



St Damian's Catholic Church

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WELCOME TO ST DAMIAN'S

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

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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

The 8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2nd, March 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Sirach 27:4-7;

1Cor 15:54-58;

Lk 6:39-45.

NEXT WEEK

Deut 26:4-10;

Rom 10:8-13;

Lk 4:1-13.

PSALM.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Wed 5th March: Ash Wednesday

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths: Teresita Calma, Anna Mastropaolo

Anniversaries: Giglio(Jimmy) & Elda Cantatore, Giuseppe Varalla ((15th Year Anniversary) , Kenneth Bartlett Roland Don Paul, Vittorio Gizzi, Irma Gizzi

Sick: Elizabeth San Martin, Manuel Paneda, Lottie Constantino, Helen Mc Kinnery , Peter Coffey

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 (10 years and younger) if they need to leave the church for any reason (eg: going to toilet or car, etc...)*

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.



REFLECTION ON THE 8TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - C

Dear friends in Christ,

Our readings this Sunday offer profound lessons on integrity, wisdom, and the power of our words and actions.

1st Reading: Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 27:5-8, uses imagery of a sieve, a kiln, and a tree to emphasize that a person's true character is revealed through trials. Just as impurities in grain are sifted out and clay is tested in fire, so too our words and actions expose the depth of our hearts.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58, St. Paul speaks of Christ's victory over death, declaring that mortality will be clothed in immortality. The passage reassures us that, through Christ, death has lost its sting, and we should remain steadfast in faith.

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45, Jesus teaches through parables, warning against hypocrisy. He asks, "Can a blind man lead a blind man?" and reminds us that before removing the speck from our brother's eye, we must remove the plank from our own. He concludes with the truth that a good person produces good fruit from a good heart.

Reflection for This Weekend

These readings challenge us to self-reflection. Do our words reflect a heart rooted in Christ? Do we live with authenticity, wisdom, and humility? Jesus reminds us that what comes from our lips originates in the heart, so we must cultivate purity of heart to lead others toward Him.

This week, let us:

1. Examine our thoughts and words - do they uplift or tear down?
2. Strive for sincerity and integrity in all that we do.
3. Place our hope in Christ, knowing He has conquered death and calls us to live in the light of His truth.

Let us pray for the grace to bear good fruit in our daily lives. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

ROSTERS 8th and 9th March

Mass Time	Reader / Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Counters
5.30pm	J. Venturini P. Bezzina	E. Taylor M. Spiteri D. Mash	G & R MEE
8.00am	J. North C. Fitzgerald	C. Love V. Smith M. Sweetman	Supervisor T. Frazer
10.00am	S. Gooneratne J. Sobey	J. Tonkin R. Sacco N. Cardamone	



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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **fasting and abstinence** from meat. On all other Fridays, except **solemnities**, the common practice of **penance** is observed through **prayer, self-denial, and almsgiving**.

- **Fasting:** Obligatory for those **who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year**.
- **Abstinence from meat:** Obligatory for those **who have completed their 14th year**. (*Canon 1252*)

Lenten Retreat with the Melbourne

Archdiocese Proclaim Team



Dear Friends in Christ,

On behalf of the Proclaim Team, as parish priest, I warmly invite you to a day of spiritual reflection through a Lenten Retreat as we prepare to enter the holy season of Lent.

This special retreat will take place at **St. Damian's Church on Saturday, 5th April**, beginning with **9:15 AM Morning Mass**, followed by **sessions, Exposition, Benediction, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation**. We anticipate concluding around **3:30 PM**.

Please note: A **light Morning Tea and Lunch** will be provided in the Dunlop Room, so there is no need to bring your own.

We encourage you to bring along family and friends and take this opportunity to set aside time for prayer, reflection, and renewal.

We look forward to sharing this sacred journey with you. Blessings,

Fr. Joe Dong & the Proclaim Team

ST DAMIAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN DAYS

THURSDAY 6 MARCH

TUESDAY 11 MARCH

9:30-10:45 AM & 6:00-7:15 PM

**15 MINUTE INFORMATION SESSIONS AT
9:30AM & 6:00PM FOLLOWED BY TOURS**

**TOURS AVAILABLE AT 9:30AM
EVERY 2ND THURSDAY IN TERM 1 & 2**

BOOKINGS ARE REQUIRED VIA THE OFFICE

9467 8566

5 SETTLEMENT ROAD BUNDOORA

BAPTISM :

This weekend we welcome into the family of St Damian's William Byrne & Ava Norton who are being baptised.



2025 LENTEN TIMETABLE

***LENTEN REFLECTION MEETINGS WITH THE FAITH ENRICHMENT GROUP -**

***"Walking with Mary to Jerusalem."* -**

Location: St Damian's Dunlop Room –
Every Thursday at 7:30 PM -

Dates: March 6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3, followed a light cuppa.

***ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES ON WEDNESDAY
5 MARCH: 9:15AM - Parish & School Mass & 7:00PM.**

***LENTEN RETREAT WITH ARCHDIOCESE PROCLAIM TEAM –**

Saturday 5th April from 9:15am Mass, Reflection Sessions, Exposition, Benediction, & Reconciliation, concluding around 3:30 PM.

***STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**
Every Friday morning after 9:15am Mass.

***EPISCOPAL VISIT** by Bishop Rene Ramirez RCJ – Auxiliary Bishop for the Northern Region - Celebrates 10:00AM Mass on Sunday 16th March & Good Friday at 3:00PM

The Ecumenical World Day of Prayer

The Ecumenical World Day of Prayer this year will be hosted Gresswell Uniting Church Greenwood Drive Bundoora at 2pm.

The prayer service has been written by the Christian Women of The Cook Islands with the theme "I made your wonderful".

All welcome. For more information contact Ann on 0425 701 248.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend the Project Compassion Boxes will be available in the Church and also the Church Foyer. Please take the boxes home for you to donate.

We appreciate your support .

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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