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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

Saturdays 5.00pm and First Friday 10.00am

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday at 11.30am after Mass.

Preparation 1st Wednesday each month at 6.30pm 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

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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

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 25TH OCTOBER 2026

THIS WEEKEND

EX 22:20-26

1 Thess 1:5-10

Mt 22:34-40

NEXT WEEK

Rev 7:2-4,9-14

1 Jn 3:1-3

Mt 5:1-12

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 28th October: Sts Simon and Jude

Sun 1st November: All Saints- Solemnity

Mon 2nd November: All Souls

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!

Recent Deaths: Teresa Sacco, Clarissa Garcia

Anniversaries: Gervasio Tonietto

Sick: Diana Whylley, Susie, Moding Ilanto, Vlad, Marie Lazatin, Gloria Franco, Zoe Delahunty, Vlad, Charles and Anna

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*

Reflection on the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Siven)

The Greatest Law: Loving God and Loving Others

As Christians, we are familiar with the sign of the cross. We make this sign every time we pray and celebrate the Eucharist. When we make the sign of the cross, we are not only blessing ourselves with the sign of Christ's victory, but we are also reminding ourselves of the foundation of the Christian life: **loving God and loving others**. The sign of the cross represents two inseparable relationships: our relationship with God (vertical) and our relationship with others (horizontal). The meeting point between these two relationships is **love**. This is the greatest law taught by Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel: loving God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and loving others as ourselves.

Firstly, **Loving God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind (vertical relationship)**. This law encourages us to direct ourselves totally to God. Jesus invites us to let our hearts, souls, and minds be filled with love for God. St. Augustine of Hippo explained that humans are creatures driven by love. According to him, there are three levels of love: **love for worldly goods** (the lowest level), **love for oneself and others** (the middle level), and **love for God** (the highest and most perfect level). Humans need to organize this love in an orderly manner by placing God as the first and foremost goal of love. Augustine explained that disordered love causes humans to fall into sin, where humans love creation more than the Creator.

In his famous book, **The City of God (Civitas Dei)**, Augustine compares two cities built on love. The first is the city of God, a city built by people who share a love for God. The second is a worldly city, a city built by people who share a love for power and self. Am I a citizen of the city of God? Or a citizen of the worldly city? The answer to this question depends on how close our relationship with God and how deep we love God.

Secondly, **loving our neighbors as ourselves (Horizontal Relationship)**. Jesus invites us to see others differently. Others are not strangers, but rather a part of ourselves. As Christians, we believe that everyone carries the same image, the image of God. Therefore, loving our neighbors needs to go beyond all boundaries: religious, ethnic, national, racial, or color. Imagine what our world would be like if humans didn't love each other. Without love, the world would fall apart. The world would simply exist in harmony if humans become selfless and treat each other fairly. This is the calling for all of us to spread love to the world.

May the fire of Christ's love continue to burn in our hearts to love God and others. Amen.

Deacon Siven

ROSTER 31st October & 1st November 2026

Time	READERS	EUCCHARIST
5.30pm	M. Joyce N. Matthews	D. Mash L. Robinson' M. Spiteri
8.00am	Volunteer L. Starvaggi	J. North C. Love M. Sweetman
10.00am	S. Gooneratne K. Mangubat	J. Venturini L. Careri P. Del Popolo

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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.

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.



BAPTISM:

This weekend we welcome, into the family of St Damian's Mary Leah Dawn Simpson who is being baptised..



Weekly Donations

Dear Parishioners and Donors,

As explained in this weekend's bulletin, we are introducing online weekly donations to support our parish.

After listening to your feedback over the past week, **I would like to reassure you that if you prefer not to donate online, you are very welcome to continue using donation envelopes. Simply inform the parish office or parish priest, and we will gladly arrange them for you.**

Thank you for your understanding, generosity, and continued support of our parish.

May God bless you and your families abundantly.

IMPORTANT DATES to Remember

November & December 2026

NOVEMBER 2026	
SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2026 	FEAST OF ALL SAINTS Masses: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2026 	FEAST OF ALL SOULS Masses: 9:15 AM & 7:00 PM <i>Note: Monday is a school day, so kindly park your car in Bundoora Square if you can.</i>

DECEMBER 2026	
THURSDAY 10th DECEMBER 2026	1st & 2nd Rites of Reconciliations 7:00 PM
FRIDAY 11th DECEMBER 2026	Thanksgiving & Volunteers Mass and Dinner 6:30 PM
TUESDAY 15th to 23rd DECEMBER 2026	Masses each evening 7:00 PM Dinner after each Mass

COMBINED CATHOLIC RAFFLE

LAST DAYS TO PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets for the Combined Catholic Raffle so far. Just a reminder that the last day to purchase tickets is on Sunday 1st November, providing tickets are still available.

Tickets can be purchased after each weekend Mass.

DATES TO REMEMBER



EVERY THURSDAY
DIVINE MERCY
 AFTER MORNING MASS.



