



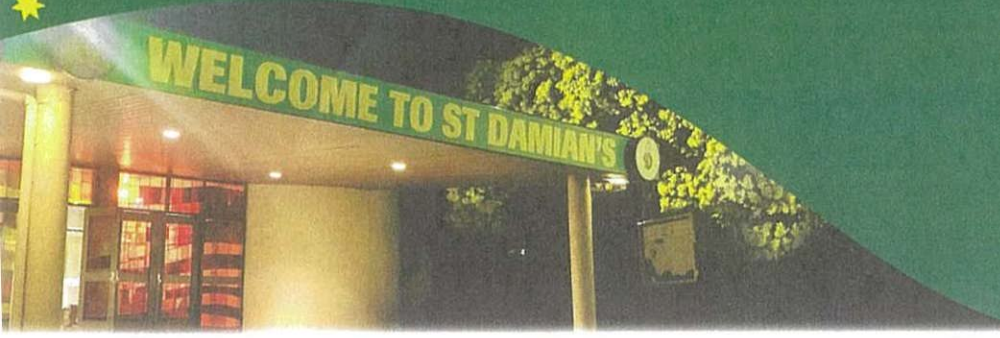
St Damian's Catholic Church

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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

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 27TH JULY 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Gen 18:20-32

Col 2:12-14

Luke 11:1-13

NEXT WEEK

Ecc 1:2, 2:21-23;

Col 3:1-5, 9-11;

Lk 12:13-21.

SRI LANKEN SINGHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Tue 29th July — St Martha

Thurs 31st July — St Ignatius of Loyola

Sat 1st August — St Alphonsus Liguori

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

PSALM

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love, which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes.

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Recent Deaths:

Inniversaries: John Van Meeuwen, Hanh Pham, Giuse Khoa, Dominico Vat, Maria Roan, Maria Diu, Maria Hue, Maria Diec, Maria Diu, Maria Hue, Maria Diec, Gian Baotixita Tho, Goan Kim Thuan, Giuse Vinh, Giuse Quang, Giuse Quynh, Maria Thuot, Maria Chu, Veronica Lewis, Menotti Camili, Luigi Vigilante, Domenico Gizzi,
ick: Helen Mc Kinnery, John Long, Antonio Castro, Perpetuna Basada, 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.

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...)* **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 FOR 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today's readings open up a rich and encouraging theme: the power of prayer. Not just any prayer, but the kind of prayer that is bold, trusting, persistent, and deeply rooted in relationship - a relationship with a God who listens, who forgives, and who gives far more than we dare to ask.

In the Book of Genesis 18:20 -32, we find Abraham interceding for the city of Sodom, which is about to face judgment for its grave sins. Abraham approaches God not timidly, but with the boldness of someone who knows the heart of God. He pleads: "Will you destroy the city if there are 50 righteous? 45? 40? ... 10?"

Each time, God responds: "I will not destroy it." This reading reveals two things: First, the mercy of God. God is not eager to punish but always searching for a reason to save. Second, the power of intercessory prayer. Abraham stands in the gap for others, even sinners, because he trusts in God's compassion.

We are called to do the same - to pray not only for ourselves, but for our families, our communities, even our enemies, trusting that God listens and responds with mercy.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us of the foundation of all Christian prayer: our union with Christ. He writes: "You were buried with Christ in baptism, and you were also raised with him... God forgave us all our sins."

This is key: We do not pray in fear, as unworthy beggars. We pray as children of God, already forgiven and made new. The sin that separated us from God has been nailed to the cross. The distance has been closed.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches His disciples to pray. But again, notice how He teaches them - not just with words, but with an image of deep relationship. He says: "When you pray, say, 'Father...'" This is revolutionary. Jesus doesn't teach a complicated formula. He teaches us to begin prayer not with fear, but with intimacy: Our Father.

Then He tells a parable: a man who knocks on his friend's door at midnight asking for bread. At first, the friend is reluctant but because of the man's persistence, he gets up and gives him what he needs.

Friends, God may not always give us what we *want*, but He will always give us what we *truly need*, especially His own presence, His Spirit, to guide, strengthen, and transform us.

So, What Can We Learn Today? From Abraham, we learn to intercede boldly. From St. Paul, we learn to pray from a place of grace, not guilt. From Jesus, we learn to pray with persistence, with childlike trust, and with an open heart to receive the Holy Spirit.

