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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

Telephone: 9467 8566

Email: principal@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au

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

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 17th September 2023

READING

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35

NEXT WEEK

Is 55:6-9

Phil 1:20-24, 27

Mt 20:1-16

PSALM

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion

FEAST DAY DURING THE WEEK

Wed 20th Sept: Sts Andrew Kim

Thur 21st Sept: St Matthew

Sat 23rd Sept: St Pius

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION!

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths :

Anniversaries Aileen Zappa, Jeanette Ford

Sick: Anita Gentile, Paul Long, Louisa, Virginia, Michael Mac Manus, Samuel Sughihto

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 (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 WURUNDJERI People of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.



Gospel Reflection for 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

VERY HAPPY ST DAMIAN'S FEAST DAY TO YOU ALL!

Dear Parishioners, Visitors, and Friends,

We are now on the twenty fourth Sunday of ordinary time. Last week, the Mother Church reminded us of the importance of reconciliation through fraternal dialogue and mutual love. Today she, invites us to reflect on forgiveness.

We are very often saying that: *"To err is human, while to forgive is divine."* That is to say that the one who sins acts humanly. This is because, it is part of our attributes as humans to err or to sin. On the other hand, the one who forgives acts divinely. This is because, to forgive is to participate in a very important attribute and nature of God. That is, His divinity. It is what our God is known for. *"He is compassionate, merciful, love and He forgive"* (Ps 102).

In our first reading this Sunday focuses on forgiveness. First, it reminds us that for our prayer to be answered, we must forgive others. Second, it presupposes that we are all sinners, in need of God's forgiveness. As it goes: *"Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does to you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven."* This is a call to liberate others, in other to liberate and heal ourselves too.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us of something very important. *"The life and death of each of us has its influence on the other."* Also, our ability to forgive has a great influence on the other, as well as, on ourselves. Therefore, it is important to note that, forgiveness has a double effect. It is a single dose medicine that cures one or many persons at the same time. It liberates the one who is forgiven, as well as heals the one who forgives.

And, in the Gospel, Christ takes forgiveness to a different and practical level. This unfolds in the dialogue between Peter and Christ. Peter asked: *"How many times must I forgive my brother?"* Jesus answered him in the most practical way: *"seventy-seven times."* Christ's response simply reminds us that Christian forgiveness does not have limits. We must forgive all, always and forever as the prayer of Saint Francisco of Assis says: *"Wherever there is injury (offence or hurt), forgiveness."*

Dear Friends in Christ, Jesus tells us to forgive all, and forever. But the question is: what does it mean to forgive all and forever? First, it does not mean: "I forgive you, but we must go our separate ways," or I forgive you, but I do not want to see you again in my life," or I forgive you, but I will not forget." It means something much deeper. It means to restore unity, to believe that it is possible to walk together towards a common goal. It means to heal a wound, without leaving a scar. Finally, he who forgives act like Christ. So, as we pray in "Our Father": *"Forgive us our offences, as we forgive those who offend us,"* let us ask God to help us to be true to these words, by living them practically. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran PP

Rosters for 23rd & 24th September

Mass Time	Reader/Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety Shop	Counters	Readers/ Responders Eucharist / Welcomers, . . . Please gather together in the Sacristy about 15 Minutes prior to Mass. Eucharist Ministers— please remember that you are also
5.30pm	S. Gooneratne P. Bezzina	B. Joyce L. Robinson D. Mash	M. Thompson	G & R Mee	
8.00am	C. Love O. Carvalho	A. Dalla– Vecchia V. Dalla– Vecchia J. Fellowes	A. Sharkey	Supervisor	
10.00am	M. Han C. Manabat	N. Cardamone L. Carerri P. Del Popolo	R. Sacco	M. Sweetman	
					

ANOINTING MASS:

St. James 5:14-15 in his letter says: *"Is any among you sick? Let him call for the presbyters of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."*

I write to inviting you if you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick and it will be held in **our St. Damian's Church on Tuesday September 26 at 9:15am Mass, followed by a light cuppa in Dunlop Room afterward.**

This sacrament has a powerful effect upon the sick person (CCC 1520-21):

- Strengthening, peace and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness or the frailty of old age".
- "Healing of the soul, but also of the body if such is God's will.
- Forgiveness of sin.
- "Union with the passion of Christ." One's suffering becomes "a participation in the saving work of Jesus."

