

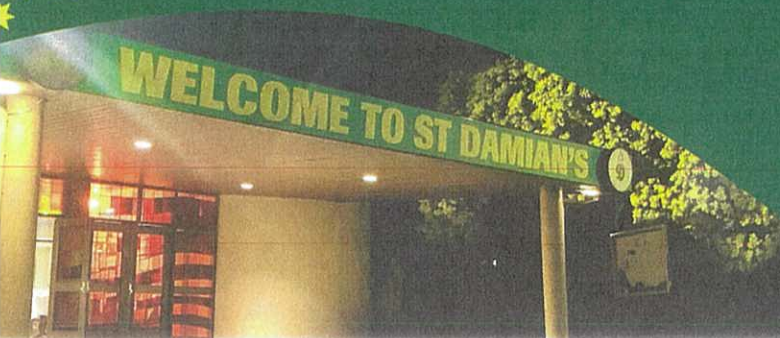


St Damian's Catholic Church

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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

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 27th OCTOBER 2024

THIS WEEKEND

Jer 31:7-9;

Heb 5:1-6;

Mk 10:46-52.

NEXT WEEK

Deut 6:2-6

Heb 7:23-28

Mk 12:28-34

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon 28th Oct: Sts Simon and Jude

Fri 1st Nov: All Saints.

Sat 2nd Nov: All Souls' s Day.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

PSALM

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of songs carrying their sheaves.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Recent Deaths: Joseph Fenech,

Anniversaries: Andrea Faustina, Peter Mann, Connie Caruana, Anesthasia & Christopher Silva, Anna & Benedict Silvapulle, Rosa & Phillip Peiris,

Sick: Jass Russel, Judy Cousins, Jon Walker,

Sacrament of Eucharist Parish Presentation

Saturday 9th November 5:30 pm

Sunday 10th November 10.00 am.

WORD OF THANKS FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Thank You!

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

First of all, I would like to express my deepest thanks to all of you, whether you've come from near or far, for joining us at our Parish Feast Dinner Dance last Friday night. It was truly a successful and joyful event, with a total of 327 guests in attendance. Thank you for your generous support.

Organizing such a wonderful evening was no small task, and I know that many people generously came together to make it happen. As your parish priest, I would like to extend a special thanks to our Parish Dinner Team, the Band led by Bing and his team from Couples for Christ Australia - your tireless rehearsals over the past several months have been incredible, and my deepest gratitude goes to you for your fabulous support. I would also like to thank Loida and her team for providing the Photo Booth.

A special mention goes to our Master of Ceremonies, Paul, and Shay, as well as Jenny and Carlos, who managed the raffle. I would also like to thank Tony for his assistance with 'IT.' I want to recognize our dedicated ticket sellers: Chi Huong, Bing, Marie-Jones, Carlos, Carmelita, Chi Lanh, Jenny, Loida, and Dianne. My heartfelt thanks go to our generous donors, especially Marie-Jones who paid \$600 for the DJ, and Shay who paid for feast dinner tickets printing, and Loida who donated the materials for the Photo Booth. Finally, to everyone who supported us both in the spotlight and behind the scenes, I humbly thank you for your loving contributions.

Looking ahead, I am hopeful that this year's fundraising efforts will allow us to continue making sustainable improvements that benefit our parish community of St. Damian's. As you may know, our parish will be celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2026, and I look forward to making this milestone celebration even grander with all of you.

Once again, thank you to everyone who contributes to the ongoing support of St. Damian's Parish. May God always hold you and your loved ones in His love. St. Damian, pray for us!

Fr. Joseph Dong
Parish Priest

The Piety Shop

The 2025 Columban Calendar is now available @ \$11.00 the calendar would make an excellent gift for family and friends, it also helps to support the Columban Missionaries.

FEASTS OF ALL SAINTS' DAY & ALL SOULS' DAYS



HOLY MASSES:

ALL SAINTS' DAY: 9:15AM & 7PM

ALL SOUL'S DAY: 9:15AM & 5:30PM

These Feasts are significant in the life of the Church, as they invite Christians to reflect on the communion of saints and our eternal destiny in Christ.

