



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: 9.15am

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, 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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 5TH MAY 2024

THIS WEEKEND

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
1 Jn 4:7-10
Jn 15:9-17

NEXT WEEK

Acts 1:1-11
Eph 1:17-23
Mk 16:15-20

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come to them.

Alleluia!

PSALM

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his
justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Recent Deaths: Joe Righale, John Bruce Strantzen

Anniversaries: Virginia Sylvester

Sick: Richu Jimmy & Micah Catherine Mastius

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



REFLECTION FOR THE 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

Dear brothers and sisters,

The readings for the 6th Sunday of Easter provide a rich tapestry of themes, all pointing towards the essence of Christian love and its transformative power.

Our first reading from the Book of Acts, we witness the revolutionary inclusivity of God's love. The story of Peter's encounter with Cornelius challenges traditional boundaries and prejudices, revealing that the love of God knows no bounds. It underscores the universality of God's grace, inviting all people, regardless of race or background, into the fold of His love.

In the Psalm echoes this theme of God's sovereignty and universal reign. It celebrates the righteousness and justice of God, calling all peoples to rejoice in His presence. The psalmist's words remind us of the awe-inspiring majesty of God and His steadfast love for all creation.

The passage in the second reading delves deeply into the nature of love itself. John poignantly declares that God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God. This profound truth underscores the centrality of love in the Christian faith. It challenges us to love one another not out of obligation, but as a natural expression of our connection to God.

Finally, the Gospel reading from John 15:9-17 encapsulates the essence of Jesus' teaching on love. Jesus commands his disciples to love one another as he has loved them, laying down his life for them. This radical form of love, characterized by self-sacrifice and service, stands as the hallmark of Christian discipleship.

As we reflect on these readings, we are called to examine our own lives and the depth of our love for God and one another. Are we willing to transcend barriers and extend love to all, as God does? Are we willing to love sacrificially, following the example of Jesus? The readings challenge us to live out our faith in tangible ways, embodying the transformative power of love in our relationships and communities.

Wishes you peace and blessing from Vietnam.

Fr Joe Dong Tran PP

Rosters for 11th & 12th May 2024

Mass Time	Reader / Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety	Counters	Readers/ Responders Eucharist / Welcomers Please gather together in the Sacristy about minutes prior to Mass. Eucharist Ministers – please remember that you are also welcoming parishioners & visitors & handing
5.30pm	M. Joyce N. Nugent	D. Mash M. Jones Sr F. Hardy	M. Thompson	B. Keating T. Garcia	
8.00am	Sr Nella V. Smith	Sr Candida M. Beverley J. Fellowes	C. Love	Supervisor M. Jones	
10.00am	B. Walter C. Manabat	W. Mc Eleney P. Del Popolo R. Sacco	S. O' Connor		

BAPTISM : This weekend we welcome into the family of St Damian's Miles Ellul who is being baptised.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS!

Dear Parishioners and Visitors, I trust this message finds you in good spirits and health.

I'm delighted to announce the newly appointed members of our Parish Pastoral Council following our recent renewal process.

Our team is now composed of dedicated individuals who are committed to serving our parish community with zeal and compassion.

Please join me in welcoming our new members:

- **Kai Straicher**
- **Shay Gooneratne**
- **Maria Han**
- **Joan Noonan**

We're also grateful to have our returning members, whose dedication continues to enrich our parish:

- **Paul Bezzina**
- **Carlos Manabat**
- **Michael Kanniah**
- **Santina Pezzin**

Additionally, Dianne Stubbs (Parish Secretary) and myself, Fr. Joe Dong (Parish Priest)

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to each of you for your willingness to serve and contribute to the well-being of our parish community. Your commitment is invaluable, and I'm confident that together, we will continue to foster a vibrant and supportive community where all are welcome.

Please join me in praying for guidance and wisdom as we embark on this journey together. May the Holy Spirit guide our endeavours and bless our efforts abundantly. Thank you once again for your service and dedication.

Would you like to Raise Money

For St Damian's by Donating to our containers recycling programme.

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This will explain how it works.

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Nearest refund point for Bundoora, Cameron Parade Milk Bar-162 Cameron Pde, Watsonia.

Apps for cds vic north, cds vic west (if preferred)

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Any enquiries please contact : Lawrie on mobile 0412839122 and email lawrieoshea1@gmail.com if anyone has any questions

Parish Census

Over the next three weeks, we invite each member of our parish to participate in our census process. By completing the census form, which will be made available during Mass from this week, we can register the number of our parish members and better understand the needs of our community. Data from this census will also enable the parish to strategically plan for important events, ministries, and other future endeavours. Your privacy is essential, and all information will be treated with confidentiality. Thank you.

Ladies' Lunch.

Our next lunch is on Tuesday, 21st May at 12 noon at Watsonia RSL. All ladies of St Damian's are welcome to join us for a nice lunch and friendly catch up. Contact Sarita to book or for enquiries.

Have you been thinking about coming a catholic? Or, Have you even been thinking to invite other to be a catholic? IF YES!

Please feel free to contact the Parish Office on 9467 2797 for any further information. **Ellen Macmanus**

CATHOLICARE SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND

Envelopes available at the end of each pew.



Mother's Day Raffle Tickets Now Available!

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,
As Mother's Day draws near on Sunday, May 12th, we have a wonderful opportunity to express our deepest appreciation for the remarkable mothers in our lives.

To honour this special occasion, our parish is excited to announce that we have begun selling raffle tickets! These tickets will help us raise funds to provide a heartfelt celebration for all mothers in our community.

Here are the details of our raffle prizes:

- First Prize: \$200
- ♦ Second Prize: \$150
- ♦ Third Prize: \$50

Raffle tickets are now available to purchase after weekend Masses and at the parish office. Your support through buying these tickets will contribute to making Mother's Day truly memorable for all.

On Mother's Day itself, following the 10 am Mass, we will be hosting a delightful gathering in the Dunlop Room. We'll have beautiful flowers and a refreshing cuppa ready for all to enjoy.

Whether you're a mother, father, child, or friend, all are warmly invited to join us for this celebration. Let's come together as a parish community to show our love and appreciation for the wonderful mothers who bless our lives every day.

Thank you for your generosity and support. We look forward to celebrating Mother's Day with you!
Warm regards,

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

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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