



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

CHRIST THE KING, 23RD NOVEMBER 2025

THIS WEEKEND

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Colossians 1:12-20

Luke 23:35-43

NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew: 24:37-44

PSALM

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing within your gates, O
Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

SRI LANKEN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 24th Nov: Saints Andrew Dung- Lac

Tue 25th Nov: Saint Catherine of Alexandria

Sat 29th Nov: Blessed Virgin Mary

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of
David our Father; blessed is he who comes
In the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Broner & Maria Paszta-Lena, Adam Smith

Sick : Angelo Trinidad, Norma Frendo, Teresa Munoz, E. Cruz, B. Cruz, Lottie Constantino



MEMORIAL CANDLELIGHT MASS

Dear friends, you are warmly invited to a **Memorial Candlelight Holy Mass** to honour pray for your deceased loved ones, on **Friday, 28th November, at 7:00 pm**. Bring a photo to place before the altar. Candles will be lit in memory, followed by a light cuppa in the Dunlop Room.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS

Dear Volunteers

Thank you so much for your ongoing contribution to our parish liturgy. Our current roster finishes in December. If you haven't done so already could you please advise me (carmelpatriciafitzgerald@gmail.com) or our parish Secretary, Dianne Stubbs (9467 2797 or bundoora@cam.org.au) if your availability or contact details have Changed. I require this information by **Monday Dec 1st**. Please also let me know if you wish your contact information to remain private and not printed on the 2026 roster.

New volunteers are always very welcome. Any prospective Eucharistic Ministers and /or Readers can rest assured that they will be given the necessary support and training to confidently perform the roles. New volunteers should contact me by **Monday Dec 1st** so that they can be included on the new roster. All volunteers reminded that a current Working With Children Check is mandated by the archdiocese and if they haven't done so, they should start the application process. Dianne can help you with this if you are experiencing difficulties, Just ring the parish office for an appointment.

Please note: I will be available after all masses on November 29/30 to meet prospective volunteers and answer any questions.
From Carmel Fitzgerald (Roster Co- ordinator)

WORD OF THANKS TO THE PARISH PRIEST

Parish Offertory Program – Final Reminder Thank you to everyone who has already returned their pledge card. If you haven't had the opportunity yet, we warmly invite you to return it this week. Your response, at any level, helps strengthen our parish community.

Offertory Program – Final Reminder Thank you to all who have responded. If you haven't returned your pledge card yet, please consider doing so this week. Every response helps our community. God Bless.

Offertory Program A big thank you to everyone who has returned their pledge card. If you're still finalising yours, you're welcome to return it at Mass or drop it into the parish office during the week. Your generosity supports the life and mission of our parish.

Offertory Program Update We are grateful for the pledges received so far. Thank you to all that have participated. If you haven't returned your card yet, we kindly encourage you to do so as soon as you can. Thank you for your continued support.

Parish Offertory Renewal Thank you to parishioners who have already returned their pledge cards. For those still wishing to participate, completed cards can be returned at Mass or via the parish office. Your response assists the parish in continuing its ministries and pastoral work.

2025, ADVENT & CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

- MISA DE GALLO – SIMBANG GABI – 9 DAYS
NOVENA MASSES: 16 -24 DECEMBER AT 7:00PM
(NOTED: NO MORNING MASS).

PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE AFTER THE MASS.

- ANOINTING MASS: 1ST SAT 6TH DEC AT 9:15AM,
FOLLOWED MORNING TEA.
- 1ST & 2ND RITES OF SACRAMENT OF
CONFESSION: THURS 11TH DEC AT 7:30PM
- THANKSGIVING MASS & DINNER FOR
VOLUNTEERS AT 7PM – FRI 12TH DECEMBER.
- ADVENT PRAYER MEETING: WEDNESDAY: 3RD
& 10TH DEC AT 7:30-8:30PM IN THE DUNLOP ROOM.
- WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS Eve
MASSES: 6:30PM CHRISTMAS CAROLS &
7:PM MASS AND 9:30PM CHRISTMAS CAROLS
& 10PM MASS.
- THURSDAY 25TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS
MASSES: 8AM AND 10AM



2025, Learning, Meaning, and Celebrating the Season of Advent



As the Church concludes this year this weekend with the solemnity of Christ the King, we soon enter the first week of Advent. Advent often surprises us, arriving just after the busy Thanksgiving holiday, much like Mary was surprised by the angel's message of her pregnancy. It calls us to pause, reflect, and prepare for God's gift of love coming to us in the birth of Jesus.

