



# St Damian's Catholic Church

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WELCOME TO ST DAMIAN'S

## 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](mailto: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

# PENTECOST SUNDAY, 19TH MAY 2024

### THIS WEEKEND

Acts 2: 1-11  
Gal 5: 16-25  
John 15: 26-27,  
16: 12-15

### NEXT WEEK

Deut 4:32-34, 39-40  
Rom 8:14-17  
Mt 28:16-20

### FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon : 20th May: The Blessed Virgin Mary  
Fri : 24th May: Our Lady, Help of Christians

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of  
your faithful and kindle in them the fire  
of your love.

**Alleluia!**

### PSALM

**Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works,  
O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches.

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust  
from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew  
the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord.

**Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

**Recent Deaths:** Maria Antonia Italiano

**Anniversaries:** Teresa Nguyen ( 20 Years) Val Flynn (7 Years) Vito Garra, Giuseppe Lucci  
Agapito Omega, Kalil Azal and Catherine Naha, Edward Orfali

**Sick:** Linda Watson

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## 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 on the Feast of the Pentecost – Year B



As we gather to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, we are reminded of the extraordinary outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, marking the birth of the Church. In the readings today, we witness the transformative power of the Holy Spirit and its profound impact on the lives of believers.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we are transported to the scene of Pentecost, where the disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit, enabling them to speak in different tongues and proclaim the wonders of God to people from every nation. This miraculous event signifies the universality of the Gospel message and the Spirit's role in uniting diverse peoples in faith and love.

The Psalm resounds with praise for the Creator Spirit, who renews the face of the earth and sustains all living beings. As we contemplate the greatness of God's works and the abundance of His blessings, we are reminded of the Spirit's constant presence and activity in our lives, guiding us on the path of righteousness and truth.

In his letter to the Galatians, St. Paul exhorts believers to walk by the Spirit, allowing its fruits: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control to manifest in their lives. Through the indwelling of the Spirit, we are empowered to live virtuously and bear witness to the transformative grace of God.

Finally, in the Gospel of John, Jesus promises to send the Advocate, the Spirit of truth, who will guide His disciples into all truth. This promise assures us of the Spirit's ongoing presence and guidance in the life of the Church, illuminating our minds and hearts with divine wisdom and understanding.

As we commemorate Pentecost, let us open our hearts to the Holy Spirit, inviting its transformative power to renew and enliven our faith. May we be bold witnesses of the Gospel, empowered by the Spirit to proclaim God's love and mercy to the ends of the earth. Amen.

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

### Rosters for 25th & 26th May 2024

| Mass Time | Reader / Responder           | Eucharist / Welcome                           | Piety          | Counters                       | Readers/ Responders<br>Eucharist / Welcomers<br>Please gather together in the Sacristy about minutes prior to Mass.<br>Eucharist Ministers – please remember that you are also welcoming parishioners & visitors & handing |
|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5.30pm    | A. Favrin<br>J. Borg         | N.Nugent<br>T. Garcia<br>D. Mash              | J. Barone      | E. Manalansan<br>N. Manalansan |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 8.00am    | J. North<br>V. Dalla-Vecchia | A.Dalla-vecchia<br>M. Sweetman<br>S. Aldridge | A.Sharkey      | Supervisor                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 10.00am   | J-Mercado<br>J. Sobey        | W. Mc Eleney<br>P. Del Popolo<br>R. Sacco     | K. Vandenhoven | D. Mash                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |



## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATING NEWS

Dear St. Damian's Parishioners and Visitors,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to share some important news regarding our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) team.

First and foremost, on behalf of the entire parish community, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dorothy Mash and Klaus Nagel for their dedicated service to the PPC over the past several years. Their time, effort, and talent have been invaluable to our parish, and we are deeply appreciative of their contributions.

Now, I am pleased to announce the renewal and addition of new members to our PPC team:

- Kai Streicher
- Shay Gooneratne
- Maria Han
- Joan Noonan
- Paul Bezzina
- Carlos Manabat
- Michael Kanniah
- Santina Pezzin

In addition to these members, Dianne Stubbs, our Parish Secretary, and myself, Fr. Joe Dong, will also be part of the team.

Our first meeting will take place on Thursday, 30th May at 7:00 pm in the Presbytery. This meeting marks the beginning of an exciting journey for our new PPC team as we work together to serve and support our parish community.

I kindly ask for your prayers for our new team, that Almighty God may bestow His wisdom upon each member so that they may serve our community with wholehearted dedication and use their talents for the greater good.

May God bless us all as we embark on this new chapter together.

Warm regards,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P.

## MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for our Mother's Day Raffle this year.

Congratulations to our Winners

1st Prize : Jill , 2nd Prize : Nancy , 3rd Prize: Mala

## Parish Census

Over the next couple of weeks, we invite each member of our parish to participate in our census process. By completing the census form, which will be made available at the end of each pew. So 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.

## WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE - FREE EVENT!

You know that prayer is important but may still find it challenging.

Perhaps it's hard to find time, or you're unsure what to do when you pray. Or, maybe you feel discouraged by your weaknesses and your inability to overcome them. If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Many of the saints struggled in prayer.

They were like us. But each time they fell, they got up again and learned to rely more on God's grace.

What God did in the lives of countless saints, he wants to do in the lives of ordinary people like us. And that's what this study is about: the journey of prayer God wants to take us on.

Join us for When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God at **St Damian's in the Dunlop Room** beginning 19th June, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, and continuing every following Weds for total 7 weeks.

For more information contact Maria by email at [han\\_maria@hotmail.com](mailto:han_maria@hotmail.com) or indicate your interest on the form located in the Church foyer.  
**Maria Han.**

## ASSISTING WITH LAWN MOWING



Dear Volunteers,

I am reaching out to you with a special request to consider joining our Lawn Mowing Team as we continue to care for the grounds of our church. Currently, we have a dedicated team consisting of **Paul Bezzina, Ben Sacco, and Lawrie O'Shea** who have been faithfully assisting me with lawn mowing duties for the past two months.

By expanding our team with more volunteers, we can divide the responsibilities into two groups, allowing each group to take charge of lawn mowing duties for one month. If you are interested in joining the team or have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or parish office - 94672797.

Warm regards,

## St Damian's Containers Recycling Programme.



Go to website: [cdsvic.org.au](http://cdsvic.org.au).

This will explain how it works.

Find nearest refund point, take copy of Barcode/ID number. Scanning will donate to St Damians Church.

(Set up ready in North and West Zones only, East Zone to follow soon.)

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

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

Any enquiries please contact : Lawrie on mobile 0412839122 and email [lawrieoshea1@gmail.com](mailto:lawrieoshea1@gmail.com) if anyone needs help.

## Ladies' Lunch.

Our next lunch is on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> 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. 9467 2531 or 0434 581 948

**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**

## 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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