



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

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 28th JULY 2024

THIS WEEKEND

2kg 4:42-44

Eph 4:1-6

Jn 6:1-15

NEXT WEEK

EX 16:2-4, 12-15

Eph 4:17, 20-24

Jn 6:24-35

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK-

Mon 29th July : Sts Martha Mary & Lazarus

Wed 31st July : St Ignatius of Loyola

Thur 1st Aug: St Alphonsus

Sat 3rd Aug: St Dominic

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

PSALM

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare our might, O God.

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live.

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Recent Deaths: Giuse Hung, Severina Petrorelli

Anniversaries: Lee Tucknott (1st Anniversary) , Frank Monagle, Karim & Linda Orfali, Maria Roan Dominico Vat, Maria Diu, Maria Hue , Maria Diec, Gioan Baotixita Tho, Maria Hue, Gioan Kim Thuan, Giuse Vinh, Giuse Quang, Spencer Jordan Rector, Veronica Lewis, Giuse Quynh, Luigi Vigilante,

Menotitti Camilli

CHURCH PRIVACY POLICY: In 2001, the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments introduced legislation that deals with the manner in which public and private sector organisations must record

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 for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Friends in Christ Jesus, on this 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, our readings present us with powerful lessons about God's provision, our call to unity, and the miraculous ways in which God works through us.

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44, we encounter the prophet Elisha, who is faced with a situation of apparent scarcity. With just twenty barley loaves, he is challenged to feed a hundred men. Despite the doubts of his servant, Elisha trusts in God's promise of abundance. The miracle of the loaves being multiplied teaches us that God's generosity knows no bounds. Even when we think we do not have enough, God can transform our little into more than enough when we trust in His providence.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6, St Paul writes to the Ephesians, urging them to live a life worthy of their calling. He emphasizes the importance of unity, urging them to bear with one another in love and maintain the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Gospel: John 6:1-15 presents the familiar story of Jesus feeding the five thousand. With only five barley loaves and two fish, Jesus performs a miracle that not only meets the physical needs of the crowd but also points to the spiritual nourishment He provides as the Bread of Life. This miracle teaches us about the abundance of God's grace and the importance of trusting in Jesus to provide for our needs.

The disciples initially question how they can possibly feed such a large crowd, but Jesus involves them in the miracle by asking them to distribute the food. This shows us that Jesus invites us to participate in His work. Even when our resources seem insufficient, God can work through our efforts to accomplish His purposes. What can we take away from the readings today?

1. **God's Abundance:** Both the first reading and the Gospel remind us that God's generosity surpasses our understanding. When we trust in Him, He can transform our scarcity into abundance.
2. **Call to Unity:** Paul's letter to the Ephesians highlights the importance of living in unity as the Body of Christ. Our unity is a reflection of God's love and a testament to our shared faith.
3. **Spiritual Nourishment:** The miracle of the loaves and fishes foreshadows the Eucharist, where Jesus offers Himself as the true Bread of Life. As we are spiritually nourished, we are called to share that nourishment with others.

As we reflect on these messages, let us consider how we can contribute to the unity and spiritual nourishment of our communities, trusting that God will multiply our efforts for His glory. May we be inspired by God's abundant grace and strive to share His love with those around us, confident that He will provide for all our needs. Amen.

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

ROSTER: 3rd & 4th August 2024

Mass Time	Reader / Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety	Counters	Readers/ Responders Eucharist / Welcomers
5.30pm	P. Bezzina A. Groom	D. Whyley E. Taylor M. Spiteri	E. Macmanus	G. Love A. Schuck	Please gather together in the Sacristy about 5 minutes prior to Mass. Eucharist Ministers—please remember that you are also welcoming parishioners & visitors & handing out the newsletter.
8.00am	O. Carvalho V. Della—Vecchia	A. Della—Vecchia C. Love C. Fitzgerald	S. Watson	Supervisor D. Mash	
10.00am	Sr S. Barker S. Gooneratne	R. Sacco W. Mc Eleney C. Manabat	S. O'Connor		

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.



SAVE THE DATE

Wed 31st July: Faith Enrichment Group @ 7.30pm in the Dunlop room. Join us in fellowship for the next session.

Fri 2nd August: First Friday Mass 9.15am

Sat 3rd August: First Saturday Mass 9.15am

Sat 10th August: Volunteer Day for Eucharistic and Reading Ministers from 10:30 am - 11:30 am in the church

Friday 25th October: Feast Dinner Dance at Casa D' Abruzzo Club Epping 6.00pm to 11.00 pm. Tickets are now able to be purchased after each weekend Mass. You can also obtain tickets from the Parish Office on 9467 2797.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR PARISHIONERS

Dear Parishioners, if your loved ones are unable to come to the church and wish to receive Holy Communion at home, please let us know by contacting our office at 9467 2797 or via email at Bundoora@cam.org.au.

Fr. Joe Dong Tran

PRAYER IS OXYGEN OF THE SOUL— ST. Padre Pio

Dear Parishioners and Visitors. After consulting with some parishioners, I would like to inform you that we will begin having 30 minutes of Adoration with the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar after morning Mass every Thursday. This time will be structured as follows:

- 15 minutes of silent prayer
- 10 minutes for the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Followed by Benediction

I hope this will be a blessed time for all of us to deepen our relationship with the Lord.

May God bless us all!

GOOD QUALITY PRIZES FOR THE RAFFLE

Dear Parishioners,

As mentioned in the parish news last weekend, we will be celebrating our Parish Feast Dinner on Friday, October 25th. During the night, we will also draw our raffle tickets, with funds supporting our Parish Solar Battery project.

We kindly request donations of good quality prizes for the raffle, such as vouchers or high-quality gifts. Your generous support will greatly contribute to the success of our event and our fundraising efforts.

Thank you for your support.

Parish Feast Dinner Team

BAPTISM : This weekend we welcome into the family of St Damian's, Mila Salerno who are being baptised this weekend.



PROGRAMME FOR "WHEN YOU PRAY."

This program has been very successful and provided fruitful spiritual nourishment for many. As it is coming to an end this coming Wednesday in the Dunlop Room, I would like to deeply express my gratitude to Maria-Han and Ellen Macmanus for running this program.

Once again, thank you and God bless!

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P.

National Vocations Awareness Week

4 - 11 August 2024

4 August: National Vocations Awareness Week – Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

11 August: National Vocations Awareness Week - Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community. Contact details: Telephone: (03) 9926 5733 Email: vocations@cam.org.au

Rev Dishan Candappa
Vocations Director

ROSTERS for READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

All rosters are available for collection in the church foyer. Copies have also been emailed to volunteers who have supplied their email addresses. A reminder - If you would like support or training to perform your rostered role or have any questions re the roster, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would like to welcome Natasha Mathews, Katrina Mangubat, Janet Tonkin, Paras Gill, Tony Shebual and Sr Sue Barker to our team of Readers and Eucharistic Ministers. Thank you for volunteering your services. It is much appreciated by us all. On behalf of the parish community, I would like to thank Brian Walter, Violet Smith, Joan Noonan, Sr Nelia and Sr Candida who are retiring from our roster. Thank you for your contributions to our parish masses over the years.

Carmel Fitzgerald

Roster Co—Ordinator

(carmelpatriciafitzgerald@gmail.com)

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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