



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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 11th MAY 2025

HIS WEEKEND

Act 13: 14,43-52;

Rev 7:9,14 -17;

Jn 10:27-30.

NEXT WEEK

Act 14: 21-27;

Rev 21:1-5;

Jn 13:31-35.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon 14th May—St Matthias

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the
Lord: I know my sheep and mine know
me.

Alleluia!

PSALM

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his
flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Recent Deaths: Hector Rajasingham, Nadia Alderuccio

Anniversaries: Alexander Acker, Marcolina Lucci, Vito Garra

Deaths: Elizabeth San Martin, Manuel Paneda, Lottie Constantino, Helen Mc Kinnery, John Long, Antonio Castro

Funerals: Rupert Basada, Linda Watson

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 – 4th Sunday of Easter (Year C) | Vocation Sunday

Today, the Church celebrates the 4th Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is a special day set aside to pray for vocations, especially to the priesthood and consecrated life. We are reminded that the Church needs shepherds those who are willing to listen to the voice of Christ and follow Him with generosity and courage.

In today's Gospel from John 10:27–30, Jesus, the Good Shepherd, says: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." Here is the essence of vocation: a relationship with Christ. A vocation does not begin with what we do, but with who we follow. The Good Shepherd calls each of us by name, and the first step in any vocation is to listen. This means taking time in silence and prayer, discerning where the Lord is leading us. Young people today are searching for meaning and purpose. Our prayer is that they may hear the voice of Jesus, calling them to serve in love and trust.

Our 1st reading from Book of Acts 13:14, 43–52, Paul and Barnabas face rejection as they preach, but they do not lose heart. They say: "We must turn to the Gentiles." This moment reveals the heart of every vocation: a mission to share the Gospel, even in the face of difficulty. God is calling young people today not only to follow Him but to be His witnesses in a world that often rejects truth. Like the apostles, we need courage, perseverance, and joy. Vocations grow in the soil of faith and witness. Our communities must become places where young people are encouraged to say "yes" to God.

In the second reading from the Revelation 7:9, 14–17, John sees a vision of a great multitude, clothed in white, who have remained faithful through trial. He tells us: "The Lamb will shepherd them... and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." This beautiful passage reminds us that the Good Shepherd not only calls but cares for His flock. Every vocation whether priestly, religious, or lay is a path that leads to union with Christ, where we are never abandoned, even in suffering. When we follow the Lamb wherever He leads, we discover a joy that the world cannot give and a peace that endures forever.

What Can We Learn Today?

- Vocation is God's initiative, but it requires our response in freedom and love.
 - Every Christian is called—some to priesthood, others to religious life, marriage, or generous single life.
 - The Church must be a place where vocations are nurtured through prayer, encouragement, and example.
- The voice of the Shepherd is still calling today - are we listening?

A Prayer for Vocations:

Good Shepherd, You call each of us by name. Grant courage to those you invite to serve as priests and religious. May they hear your voice clearly and respond with a generous heart. Bless all families, parishes, and communities to be fertile ground where vocations are nourished in faith and love. Amen.

Fr Joe Dong Tran P. P

Rosters 17th & 18th May 2025

TIME	READERS	Eucharist / Welcome	Counters
5.30pm	J. Mercado M. Joyce	P. Cosgrove L. Gooneratne	E & N Mana Lansan
8.00am	Sr Nelia T. Shebua	K. Keating C. Love V. Smith	Supervisor
10.00am	K. Mangubat Volunteer	C. Manabat J. Venturini N. Cardamone	D. Mash



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.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat: 17th May, 5.30pm
Sacrament of Confirmation Presentation.
Sun: 18th May: 10.00am
Sacrament of Confirmation Presentation.

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PARISH PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMATION

This weekend we welcome Luisa and Milla who are preparing to celebrate their Confirmation at St Damian's Parish.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – WORD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today, as we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, the Church invites us to pray especially for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

If you know any young person who is discerning a vocation to the priesthood, please encourage them to get in touch by emailing vocations@cam.org.au or calling (03) 9926 5733.

The Annual Seminary Enquiry Day at *Corpus Christi College* will take place on Saturday, May 24.

It's a wonderful opportunity for those considering the priesthood to learn more about seminary life and the call to serve.

Let us also continue to pray for our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV.

God bless you all!

Ladies Lunch.

The next lunch is at Watsonia RSL on Tuesday, 20th May. Please feel welcome to join us at 12 noon.

Contact Sarita to book or for any enquiries. 9467 2531 or 0434 581 948



REFLECTION BY THE PARISH PRIEST ON MOTHER'S DAY



My mother used to say something that has stayed with me all my life: *"You have two mothers - your earthly mother, and your heavenly mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary."* On this Mother's Day, we joyfully honour both.

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to Our Lady, and this week especially, we remember her as Our Lady of Fatima, who appeared in 1917 to the three shepherd children – Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta. The Church celebrates her feast on May 13th. In those apparitions, Mary called the world to conversion, prayer, and peace – messages that are still deeply needed today.

So today, let us renew our devotion to the Holy Rosary, praying it for peace in the world, for our families, and especially for our mothers – both living and deceased.

Through the intercession of Our Lady, may God bless our earthly mothers with strength, health, and joy. We take this day to deeply appreciate all mothers for their tireless love, sacrifices, and the crucial role they play in uniting and nurturing their families. With grateful hearts, we pray for all mothers: may they continue to be signs of God's tender love in their homes and communities.

Just a few days ago, during morning Mass attended by our school children, I asked them: *"Do you trust your mother when she gives you advice?"* They all replied, *"Yes!"* I asked, *"Do you love your mother?"* Again, a joyful *"Yes!"* filled the church. Some children shared more: *"We love our mothers because they take care of us, take us places, look after us, and teach us to love God and love one another."*

Some time ago, I also witnessed a mother gently guiding her child in church – a small, simple moment, but a powerful reminder of the sacred vocation of motherhood. Let us never take their presence and love for granted. To all mothers: thank you. May God bless you

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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