Dear friends, prayer is not magic. It is not about saying the right words to get what we want. Prayer is relationship. It is the daily conversation of the heart with the God who loves us, forgives us, and walks with us.

So, this week, let us ask as the disciples did: "Lord, teach us to pray." And may we learn to pray as Jesus did - boldly, persistently, and full of trust in the Father's love. Amen.

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Rosters 2nd & 3rd August 2025

Time	Readers	Eucharist/ Welcome	Counters
5.30pm	M. Joyce J. Mercado	Sr Felicity P. Cosgrove W. Fernando	B. Keating T. Garcia
8.00am	L. Starvaggi O. Carvalho	S. Aldridge M. Beverley K. Keating	Supervisor
10.00am	E. Jones Sr. S. Barker	L. Careri P. Del Popolo J. Venturini	G. Spiteri



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.

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.

FR. JOE DONG TRAN – 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION



Dear Parishioners and Visitor

We are delighted to announce that we will celebrate Fr. Joe Dong Tran's 10th Anniversary of Priesthood on Friday, 12 September 2025. The celebration will begin with a Thanksgiving Mass at 6:00 pm at St Damian's Church, followed by dinner and entertainment in the Parish and School Hall. We sincerely thank all those who have already expressed interest in joining the teams for cleaning, hall setup, and serving food during the event.

To make this celebration a joyful and shared experience, we kindly invite everyone to bring a plate to contribute to the dinner. Food donation rosters are now placed on the Noticeboard in the Church foyer - please write down what dish you are able to bring along with your contact details.

Please note: (1) No alcohol will be served on the day. However, you are welcome to bring your own, provided you take responsibility for it while on Church premises. (2) The food rosters will remain available until 31 August 2025. (3) If you prefer, financial donations toward the purchase of food and drinks are also welcome.

As this event is open to all parishioners and visitors, we kindly ask you to register so that we can prepare and serve everyone well. Free tickets are available via Trybooking registration link or QR code published in this notice.

Bookings open on Saturday 26th July at 5.00pm and close on Sunday 24th August at 11.00pm. Please contact Dianne in the Parish Office for any enquiries or help to purchase tickets.

We deeply appreciate your generosity and support, and we look forward to celebrating this special milestone together!



**Parish Pastoral Committee
St Damian's Church**

"Who Am I to Judge?" – 8-Session Program
Thursday, 7th August at 7:00 PM
Continues: Every Thursday evening
Location: Dunlop Room



Explore how to respond to a relativistic culture with truth and love through this engaging series. Everyone is welcome!

10¢ CANS & BOTTLES DONATIONS



Green bins have been placed to the right of the church where you can drop off your donations at any time. Thank you all

**SAVE THE DATE: 70th YEAR CELEBRATION
OF ST MARY'S PARISH AND PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH 2025**

GOOD NEWS FOR OUR CHURCH!

Friends, I'm delighted to share some wonderful news with you all: last Thursday, we installed a new ceiling-mounted recycled heating and cooling system in our church! This powerful 10KW unit is designed to help keep our worship space comfortable throughout the year - warm in winter and cool in summer.

The total cost of \$5,500 was fully covered by our Parish Fund Account, made possible by your generous support through last year's Parish Dinner Dance.

Once again, thank you for your continued prayers, support, and generosity. God bless you all!

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES ARE READY TO BE COLLECTED

Dear Parishioners,
Thanksgiving envelopes are now ready to be collected at the back of the Church. Also if you are able to help a friend and deliver their envelopes this will be much appreciated. Thankyou

FORMATION SESSION MORNING FOR EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS



Dear Volunteers, first of all, we, sincerely apologise for the change in schedule. Due to an unforeseen and unavoidable commitment, we are unable to hold our originally planned session.

We are truly sorry for any inconvenience this may cause and greatly appreciate your understanding.

**OUR FORMATION SESSION WILL NOW BE HELD
ON SATURDAY, 2ND AUGUST AT 10:00AM IN THE
CHURCH – INSTEAD OF THE PREVIOUSLY
SCHEDULED SATURDAY 26TH JULY.**

After the session, we warmly invite you to join us for morning tea in the Dunlop Room.

This gathering will be a wonderful opportunity to:

- Reflect on the importance of our ministry,
- Refresh our understanding of our roles,
- And stay updated with a few important changes that **Carmel, Daniela, and I** would like to share with you.

We truly look forward to seeing you and thank you once again for your ongoing dedication and generous service.

**Warm regards,
The Team**

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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