



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

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

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 24th September 2023

READING

Ezek 18:25-28

Phil 2:1-11

Mt 21:28-32

NEXT WEEK

Is 5:1-7

Phil 4:6-9

Mt 21:33-43

PSALM

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth.

In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

FEAST DAY DURING THE WEEK

Mon 2nd October: The Holy Guardian Angels

Wed 4th October: St Francis of Assisi

Sat 7th October: Our Lady of the Rosary

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION!

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths :

Anniversaries : Melanie Venturini, Angelo Taranto

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

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 the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

This Sunday, the Mother Church draws our attention in a most special way to the importance of obedience to God. It's obedience that will help us to be like Christ, who obeyed His Father unto death. Our first reading for today, God responded to Israel's accusation that he condemns their attitude of disobedience. This was Israel's case throughout their history. Due to their pride, and disobedience, they suffered slavery. However, when they realized that they returned to God in obedience, and God restored them.

St. Paul, in the second reading from the Letter to Philipians, tells us that: 'Christ is presented to us as the model of obedience to the will of God.' However, Paul reminds us of what God wants from us as a community. He goes "...Be united in your convictions and in your love...God does not want competition among you, no conceit...instead, everyone must be self-effacing. Always consider the other better than..." He concludes: "In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus..."

In what way are we to be the same as Christ? Simple! We are to be the same as Christ in obedience and humility.

Our Gospel from St. Matthew this Sunday presents us with another popular parable of Jesus. The first son represents the tax collectors, prostitutes, and sinners. While the second son represents the Pharisees, and Scribes. When we are looking at the two sons, one will find that both failed their father in one way or the other. The first failed in words: "I will not go!" However, after due reflection, he changed his mind and obeyed his father. Hence, what he failed to do in words he did in action.

The second failed his father both in words and action. First, he made a false promise: "Surely, I will go." Also, he failed his father by not acting as he promised. This second son represents most of us who pay lip service to God: "These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me". He represents most of us who during the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and Matrimony, responded "I will to every question, but do not fulfill them.

Faith, we know does not consist merely in affirming true doctrine, but also includes something greater and deeper. The hearer is to deny himself and commit his whole life to God in truth, humility, and obedience to His will. To be like Christ, we must harmonize the action of the first son, and the word of the second son to do God's will. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran PP

Rosters for 7th & 8th October

Mass Time	Reader/Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety Shop	Counters	Readers/ Responders
5.30pm	A. Favrin J. Borg	N. Nugent D. Whyley P. Cosgrove	J. Barone	P. Matino V. Zappa	Eucharist / Welcomers, , ,
8.00am	V. Smith V. Dalla-Vecchia	A. Dalla-Vecchia C. Love M. Sweetman	A. Brammer	Supervisor	Please gather together in the
10.00am	J. Venturini M. Han	P. Del Poppolo W. Mc Eleney R. Sacco	J. Venturini	T. Frazer	Sacristy about 15 Minutes prior to Mass.
					Eucharist Ministers— please remember that you are also

PARISH RAFFLE 2023

The Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle. Tickets are available for purchase after Weekend Masses, you also can buy tickets in the Parish Office. \$2 a ticket or the whole book for \$20. If you have any requirements, please don't hesitate to give us a ring (03) 94672797. Thank you for supporting the Parish Raffle



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6th & 7th Prizes - Gift Cards to the value of \$500 each

\$2 a ticket

RAFFLE DRAWN December 2nd 2023
Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation Permitted - 100/5225
Ticket sales close Sunday 5th November 2023

VINNIES— NEW MEMBERS REQUIRED

The St Vincent De Paul Society of Bundoora or vnnies as we are now known is one of 245 conferences in Victoria. We deliver food vouchers and Vinnies shop Vouchers to the people seeking help in Bundoora and kingsbury. We also assist with the payment of utility bills.

It is very rewarding work as the people we assist are all very appreciative of the help we give them. We are always looking for new members and if any one is interested there is a number of pamphlets at the door of the Church which can be taken and read. If interested please contact the Parish Office on 9467 2797.

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

IN OUR PARISH

2nd October: Monday : No Mass

3rd October: Tuesday: 9.15am Mass

4th October: Wednesday

St Francis of Assisi 7.00pm Mass followed by Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help & Benediction.

5th October: Thursday:

Feast of St Damian- Parish & Whole School Mass at 9.15am Mass.

6th October: 9.15am Mass(1st Friday) followed by Novena to Sacred Heart of Jesus, Sacrament of Penance & Benediction.

7th October: Saturday :

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY- First Saturday begins at 8.15am, with Prayers, Divine Mercy, and Mass at 9.15am.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S

Emergency Appeals Morocco/ Libya

Caritas Australia needs our support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and Floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals. Donate at www.Caritas.org.au

Piety Shop

The Piety Shop is open after each weekend Masses - via the church foyer. We have a various selection of stock with gifts suitable for COMMUNION, BAPTISM, ROSARY, and Inspirational items, including bookmarks, pins, and plaques are also available. We also have items suitable for seasonal prayer or devotional use including medals, prayer cards featuring popular Saints and Novena Booklets. You're all invited to pop in. Thanks!

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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