All Saints' Day (Friday November 1st)

All Saints' Day is a Solemnity, one of the highest feast days in the Church, where we honour all saints, both known and unknown who are now in heaven. This includes the canonized saints, whose lives of holiness have been recognized by the Church, as well as countless others whose names are known only to God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2683-2684) teaches that: *"these saints are intercessors who pray for us and are models of holiness. They show us that holiness is attainable for every Christian, no matter their state in life."*

For Christians, this feast is a reminder of our calling to strive for holiness and union with God, with the saints serving as examples of how to live out the Gospel faithfully in our own lives. The solemnity is also a celebration of the communion of saints, which is the unity shared between the faithful on earth, the souls in purgatory, and the saints in heaven, all united in Christ.

All Souls' Day (Saturday November 2nd)

All Souls' Day is a day when the Church particularly prays for all the faithful departed who are still in a state of purification in purgatory, as they journey toward the fullness of life in heaven. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1030-1032) explains *'purgatory as a process where souls undergo purification to achieve the holiness necessary to enter heaven.'* On All Souls' Day, we pray for these souls, offering Masses and prayers so they may soon enjoy the beatific vision of God.

Meaning for Christians:

These two feasts together help us reflect on the reality of life after death and the Church's teaching on heaven, purgatory, and the communion of saints. They call us to live in the hope of eternal life, remember our loved ones who have passed, and strive for sanctity ourselves. We are reminded that death is not the end but a passage into eternal life with God.

By celebrating these feasts, we honour the saints who have gone before us, pray for the faithful departed, and renew our commitment to live holy lives, trusting in God's mercy and the promise of eternal life.

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

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.

REFLECTION FOR 30 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

Today's readings speak of hope, restoration, and the transformative power of faith.

In the first reading from Jeremiah (31:7-9), we hear of God's promise to gather His people from exile, leading them with compassion and care. This image of God as a shepherd guiding His flock reflects His deep love for us. He brings back those who are lost, offering healing and restoration. It reminds us that even in our difficult moments, God is working to restore us and bring us home to His love.

The Psalm (125/126) echoes this theme of joy and gratitude: "The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy." It is a reminder that God's goodness and mercy lead to deep joy, even after hardship. Gratitude is a natural response when we recognize the ways God has worked in our lives.

In the Letter to the Hebrews (5:1-6), we learn about the role of the high priest, who is chosen by God to offer sacrifices and intercede for the people. Jesus is shown as the perfect high priest, who understands our weaknesses and offers Himself for our salvation. This passage encourages us to trust in Jesus, who walks with us in our struggles and offers us His strength.

The Gospel of Mark (10:46-52) tells the story of Bartimaeus, a blind man who persistently calls out to Jesus for healing. Despite being told to be quiet, Bartimaeus' faith doesn't waver, and Jesus responds by restoring his sight. His persistence and trust in Jesus show us the power of faith. Bartimaeus not only receives physical sight but is also given the deeper vision of who Jesus is - his Saviour.

The lesson from today's readings is that God's love is always at work in our lives, restoring and healing us. We are called to trust in Him, like Bartimaeus, and to live in the hope and joy that comes from knowing we are cared for by a compassionate God. Faith in God leads us from darkness to light, and in gratitude, we should recognize the great things He has done for us. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Roster: 2nd & 3rd November 2024

Mass Time	Reader / Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety	Counters	Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers
5.30pm	M. Joyce J. Mercado	M. Jones C. Ho Sr F Hardy	D. Whyley	G. Love A. Schuck	Please gather together in the Church about 5 minutes before Mass.
8.00am	C. Love T. Shebual	V. Della-Vecchia M. Sweetman K. Keating	C. Fitzgerald	Supervisor G. Spiteiri	Eucharistic Ministers Please remember you are also welcoming parishioners & visitors & handing out the newsletter
10.00am	J. Venturini J. Sobey	P. Gill C. Manabat W. mc Eleney	C. Manabat		

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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