



# 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

Telephone: 9467 8566

Email: [principal@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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

# 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 22nd October 2023

## READING

Is 45:1, 4-6

1 Thess 1:1-5

Mt 22:15-21

## NEXT WEEK

EX 22:20-26

1 Thess 1:5-10

Mt 22: 34-40

## PSALM

**Give the Lord glory and honour.**

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

Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

**Give the Lord glory and honour.**

## FEAST DAY DURING THE WEEK

Sat 28th October: Sts Simon and Jude

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

**Recent Deaths :** Elsie Manoharan, Lawrence Dimapilis

**Anniversaries:** Elena Perez, Mile Brozovic, Livino & Italia Livini, Stefano Scapuzzi  
Gervasio Tonietto

**Sick::** Anita Gentile, Paul Long, Louisa, Virginia, 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 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Today, the 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of ordinary time is World Mission Sunday. Today vast numbers of people still do not know Christ. For this reason, the mission continues to be most urgent. All the members of the Church are called to participate in this mission.

In the first reading of this Sunday, God makes clear his choice of Israel. In a most surprising way too, he makes known his choice of a foreign king (Cyrus), whom Isaiah referred to as "God's anointed instrument." His choice of this "Pagan king" as his anointed was for a purpose. This was to make known His name among other nations.

Our second reading, St. Paul, and his companions prayed for the church of Thessalonica. They have preached the good news there, but they knew that only prayer could sustain their work. So, they know the importance of prayer in mission. Therefore, it is important we continue to pray for missionaries as the Holy Father reminds us today.

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees were looking for a way to discredit Christ's message. This gospel reminds us of a very important reality that every missionary face. In as much as we preach the good news, and difficulties abound. Hence, the Pharisees in today's gospel represent the different obstacles a missionary must encounter in the course of his work. They come in different shapes and forms. They come like tests, various forms of temptations, doubts, persecutions, threats to life, calumny, and alienation or loneliness, even in the midst of people.

Therefore, for a missionary to overcome all these and be successful especially in today's world, you and I must be as wise as a serpent and yet as gentle as a dove (Mt 10:16). We must be a people of prayer and strong faith. We have to learn to live alone with God because, God will always be there for us. We also must make the Holy Spirit our teacher and partner because, we are the principal agent of mission as Christ promised: "The Advocate will teach you everything...Do not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict." (Jn 14:26; Lk 21, 14-16). Rather, we must be driven by love for God and for His people.

Finally, a missionary must be ready at all times to sacrifice and surrender all for God's mission. The joy of being a missionary does not actually come from how much material gifts one receives. Rather, it comes from how much lives one touches, and how much joy one is able to bring to others. It also comes from, how much love we are able to communicate to others through the gospel. Amen!

**Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P**

#### Rosters for

| Mass Time | Reader/Responder                   | Eucharist / Welcome                         | Piety Shop  | Counters                                                                                            | Readers/ Responders<br>Eucharist / Welcomers...<br>Please gather together in the Sacristy about 15 Minutes prior to Mass. Eucharist Ministers— please remember that you are also |
|-----------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5.30pm    | A. Groom<br>M. Joyce               | B. Joyce<br>L. Robinson<br>D. Mash          | J. Noonan   | M. Watson<br>L. Watson                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 8.00am    | V. Dalla– Vecchia<br>M. Thavarajah | A.Dalla-Vecchia<br>I. Thavarajah<br>C. Love | M. Kmita    | Supervisor<br>M. Sweetman                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 10.00am   | C. Manabat<br>J. Venturini         | N. Cardamone<br>L. Careri<br>P. Del Popolo  | S. O'Connor | <br>Ministries |                                                                                                                                                                                  |

## SOLAR PANEL INSTALATION FOR ST DAMIAN'S PARISH

Dear St. Damian Family,

I am pleased to share with you the new update regarding our solar panel project. After careful consideration and thorough evaluations, our team has made the decision to proceed with the following provider:

**Provider:** Paul Kang from Omni Electrical Company

**Address:** 90 Henty St, Reservoir, Victoria 3073

**Installation Details:** 39 solar panels

**Description:** 18.525kW solar system

**\*Total Cost (including GST):** \$13,500.00

**Installation Date:** Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

This exciting project represents a significant step toward a more sustainable and environmentally conscious future for our parish. We are looking forward to seeing it come to fruition and the positive impact it will have on our community and the environment.

For those of you who still wish to make a donation to support this project, you are welcome to do so using the following bank details:

**St. Damian's Parish BSB: 083347 ACC: 585071188**

I would also like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to those who have generously contributed over the past several weeks. Your support has been instrumental in making this project possible.

Please note that any funds left over from this project will be retained in the account for potential use in our next project, which may include initiatives such as an upgrade sound system, CCTV installation, or enhancing the landscape outside the front of the church.

If you have any advice, questions, or suggestions regarding the solar panel project or any other matters, please do not hesitate to contact me or the parish office. Your input and engagement are highly valued.

Once again, thank you for your dedication, support, and commitment to our parish's initiatives.

Many thanks and warm regards,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P.

## FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

St Gabriel's Theatre Company

**PERFORMANCES:** St Gabriel Parish Hall (opp Church) Address: Viola Street Reservoir. Nov 21st, 23RD, 24th & 25th at 7.30pm  
Nov 25th at 4.00pm

<https://www.trybooking.com/cmdkm>

## Piety Shop

The 2024 Columban Calendar is now available @\$10.00 each, the calendar would make an excellent gift for family and friends it also helps to support the Columban Missionaries.

## BAPTISM

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



## LEAVING COLLECTION

Having a leaving collection for Catholic Mission this weekend. Thank you for your generosity!



**There are two Masses at 9.15am & 7:00pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.**

The feast of All Saints Day which takes the time to honour all of the saints because they each represent a different call to the Kingdom. Just like us, each saint had different gifts and talents. Each saint found a different way to love and serve the Lord. The Church recognizes this uniqueness to each saint as patron saints are named for almost every occupation and situation in life. The reason the Church names different saints patrons is to provide inspiration for the many different walks of life.



**There are two Masses at 9.15am & 7:00pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**

The feast of All Souls Day which gives us the opportunity to remember and celebrate all of our faithful departed. The month of November is set aside to remember our deceased loved ones and pray for their eternal salvation.

**Let us pray:** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them with your saints forever, for you are merciful. Amen!

**Upcoming Parish Events for your diary during November**

1. Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November: All Saints Day, Solemnity @ 9.15am & 7.00pm Masses
2. Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: All Souls Day, Solemnity at 9.15am and 7.00pm Masses
3. 1<sup>st</sup> Friday November: Morning Mass @ 9:15 and followed Novena
4. 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday November: beginning with Prayer, Rosary at 8:30am and followed Eucharistic celebration at 9.15am

**Thank you from Michael MacManus**

I would like to say a big "thank you" to God and all who prayed for my recovery and sent well wishes. As you may know, in July I contracted meningitis which caused full body paralysis from chest down. I have since recovered most of my movement, after spending two months in hospital and intense rehab, and I am pleased to say I can now walk unaided and I am home again with my family. I know this would not have been possible without God's grace and all your prayers so thank you from the bottom of my heart, Michael MacManus.

## 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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