



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

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17th AUGUST 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10;

Heb 12:1-4;

Lk 12:49-53.

NEXT WEEK

Is 66:18-21

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

Lk 13:22-30

SRI LANKEN SINGHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Wed 20th August : St Bernard

Thurs 21st August : St Pius

Fri 22nd August::

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

PSALM

Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm.

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord.

As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay!

Lord, come to my aid!

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Mary Henwood, Donald Etiogu, Vincenzo D' Atari

Sick : John Long, Antonio Castro, Perpetuna Basada, Olivia Petrelli, Angelo Trinidad, Norma Frendo

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 you seat, even briefly during Communion*

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION ON THE 20TH SUNDAY – YEAR C

(Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53)

**20th Sunday
of
Ordinary**

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks words that can sound shocking: *"Do you think that I have come to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."*

He is not contradicting His role as the Prince of Peace, but He is reminding us that His peace is not the same as the world's peace. The peace of Christ comes from truth, justice, and holiness and that kind of peace sometimes stirs conflict with those who resist God's ways.

In the **first reading**, Jeremiah experiences exactly this. For speaking the truth God gave him, he is thrown into a cistern to die. His courage cost him comfort, popularity, and safety. But God did not abandon him help came from an unexpected friend, Ebed-melech.

In the **second reading**, the Letter to the Hebrews compares our faith journey to running a long race. The "great cloud of witnesses" the saints cheer us on. We are urged to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who endured the cross for the joy set before Him. Perseverance, not comfort, is the mark of true discipleship.

The **Gospel** shows us that choosing Christ is a decisive act. His "fire" is the fire of the Holy Spirit: purifying, energizing, and demanding total commitment. This fire will not allow lukewarm faith. It asks us to take a stand for God's truth, even when it causes misunderstanding, rejection, or division even in our own families.

What we can learn from these readings:

1. Following Christ will cost us something. Comfort, approval, or even relationships may be sacrificed for the sake of the Gospel.
2. God's truth can provoke opposition. Like Jeremiah, we may face hostility when we stand for what is right.
3. Perseverance is essential. The race of faith is long, but we are not alone Christ runs with us, and the saints encourage us.
4. Christ's peace is rooted in truth. It is better to have tension for the sake of truth than to have false peace built on compromise.
5. God never abandons His servants. Help will come, often in ways we do not expect.

To follow Jesus is to let His fire burn away fear and indecision, until only love and truth remain. That is the kind of fire that can transform the world starting with our own hearts. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Rosters 23rd & 24th August 2025

Time	Readers	Eucharist/ Welcome	Counters
5.30pm	N, Nugent J. Venturini	M. Spiteri D. Mash C. Ho	E & N Mana Lansan
8.00am	T. Shebal Sr. Nelia	C. Love J. Fellowes K. Keating	Supervisor
10.00am	J. Sobey K. Mangubat	L. Careri P. Del Popolo W. Mc Eleney	D. Mash



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.

St Vincent de Paul Collection

On the weekend of the 24th August, St Vincent de Paul will conduct a special collection at all Masses to support the poor and the needy in our area.

St Vincent De Paul will also have envelopes available on the Church pews for people wishing to have receipts for Taxation Purposes. All donations are greatly appreciated. New volunteers are always welcomed to join the Society which meets every first Tuesday of the month, anyone interested can contact Godfrey Spiteri on 0417314729

THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2025

ALL NEW KIA PICANTO TO BE WON!!!

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.

Raffle Drawn on the 6th December



1st PRIZE!!

All New 2025 Kia Picanto S Auto valued @ \$22,340 Drive Away

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4th Prize & 5th Prize - Gift Card to the value of \$1000

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

RAISING FATHERS

FATHERING FROM THE FRONT LINE

Wednesday, 3rd September 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Loyola College: 325 Grimshaw Street Watsonia

BE INSPIRED, BE CHALLENGED, BE THE FATHER YOUR CHILDREN NEED.. WHY IT MATTERS.

A Father who is present and intentional shapes the destiny of his children and echoes that impact through generations. This evening could change your approach to fathering. And in doing so, it could change your child's future.



10C Bottles & Cans Instructions

The details below are the instructions on how to deposit your cans & bottles. A Print out of the form is in the Church Foyer. The Closest Collection Station is Located on Cameron Parade Bundoora in the car park of the Lawn bowls.

1. Scan the barcode
2. St Damian's Church Bundoora will show on screen
3. Deposit containers
4. Push FINISH when completed depositing containers

St Damian's Church Bundoora



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ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend the Archbishop Campaign will start and continue over the following weekends of 23rd & 24th August and also 30th & 31st August. If you would like to make a donation over these weekends envelopes and pencils will be available on the end of each pew or you can donate

melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign

Thankyou

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 are open now and will 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!



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

Parish Pastoral Council

Ladies Lunch:



The next lunch at Watsonia RSL is on Tuesday, 19th August at 12 O'clock. All are welcome to join us for lunch and a chat. Bookings or enquires to Sarita, on 0434581948 or 9467 2531.

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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