how they were liberated through the power of the good news. Their liberation was a sign of God's love for them. Their acceptance of the good news was equally a sign of their love for God.

In today's gospel, the Pharisees posed Christ another difficult question: "Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?" As usual, this was to test & trap him. A close look at Jesus' response today, reveals that Jesus presents us with, first the vertical dimension of love: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your soul...." It is important to note that to love God with one's body and soul requires a lot of sacrifice, and humility. To love God is the most important prerequisite of being like him.

The second dimension of love is the horizontal: "You must love your neighbour as yourself?" This is more difficult than the first. This is because, we neglect and take it for granted. This is, by thinking that we can love God alone without loving our neighbours.

Christ reminds us in John's Gospel that: "If anyone says, I love God, and hates his brothers and sisters, they are a liar; for they do not love their brothers and sisters whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they haven't seen" (1Jn 4, 20). So, the best way of expressing our love for God is through our neighbours.

Therefore, in talking of love, charity must begin at home, with our neighbour, with your friends and those around us. Saint Augustine admonishes us; "...Love and do whatever you will. Whether you hold your peace, through love hold your peace; whether you cry out, through love cry out; whether you correct, through love correct; whether you spare, through love you must spare. Let the root of love be within, of this root can nothing spring but what is good." This is right because, it is through our neighbours that we worship and love God. When we find God, we find our own peace and love. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Rosters for

Mass Time	Reader/Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety Shop	Counters	Readers/ Responders
5.30pm	J. Mercado N. Nugent	M. Spiteri E. Taylor D. Whyley	D. Stubbs	G. Love A. Schuck	Eucharist / Welcomers...
8.00am	V. Smith C. Fitzgerald	Sr. Candida Sr. Nelia M. Sweetman	C. Love	Supervisor	Please gather together in the Sacristy about 15 Minutes prior to Mass.
10.00am	J. Capuana M. Han	C. Manabat R. Sacco W. Mc Eleney	R. Sacco	G. Spiteri  Ministries	Eucharist Ministers— please remember that

SOLAR PANELS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED FOR THE COMMUNITY

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU, DEAR PARISHIONERS!

Friends, I would like to share the very good news about the successful completion of the solar panel project for our Church. Congratulations to all involved in this project!

The installation by Omni Electrical Company of 39 solar panels and the resulting 18.525kW solar system, without battery, is certainly an impressive achievement. It's great to see that sustainable energy solutions are being embraced, not only for our environmental benefits but also for our potential cost savings in the long run for our church and parish house.

It's an important noting that any remaining funds from this project will be retained for future initiatives. This forward-thinking approach allows for the possibility of further enhancements to the parish, such as the solar battery program, sound system upgrade, CCTV cameras installation, or improvements to the church's landscape etc.

As a parish priest, I truly extend my gratitude to you and everyone who contributed, dedicating your time, resources, and commitment to the success of this project. It's through the collective efforts of individuals like yourselves that positive change can be brought about in the community.

Once again, thank you for your dedication, support, and commitment to our parish's initiatives.

With kindest regards, **Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P.**

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 contact the Parish Office on 9467 2797 for further information

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

St Gabriel's Theatre Company
PERFORMANCES: St Gabriel
Parish Hall

(opp Church). Address: Viola
Street Reservoir. Nov 21st,
23RD, 24th & 25th at 7.30pm
Nov 25th at 4.00pm
<https://www.trybooking.com/cmdkm>

Piety Shop

The 2024 Columban Calendar is now available @\$10.00 each, the calendar would make an excellent gift for family and friends it also helps to support the Columban Missionaries. Thank you.!



There are two Masses at 9.15am & 7:00pm on Wednesday 1st November.

The feast of All Saints Day which takes the time to honour all of the saints because they each represent a different call to the Kingdom, just like us, each saint had different gifts and talents. Each saint found a different way to love and serve the Lord. The Church recognizes this uniqueness to each saint as patron saints are named for almost every occupation and situation in life. The reason the Church names different saints patrons is to provide inspiration for the many different walks of life.



There are two Masses at 9.15am & 7:00pm on Thursday 2nd November. The feast of All Souls Day which gives us the opportunity to remember and celebrate all of our faithful departed. The month of November is set aside to remember our deceased loved ones and pray for their eternal salvation.

Let us pray: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them with your saints forever, for you are merciful. Amen!

Upcoming Parish Events for your diary during November

1. Wednesday 1st November: All Saints Day, Solemnity @ 9.15am & 7.00pm Masses
2. Thursday 2nd November: All Souls Day, Solemnity at 9.15am and 7.00pm Mass
3. 1st Friday November: Morning Mass @ 9:15 and followed Novena
4. 1st Saturday November: beginning with Prayer, Rosary at 8:30am and followed Eucharistic celebration at 9.15am

St Luke's Parish, 1A David St, Lalor, invites you to a

NIGHT OF EVANGELIZATION WITH RON HUNTLEY -

Intentional Parish Renewal

Please join us in the St Luke's church on
Wednesday, 15th November
at 7.00pm for this FREE event

Be inspired by this world-renowned speaker and author on his mission to help create fruitful parishes around the world.

For further information, please contact St Luke's Parish, (03)94652180, lalor@cam.org.au

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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