



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: 7.00pm Mass & Novena

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 and Benediction after morning Mass on 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 Nativity of Our Lord  December 25th, 2023



Christmas Eve Mass Readings

Isaiah 9:1-7

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14

PSALM FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Today is born our Saviour Christ the Lord.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord for he comes, he comes to rule the earth.

With justice he will rule the world, he will judge the peoples with his truth.

Christmas Day Mass Readings

Isaiah 52:7-10

Hebrews 1:1-6

John 1:1-18

PSALM FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR
CHRISTMAS EVE**

Alleluia! alleluia!

Good News and great joy to all the
world: today is born our Saviour,
Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR
CHRISTMAS DAY**

Alleluia! alleluia!

A holy day has dawned upon us.
Come, you nations and adore the
Lord. Today a great light has
come upon the earth
Alleluia!

FR. JOE DONG TRAN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners, Visitors and Friends,



As the Christmas season draws near, it beckons us to shout with joy and rejoice. Yet, I confess that there are moments when this feels challenging, especially amidst troubling news and events around us. How do we find that joy? How do we rejoice? These questions echo within me, resonating with the struggles many of us face in comprehending the world's challenges.

Reflecting on the inquiry made to St. John the Baptist on the third Sunday of Advent: What must I do? strikes a chord in my heart. Like John, we too must confront the chaos, suffering, loneliness, and emptiness around us to encounter Jesus.

The Incarnation, God entering our story through Jesus, and imparting His Spirit into our world, beckons us to embrace Him as our beacon of hope, light, and the pathway to inner peace and global harmony. Over two millennia ago, Jesus arrived in a restless world, heralding a message of Peace and Joy.

During this celebration of the Incarnation - Emmanuel, meaning "God is with us." Let's allow these questions to resound within us. What actions must I take? What kind of person am I called to be? How can I exemplify Christ today among my peers? And how can I offer hope to others?

On Christmas night, as we gather around the manger, the ancient tale of Jesus' birth intertwines with our own stories. Our conversations, work, sorrows, joys, hopes, and dreams form the gifts we present, nestled within the straw.

The Holy Bible tells us that: "To love one another is to see the face of God.". In Christ Jesus, we glimpse the face of God. As we gather around the Christmas table, remembering those we've lost, we realize that this celebration signifies our never walking alone. The stone is perpetually rolled away, and our world is sanctified because God dwells among us.

I extend my sincerest gratitude for your unwavering commitment to St. Damian's parish throughout this year, 2023. Your dedication of time, talent, and resources continues to bear abundant fruit in God's kingdom. I also express heartfelt thanks to those who diligently prepared our Christmas celebrations and maintained the sacredness of our liturgies throughout the year. Special appreciation goes to the Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Committee, Parish Cleaning Group, Child Safety team, Choirs, Floral team, Accounting Team, Liturgical Coordinator Carmel FitzGerald, Volunteers of Eucharist and Readers, RCIA team, Sacristans, Parish Secretary Dianne Stubbs, Parish Accountant Angelo Diez, Parish Bookkeeper Lina Parisot, Sacramental Coordinator Andrea Groom, and all devoted members of our parish ministries, including those working tirelessly behind the scenes. Thank you!



Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

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*Wishing you all a Merry Christmas
and Blessings for the Year ahead.*



*From Father Joe Dong and the staff
of
St Damian's Parish*

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."

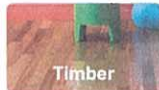
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St Damian Pray for us

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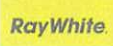


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