



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

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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

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 25th AUGUST 2024

THIS WEEKEND

Josh 24:1-2, 15-18

Eph 5:21-32

Jn 6:60-69

NEXT WEEK

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Tues 27th August: St Monica

Wed 28th August: St Augustine

Thur 29th August: The Passion of St John the Baptist.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal.

They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Recent Deaths: , Dora Gigliotti, Peter John Lightfoot, Anna Maria Rachel Pancetta

Anniversaries: Angelo Taranto

Sick: Alexander, Felipe, Anne, Judy Cousins, Jon Walker, Jaena Catingud, Sharon Barber

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...)*

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.



Short explanation about the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Dear friends, we are on the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) offers us a powerful message about choice, commitment, and discipleship.

In the first reading from Joshua (24:1-2, 15-18), Joshua challenges the Israelites to choose whom they will serve. They must decide whether to serve the Lord, who has led them through so much, or to follow other gods. The people respond decisively, declaring their allegiance to the Lord, recognizing His mighty deeds and unwavering faithfulness.

In the second reading from Ephesians (5:21-32), St. Paul speaks about the relationship between husbands and wives, drawing a parallel to the relationship between Christ and the Church. This passage often challenges us, especially the call to mutual submission out of reverence for Christ. Paul emphasizes that this relationship is a profound mystery, rooted in love, sacrifice, and commitment—just as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for her.

Finally, in the Gospel from John (6:60-69), we see the culmination of the Bread of Life discourse. Many of Jesus' disciples find His teachings difficult to accept, especially His call to eat His flesh and drink His blood. As a result, some turn away, no longer following Him. Jesus then asks the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Peter responds with a powerful statement of faith: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

As we reflect on these readings, let us renew our commitment to choose Christ daily, embrace the challenges of discipleship, and trust in His words, for they lead us to eternal life. May God, the Holy Spirit hold you and your loved ones in his loving care. Amen.

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Roster: 31st August & 1st September 2024

Mass Time	Reader / Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety	Counters	Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers
5.30pm		T. Garcia W. Fernando	M. Thompson	E & N Mana Lansan	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		V. Della-Vecchia M. Sweetman K. Keating	C. Fitzgerald	Supervisor	
10.00am		R. Sacco W. Mc Eleney N. Cardamone	L. Careri	D. Mash	
					

SAVE THE DATE

Sat 31st Aug: Parish Children First Eucharist Presentation.

Sat 7th Sept: Parish Children First Eucharist Celebration.

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 in the Parish office on 9467 2797.

When Should We Leave After Mass?

The question of when to leave Mass is important, and I believe the answer lies in making a proper thanksgiving after Mass. Officially, Mass ends when the priest blesses us, and the deacon or priest says, "The Mass is ended." However, I think there's more to consider.

Firstly, it's polite and appropriate to remain in the pew during the recessional hymn. This hymn is part of our thanksgiving, and staying until it concludes is a way to offer gratitude.

Secondly, after receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, we become living tabernacles of His presence. This is a precious time to give thanks, praise, and dwell in the intimacy of our union with Him.
We're never closer to Jesus than at this moment, and it's essential to make the most of it.

Thirdly, this time of prayer and thanksgiving after Mass is incredibly fruitful. I encourage everyone to remain in the pew for a few extra minutes - start with two or three but aim for five to ten minutes. Use this time to talk to the Lord and let your heart speak to Him.

Fourthly, while it's true that we can begin our thanksgiving during Communion, there's something profoundly powerful about spending time after Mass to speak from the heart, as Cardinal Newman described, "heart speaking to heart."

Finally, after making your thanksgiving, take the time to greet and connect with fellow parishioners. Building and maintaining a social relationship with those we worship with is also an essential part of our communal faith experience.

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The Archbishop's Campaign 2024

Tax deductible gifts, Archbishop's Charitable Fund

- Corpus Christi College Building Fund,
- Priests Retirement Foundation
- John Pierce Centre
- Melbourne Overseas Missions
- University of Divinity Building Fund
- Annual grants to Catholic community agencies and community services organisation

Non Deductible gifts, Religious Projects Fund

- Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives
- Seminarian Education

BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome into the family of St Damian's, Sienna Belvedere who is being baptised this weekend.



FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION



Dear Friends,

As we prepare to celebrate Father's Day on the 1st of September, I would like to share a few plans with you:

1. I warmly invite you to send me photos of your fathers. You can email them to the Parish at bundoora@cam.org.au or directly to my email at dong.tran@cam.org.au. My intention is to create a PowerPoint presentation to display during the weekend Masses after Holy Communion. If possible, please send your photos by Friday evening.

2. To honour and give thanks to all fathers, we will have a special celebration featuring a raffle draw, cake cutting, morning tea, a light lunch, and entertainment. The Father's Day celebration will be held in the Dunlop Room immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass.

May Almighty God bless our fathers with abundant love, happiness, and good health always.

ST DAMIAN'S YOUTH CHOIR

Hello Young Friends,

I would like to invite you to join the St. Damian's Youth Choir!

The choir will be singing at the 10:00 am Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Rehearsals will take place before each Mass, lasting about 30-45 minutes.

If you'd like to join, please write your name, and contact number on the form available in the church foyer. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact the parish office at 9467 2797.

Thank you for your consideration, and we hope to have you with us.

**Kind regards, Joe & Loida
Coordinator Team**

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

In honour of Father's Day on Sunday, September 1, we are excited to announce the start of our raffle ticket sales! Tickets will be available at all weekend Masses for the next several weeks for \$2 each.

The raffle prizes are tickets for the Parish Feast Dinner on Friday, October 25, at Casa D'Abruzzo Club.

Prizes: Admission and 3 Course Meal & Soft drink

1. First Prize: Two adults & one child 12 & under
2. Second Prize: Two Adults.
3. Third Prize: One adult and one child 5 & under.

Ticket Prices for the Parish Feast Dinner:

- Adult: \$75
- Children 12 & under: \$40
- Children 5 & under: \$5

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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