Have You Been Thinking About Becoming Catholic? Are you married to a Catholic? Are your children Catholic? Do you feel it is time to enquire further into the Catholic faith?

The Church welcomes all people who genuinely search for God. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is designed for people who feel a call to know more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith. The RCIA is a process for preparing adults for Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist

(Holy Communion). It is also for those who have been baptized (in any Christian faith) who wish to complete their Initiation into the Catholic Church.

It involves a series of sessions learning about the life of Jesus through the Gospels, to discuss what His message means for us in everyday life and to enlighten, inform and discuss Catholic beliefs and practices. Please feel free to contact the Parish Office on 9467 2797 for any further information

PILGRIMAGE JOURNEY, ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI
October 12th–29th 2023

(To Jordna, Israel, Rome, & Assisi for St Francis of Assisi Mill Park)

I wish to invite all parishioners and anyone who may be interested in walking in the footsteps of Our Lord and our patron St Francis of Assisi. To step where they stepped, to see what they saw, to experience the world where they lived will bring an enormous appreciation of the Gospels the Lord preached and the impact they had on St Francis. Join us on our pilgrimage to encounter our faith like never before." Fr Anthony Girolam For enquires contact Elio 0414 440 812 or Chiara 0439 612 694

HIGH TEA

ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH Hall

1 Monkton Road, BUNDOORA, SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 3PM. Enjoy A GLASS OF BUBBLY, SWEET AND SAVOURY FOOD While being Entertained BY BRENDAN SCOTT

\$20 PER HEAD – TABLES OF 10 Enquiries

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BAPTISM

This weekend, we welcome into the family of St Damian's, Lucy Dunbar who is being baptised. May God keep his family always in his love.



ST DAMIAN'S PARISH 57TH YEAR FEAST DINNER DANCE

LOYOLA CAMPANIONS HALL

325 Grimshaw St, Watsonia VIC 3087

**SATURDAY THE 16TH OF SEPTEMBER
2023**

6.00PM – 11.00PM

A Vigil Mass at 5:00pm, instead of 5:30pm as usual – Only this weekend

***** MENU *** Buffet Style**

***Carvery:**

Roast Beef and Pork; Scallop Potato and Gravy; Condiments; Bread and Butter; Steamed Salmon, Prawns, Calamari, and baby octopus' salad.

*** Chafing Dishes:**

Veal Tortellini chicken and mushroom and BBQ Maryland fillet in apricot jus

***Asian Clay pots: X5**

Beef Mongolian Chinese; Chicken Chop suey; Beef Rendang Malaysian style; Fried Rice / steamed rice, and Chow mien

