



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

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST 22ND JUNE 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Gen 14:18-20;
1 Cor 11:23-26;
Lk 9:11-17.

NEXT WEEK

Acts 12:1-11
2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18
Matt 16:13-19

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Tue 24th June - The Nativity of St John the Baptist
Fri 27th June - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat 28th June - The Most Immaculate Heart of Mary

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

PSALM

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The Lord's revelation to my Master: 'Sit on my right: I will put your foes beneath your feet.'

The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power: rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the daybreak I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. 'You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.'

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek

Recent Deaths: Albert Wagon, Francesco Alderuccio, Valerie Ring

Anniversaries: Lorenza Diroy Tagle, Ezio Polla, Maria Di Pietro, Silvano Polla, Mario Di Pietro, Maria Polla
Sister Angela Kennedy, Concetta & Francesco De Santes, Mariella Polla, Paolo Brugnoli, Luigi Ruggeri

Sick: Lottie Constantino, Helen Mc Kinnery, John Long, Antonio Castro, Perpetuna Basada, Linda Watson,
Angelo Trinidad, Olivia Petrelli

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.*

REFLECTION BY THE PARISH PRIEST

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

"This is my body... In the same way, Jesus took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood... Do this as a memorial of me." (1 Cor 11:23-26)

Blessed feast day to you all!

It is always a special joy to celebrate this great mystery of our Catholic faith- the mystery of the Holy Eucharist. I believe we are witnessing something truly exciting in our world today: a new movement of the Holy Spirit. We see people returning to God, returning to Jesus, returning to the Church, especially after the long and painful years of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As we heard in the Gospel today, the Eucharist is the great gift by which Jesus feeds our deepest hungers. It is the sign of his love - his desire to share his divine life with us in tender friendship and communion. We know these beautiful words from the Gospel of John: *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son..."*

In the Eucharist, God's Son gives himself again- his Body for the life of the world, and his Blood poured out for the forgiveness of sins. So, when we come to Holy Mass - when we kneel before the altar - we are in the presence of the living God. The God who loves us so much that he shed his own Blood for us. In every Eucharist, Jesus is telling you: *This is how precious you are to me. This is the price I was willing to pay for your love.*

On the cross, Jesus said, *"I thirst."* What was he thirsting for? For our love. Jesus longs for us to love him as he has loved us. He desires that we share in his divine life, just as he has shared in our human life. That is why he gives us the Eucharist. It is not just a symbol. It is Jesus himself: his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity given to us to be our daily bread, the food that sustains and strengthens us for the journey of life.

Just as earthly bread nourishes the body, the Bread of Heaven feeds our souls. Through the Eucharist, Jesus comes to live in us, and we come to live in him. He draws us into communion with himself. He makes us sharers in his divine nature.

As St. Paul says: *"It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."* This is what happens at every Mass. As the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ at the altar, we too are being transformed, little by little into his image. This is the miracle of the Eucharist. It is a miracle of love - a miracle that Jesus has given to you and to me.

So let us make that our prayer on this beautiful solemnity. Let us thank Jesus for the extraordinary gift of the Eucharist. Let us ask for the grace to go deeper in our love for him. And let us pray for the courage and compassion to help others discover the love of Jesus in the Eucharist. Amen.

Rosters 28th & 29th June 2025

Time	Readers	Eucharist / Welcome	Counters	Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers
5.30pm	D. Whyley S. Gooneratne	Chung Ho Sr Felicity T. Garcia	P. Matino 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	O. Carvalho L. Cultrera	V. Smith M. Sweetman S. Aldridge	Supervisor	
10.00am	J. Venturini J. Sobey	C. Manabat P. Gill Sr Sue	G. Spiteri	
				

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.

GOOD NEWS –
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



Dear Parishioners,

I would like to share some good news with you regarding our recent church appeal.

As many of you have noticed, a new projector has been installed on the left-hand side of the church. I'm happy to report that this was made possible entirely through your generous donations!

Thanks to your kindness, we raised a total of **\$5,100**, both in cash and through transfers to the Fundraising Account.

I purchased a **Black Epson Projector** for **\$3,600** from a supplier in Windsor, on Chapel Street. That leaves us with **\$1,500**, which I plan to use for any labour costs related to the installation. If funds remain, I hope to use them to repair one of the **ceiling heaters** at the back of our church, as one of them is no longer working.

As your parish priest, I sincerely thank you for your generosity and ongoing support for me and for our parish community. With your help, we are truly making a difference in the life of our parish.

May God bless you, our dear donors.
With deepest gratitude,

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

This weekend on Saturday at 3.00pm Mass, we welcome the Children from St Damian's Parish and their Families for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Dear friends in Christ Jesus,
St Damian's **Faith Enrichment Group** warmly invites you to join our upcoming program:

"Who Am I to Judge?"-

Presented by Dr. Edward Sri

In this engaging 8-part video series, Dr. Edward Sri explores Catholic morality and how to talk about truth and moral issues in today's world—a world that often sees moral discussions as judgmental or intolerant. The program will also include time for small group sharing and reflection.

- ☐ **Starts this Thursday, 26th June**
- ☐ **7:00 PM**
- ☐ **Dunlop Room, St Damian's**
- ☐ **Tea and coffee provided**
- ☐ **Please bring a dessert plate to share.**

We look forward to welcoming you for a time of learning, faith, and fellowship!

God bless you all,

St Damian's Faith Enrichment Group

ROSTERS CAN NOW BE COLLECTED FOR
READERS & EUCHARIST MINISTERS

New rosters will be available this weekend at the back of the Church. New rosters start on the 5th July. Please contact our roster co-ordinator, Carmel FitzGerald carmelpatriciafitzgerald@gmail.com) or our parish secretary, Dianne Stubbs 9467 2797 if you need assistance.

ADORATION ON THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI



This Weekend - To honour the Solemnity of the Christ), we will have 45 minutes of Eucharistic Adoration:

**Immediately after the 5:30 PM Mass on Saturday, and
Immediately after the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday**

I strongly encourage everyone to come together in prayer and reverence before the Body of Christ present at the altar.

10¢ CANS & BOTTLES DONATIONS

Dear Parishioners,



Our community is now collecting recyclable cans and bottles (each worth 10¢) to raise funds for the St. Damian's Youth Fund. A green bin has been placed to the right of the church where you can drop off your donations at any time. Even the simplest contribution can go a long way. Your support will directly help nurture the faith, formation, and future of our young people. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Fr. Joe Dong 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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