



St Damian's Catholic Church

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WELCOME TO ST DAMIAN'S

WEEKENDS

Saturday Evening: 5.30pm

Sunday Morning: 8.00am & 10.00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday: no Mass

Tuesday: 9.15am

Wednesday: 9.15am

Thursday: 9.15am & Divine Mercy

Friday: 9.15am

First Saturday: 9.15am Mass & Divine Mercy

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.00pm

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday at 11.30am after Mass.

Preparation 1st Wednesday each month at 5.30pm in the Dunlop Room. Parents must 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, 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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Amos 8:4-7

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Luke 16:1-13

NEXT WEEK

Amos 6:1,4-7;

1 Tim 6:11-16;

Lk 16:19-31.

SRI LANKEN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Tues 23rd Sept— St Pius of Pietrelcina

Fri 26th Sept— Sts Damian & Cosmos

Sat 27th Sept— St Vincent de Paul

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

PSALM

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore!

High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people.

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Cleon and Mahes

Sick : Olivia Petrelli, Angelo Trinidad, Norma Frendo

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.

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.



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 (1 years and younger) if they need to leave the church for any reason (eg: going to toilet or car, etc...) *Children should never be alone in the car park or playground. *Please keep valuable personal belongings with you (purses, glasses, phones etc...) and double check before leaving your seat, even briefly during Communion*

REFLECTION – 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

Dear Friends in Christ, the Word of God this Sunday invites us to reflect on our attitude toward wealth, responsibility, and prayerful living in society.

In the first reading (Amos 8:4–7), the prophet raises his voice against corruption, greed, and exploitation. Merchants are cheating with dishonest scales, enslaving the poor, and putting profit above people. Amos reminds us that God sees everything, and He will not forget acts of injustice. This is a powerful call to integrity in our daily lives. Whether in business, work, or relationships, we are challenged to be fair and compassionate. Wealth and success lose their value if they are built on the suffering of others.

In the second reading (1 Timothy 2:1–8), St. Paul urges us to widen our hearts through prayer. He asks that we pray for all people, especially for leaders and those in authority, so that society may enjoy peace and harmony. Paul's message is timeless: prayer must go beyond our personal needs. It should embrace the common good, the needs of our communities, and even those we disagree with. God desires everyone to be saved; therefore, our prayer must be inclusive and rooted in love.

In the Gospel (Luke 16:1–13), Jesus tells the parable of the dishonest steward. While the steward is not praised for his dishonesty, he is commended for acting with foresight and decisiveness to secure his future. Jesus then gives the striking teaching: "You cannot serve both God and mammon." This does not mean money is evil, but it cannot be our master. We are only stewards, and God calls us to use our resources wisely: for service, generosity, and building relationships that lead us toward eternal life.

Taken together, these readings remind us of three important lessons. **First**, integrity matters. God sees the choices we make, especially when no one else is watching. **Second**, prayer must be broad and selfless, lifting up our leaders, communities, and the world. **Third**, money and possessions are not ends in themselves, but tools to be used for the good of others and for the glory of God.

As disciples, we are called to live with honesty, to pray with open hearts, and to use wisely the gifts entrusted to us. The true measure of our lives will not be how much we have, but how faithfully we have served God with what we were given. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Rosters 27th & 28th September 2025

Time	Readers	Eucharist/ Welcome	Counters
5.30pm	P. Bezzina P. Cosgrove	S. Gooneratne L. Robinson B. Joyce	Volunteers Volunteers
8.00am	L. Starvaggi O. Carvalho	M. Beverley J. Fellowes K. Keating	Supervisor
10.00am	K. Mangubat C. Manabat	Sr. S. Barker J. Tonkin E. Jones	M. Sweetman
			 Ministries

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.

PARISH FEAST OF ST DAMIAN – 24 HOURS OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Dear Parishioners, each year, we joyfully celebrate the Feast of our Patron, **St. Damian**. This year, although we will not hold our usual dinner dance or other social events, we will mark this special occasion in a more prayerful way.

On **Saturday, 27th September**, immediately after the **5:30 pm Mass**, we will begin **24 hours of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament**, concluding on **Sunday morning, 28th September**, with **Benediction** followed by the **8:00 am Mass**.

I warmly encourage every parish group, family, and individuals to take part by committing to at least **one hour of prayer** with the Lord during this time of Eucharistic Adoration. Together, as a parish, let us lift up our prayers of thanksgiving, petition, and praise to God through the intercession of St. Damian.

Please add your names to the **adoration timesheets in the Church foyer** to ensure that every hour is prayerfully covered. Thank you for your generous response. May St. Damian continue to guide and guide and inspire our parish family.

Fr Joe Dong Tran

SAVE THE DATE! Our parish will be celebrating an **ANointing MASS** for all in need on Wednesday, 24th September at 9:15am. Following the Holy Mass, you are warmly invited to join us for morning tea in the Dunlop Room. All are most welcome!

Deacon Huy – A Short Self-Introduction

Greetings to all! My name is Duy Ngoc Huy Huynh, CSsR., though I prefer to be called "Huy." I was born in Phu Yen, Vietnam, a place remembered in the history of the Catholic Church in Vietnam as the home of the first Vietnamese martyr, Andrew of Phu Yen. I grew up in a large family with five sisters, being the youngest and the only boy. From a young age, I felt drawn to live out my faith. As I grew up, my understanding of faith was nurtured by the example of many elderly people in my parish, as well as by the quiet yet strong faith of my parents.

After completing my degree in Economics, I fell in love with the Redemptorist charism and mission. Through the two years of the Redemptorist "come and see" program, my journey of living the religious vows officially began in 2013. After completing my initial formation in Vietnam, I was sent to Perth, Australia, in 2016 for studying English. I then spent about two years in the Philippines, where I professed my first vows in 2018. In 2019, I moved to Melbourne and continued my theological studies at Yara Theological Union in Box Hill.

Over the years of experiencing different pastoral contexts, I have been engaged in both learning and teaching, which has strengthened my conviction that being a Redemptorist is, above all, a life of service and love. Now, I am delighted to be entrusted with the ministry of the diaconate at St. Damian's Parish, focusing on building community, deepening my sense of vocation, and offering pastoral care to those in need. I believe that, at the heart of my vocation is the call to serve God and God's people through my presence. Therefore, my special thanks go to the members of St. Damian's parish for allowing me to be part of this lovely community.

If asked about my favorite scripture, it would be this verse: "Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near" (Isaiah 55:6). I hope that each day at St. Damian's, together with the community, we may continue to discover and celebrate the presence of God among us.

May God bless us all!

BAPTISM:



This weekend we welcome, Eloise Seymour, Vincent Van de Laarschot, Claire Zuleta who are being baptised.

Guest Speaker: Adrian Agpasa

Adrian Agpasa will share about the upcoming **Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) 2025**, a vibrant gathering of thousands of young people to celebrate faith, friendship, and community.

□ **Event Details - Dates:** Sunday, November 30 – Tuesday, December 2, 2025 - **Location:** Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC)

□ This will be a wonderful opportunity for young people to encounter Christ, deepen their faith, and be inspired in their vocation.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

For those who wish to receive **Holy Communion at home**, please contact us:

Parish phone: 9467 2797

Email: bundoora@cam.org.au

We are happy to bring the Eucharist to you.

**THE COMBINED CATHOLIC
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Tickets are available to be purchased by contacting, Dianne in the Parish Office 9467 2797. Tickets are \$2.00 each and \$1.50 from each ticket goes directly to St. Damian's Parish & Six more prizes can be won all gift cards of various amounts.

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St. Damian's Church Bundoora



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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