***Salads: x3**

Garden Salad; Waldorf Salad, and 5 bean mix salad in coriander dressing

***Dessert x3**

Tiramisu; Fresh fruit Salad, and Chocolate mud

***Drinks: Provide & Also,
Bring Your Own – BYO!**

Music: 2 BANDS INVOLVED & DJ

**RAFFLE'S TICKETS BEING SOLD ON THE
NIGHT – PLEASE BRING COINS**

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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DAMIAN'S PARISH 57th YEAR FEAST DINNER DANCE
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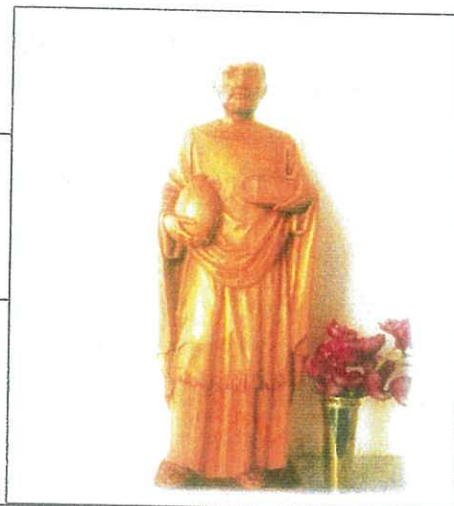
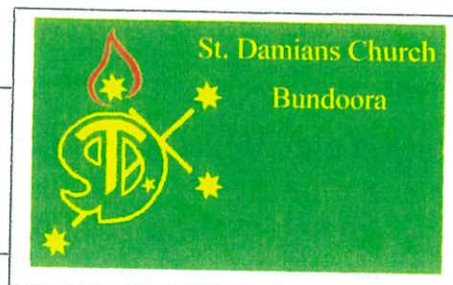
1. **Pre-entertainment:**
Smooth Rhythm Band – Set 1
Start at 6:00 -7:00pm

2. **Welcome & Housekeeping:**
Lead by Paul
Start at 7:00 – 7:10pm

3. **Door prizes**
Lead by Carlos
Start at 7:10 – 7:30pm

4. **Words of thank & Dinner blessing.**
Lead by Fr. Joe Dong
Dinner 7:30pm

5. **Entertainment:**
The Highfliers Band - Set 1
Start at 7:30 to 8:00pm



6. **Announce sales to raffle tickets & draws it at 8:00pm**
Lead by Jenny, Joven & Carlos

7. **Entertainment:**
Smooth Rhythm Band – Set 2
Start at 8:15 until 9:15pm
Cutting the Cake & deserts serving during this time

8. **The Highfliers Band – Set 2**
Start at 9:15 to 9:45pm & Tea & coffee serving during this time.

9. **Announce sales to raffle tickets & draws it at 9:45pm**
Lead by Jenny, Joven & Carlos

10. **Smooth Rhythm Band – Set 3**
Start at 10:00pm to 10.45pm

11. **Final words of thank:**
Lead by Paul

**ST DAMIAN'S
DINNER DANCE TEAM**

ST DAMIAN'S PARISH 57TH YEAR FEAST DINNER DANCE

Dear Parishioners, Visitors, & Friends,

I'd like to wish you and your loved ones a very blessed and happy St Damian's Parish Feast Day, and to all those who journey with us in this special day too.

As we celebrate St Damian's Feast Day this weekend provides us with a wonderful opportunity to look back and give thanks for the vision and loving service of our parish community. It is also a time for us to pause and give thanks, for the struggles and joys of the past and to look forward with hope. At St Damian's Parish community, with the grace of God and through the generosity & support of our parishioners and visitors, and all those who are invited to be sustained on the journey. Together, as a vibrant community, we step forward and risk the journey of faith as authentic missionaries.

Our lives are full of graced moments. Whether you are a parishioner, a visitor, or simply looking for a spiritual home, as the Parish Priest, I am confident that you will find the parish to be an inspirational place where you can enrich your Christian life and explore and grow in good catholic faith. The faith of our Parish community today is sustained through the experience of many humble and faith-filled witnesses who, through their generousities with the financial supports, shine a light in many different ministries as they help us feel the warmth of Christ Jesus. The Sacraments we celebrate at St Damian's Parish and these ministries which we offer are signs of a gracious God who never stops revealing Himself among us.

I pray that may St Damian who is our patron saint intercede for us & loved ones and aid us to follow his fabulous faithful example, who called to serve one another without charge. Like St. Damian, our Patron Saint, each and every one of us is called to do the same. May God bless us on this Feast Day as we continue to build bridges that unite us all in Christ. May we reach out to serve one another with the same mission in our daily life.

Finally, I look forward to welcoming you all for our Eucharistic celebrations this weekend and following with **St Damian's Parish Dinner Dance Party at Loyola Companions Hall: 325 Grimshaw Street, Watsonia, VIC, 3087.** Let us celebrate & enjoy time together. Thanks you!

St Damian, pray for us!

Fr. Joe Dong Tran. PP