The historical origins of Advent are uncertain. There are no recorded celebrations of Christmas before the fourth century. Early Church writings mention a period of preparation before Christmas, formalized only during Pope St. Gregory VII's time (1073–1085). Like Lent, Advent is a season of spiritual preparation, urging Christians to repentance and vigilance- a welcome balance to the festive busyness of Christmas.

Advent traditions help us live this period of waiting. The four weeks symbolize the long darkness before Christ's coming. Families set up Nativity scenes, light Advent candles, and decorate wreaths. Each candle represents a week: violet for royalty, repentance, and fasting; rose for joy on Gaudete Sunday; and a central white Christ Candle for purity and the beginning of Christmas.

Scripture and prayer guide our reflection on longing for the Messiah, staying alert for Christ's Second Coming, and recognizing His presence in our lives now. A prayerful Advent opens our hearts to gratitude and joy, preparing us to celebrate Christ's birth with deeper faith, hope, and love.

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.



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 FOR THE FEAST OF THE CHRIST THE KING

This Sunday, the Solemnity of Christ the King closes our Church year. As we crown this liturgical year, we profess and rejoice that Christ is King of the Universe, Lord of all creation, and Lord of our lives.

On this feast, we rejoice that Christ our King reigns forever. Yet today's celebration also challenges us to reflect on what it truly means to say that Christ is King.

What does Jesus' kingship look like? According to the Bible, the Israelites believed that the kingship they longed for did not lie in a new system of government but in a person. In our Christian faith, we believe that Jesus is that person. He is the Messiah, the One the people have longed for. In keeping with Old Testament expectations, the New Testament speaks of Jesus as the promised King. However, the New Testament also shifts people's expectations of this kingship in a profound and surprising way. Jesus does not come to establish a system of government or a dynasty, but a community in which justice, love, and peace rule.

The Gospel of Luke gives us a clear understanding of Jesus' kingship. In the ancient Roman world, kingship was associated with power, domination, military strength, and the ability to command. Yet St. Luke, on this feast of Christ the King, ironically presents an image of the true King who reigns through self-giving love. The Gospel shows that Jesus becomes King from a tree. As a convicted criminal, and from this 'throne' of the Cross, this King invites everyone to share fully in His Kingdom. This invitation is expressed in His words from the Cross: "This day you will be with me in paradise."

In the ancient world, kings often engaged in violent conquests or felt obliged to counter violence with violence.

Under their rule, societies were enslaved to cycles of violence. In contrast, Jesus brings peace to a violent world. This King frees people from enslavement to violence by refusing violence and forgiving the violent. On the Cross at Calvary, Jesus does what no earthly king can do: He carries on His shoulders the lives of all humanity and saves them from the enslavement of sin.

Under Jesus' kingship, all are invited into God's kingdom. All have immediate access to the King. There are no security checks, and when we fail, we are forgiven seventy times seven. Day after day, this King places Himself into our hands and hearts in the Eucharist.

What does the Kingdom of Christ look like here on earth? Unlike monarchies, dictatorships, and governments that come and go, the Kingdom of Christ on earth is not a place on a map that we can locate by smart phones. It is a condition of the soul. This Kingdom is not limited to any particular era; it spans all times and centuries. It is also not limited by space. It is the Kingdom of human lives in which all are healed, forgiven, and renewed in the image and likeness of God.

Christ is King not only because He reigns from above, but because He reigns from within our lives. In a time when power is often misused, when leadership can become self-serving, the feast of Christ the King challenges us to be attentive to how we exercise power in our dealings with others. Let us learn from the example of Christ our King.

Deacon. Anthony Duy Ngoc Huy HUYNH, CSsR.

Roster 29th & 30th November 2025

Time	Readers	Eucharist/ Welcome	Counters
5.30pm	A. Favrin S. Gooneratne	D. Whyley M. Jones C. Ho	E & N Mana Lansan
8.00am	V. Dalla- Vecchia C. Love	A. Dalla- Vecchia Sr. Nelia V. Smith	Supervisor
10.00am	P. Gill C. Manabat	P. Del Popolo W. Mc Elleney R. Sacco	Ted Frazer
			 Ministries

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.

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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