FIRST FRIDAY
NOVENA OF SACRED HEART
 AFTER MORNING MASS.



1ST SATURDAY
 • PRAYERS AT 8:15AM
 • MASS 9:15AM



SRI LANKAN SINHALESE MASS
 EVERY 3RD SUNDAY:
 • ROSARY 6:30PM
 • FOLLOWED BY MASS.
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 IN DUNLOP ROOM



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LAWN MOWING
 ONCE TWO MONTHS.
 ENQUIRIES: LAWRIE 0412839122

Many hands make light work. Thank you!

The Communion of Saints: A Love That Never Ends

The Feast of All Saints reminds us that we are called to holiness and eternal life with God. The saints inspire us to follow Christ faithfully and live with the hope of heaven.

As Catholics, we believe in the Communion of Saints - our spiritual union with the faithful on earth, the saints in heaven, and the souls being purified. Even in death, we remain united in Christ.

We pray for our deceased loved ones and offer Masses for their souls, trusting in God's mercy and the saving sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Our prayers express our love and hope that our loved ones will share in the fullness of eternal life.

Scripture reminds us: *"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins."* (2 Maccabees 12:46)

Mass Times at St Damian's Parish

Sunday, 1 November – All Saints' Day

- 8:00 am Mass
- 10:00 am Mass

Monday, 2 November – All Souls' Day

- 9:15 am Mass
- 7:00 pm Mass

All parishioners are warmly invited to celebrate these Masses and remember their deceased loved ones in prayer. May we find comfort in God's mercy and hope in the promise of the resurrection.

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 Parish, Bundoora Changes to Weekly Offertory Envelopes

Dear Parishioners and Donors,

Thank you for your continued generosity and support, which help sustain the mission and ministries of St Damian's Parish.

To use parish funds more wisely, we will no longer provide weekly offertory envelopes. With approximately 46 weekly envelope users, the cost of supplying envelopes for six months is around \$3,300. These funds can be better directed towards our parish's needs.

We warmly encourage you to continue your regular giving through the following options:

1. Online Giving:

<https://melbcatholic.org/bundoora/donate>

Click "Donate" or scan the QR code.



2. Church Account:

BSB: 083347 | Account: 660192933

3. Parish House Account:

BSB: 083347 | Account: 661001801

You may also donate using the machine in the church. For assistance, please contact the Parish Office on **9467 2797** or bundoora@cam.org.au

Special Collection Envelopes: Envelopes for November, Easter, and Christmas will still be available in the church foyer. For extra envelopes, please ask Michael, Tony, Carlos, or me before or after Mass.

Thank you for your faith, generosity, and love for our parish. Please know that you and your families remain in my daily Masses and prayers.

May God bless you abundantly.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr Joe Dong Tran, P.P.

Parish Priest

St Damian's Parish, Bundoora

MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Dear Friends, may the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you and your families. I hope you are keeping well during this changeable weather. Please take good care of yourselves, especially with asthma and hay fever affecting many people at this time of year.

I am delighted to share some wonderful news: **our parish has fully repaid its approximately \$540,000 debt to the Catholic Development Fund (CDF)**! This loan was used to renovate the presbytery, improve parts of our church, and extend the parish office.

This achievement has been made possible through your generous donations, income from our rental property, and the wonderful service of our volunteers, especially our lawn-mowing and cleaning teams. Your dedication has helped us save significantly on maintenance costs. To everyone who has contributed financially, given your time and talents, or prayed for our parish, thank you sincerely. This is a blessing we can celebrate together.

However, paying off our debt does not mean that our parish no longer needs your support. We still have ongoing expenses and important plans for the future, including improving our church grounds, renovating or combining the Dunlop and Briglia Rooms into a larger hall, creating a small chapel for private prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, maintaining our buildings, and meeting the costs of our parish staff and clergy.

These are not simply building projects; they are investments in the spiritual life and future of our parish. We want to create a welcoming place where people can gather, pray, celebrate their faith, and encounter the love of Christ.

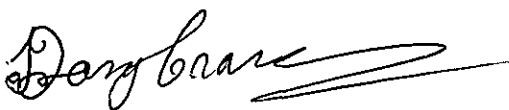
As your parish priest, I humbly ask you to continue supporting our parish and presbytery according to your means. I understand that everyone has different financial circumstances, and I do not wish anyone to feel pressured or burdened. Every contribution, however small, makes a difference. Your prayers, volunteer service, and encouragement are equally valuable.

Please see the first sheet of this week's parish bulletin insert for donation links, QR codes, and parish and presbytery bank account details. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office or speak with me after Mass.

Dear parishioners and friends, thank you for the generosity, kindness, and support you have shown our parish and me personally since my arrival. It is a privilege to serve you as your parish priest, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to walk this journey of faith with you.

With your continued support, we can care for our parish, strengthen our community, and leave a lasting spiritual home for future generations. May God bless you and your families with good health, peace, and joy. May He reward your generosity and continue to unite us in faith, hope, and love.

St Damian, pray for us.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Joe Dong Tran', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P