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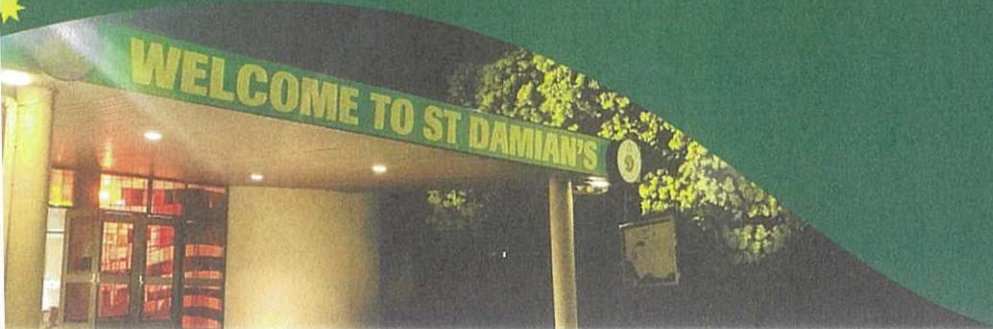
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WEEKENDS

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

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 15th FEBRUARY 2026

THIS WEEKEND

Sir 15:15-20

1 Cor 2:6-10

Mt 5:17-37

NEXT WEEK

Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Rom 5:12-19

Mt 4:1-11

SRI LANKEN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

PSALM

Happy are they who follow the law of the Land!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts.

You laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may see the wonders of your law.

Teach me the demands of our statutes and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart.

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Recent Deaths: Anton

Anniversaries: Peter Mc Eleney, Marcel & Suzanne Abraham, Marceline Martin, Haydee Bastien,

Emanuela Vigilante, Giuseppina Garra

Sick: Estellita Steven, Diana Whyllie, Helen Mc Kinery,

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 truth of divine wisdom

Australians have long grumbled about the “nanny state.” We roll our eyes at tobacco excises, plain packaging laws, bicycle helmet requirements, and bans on advertising to kids. Yet, if we’re honest, no one lying in a hospital bed with lung cancer, managing type 2 diabetes, or recovering from a head fracture, ever mutters, “This wouldn’t have happened if the government had just stayed out of my business.”

Deep down, we know that some laws exist not to stifle us but to save us. They’re less about control and more about keeping us alive and well. This weekend’s readings invite us to see God’s law in that same light; not as divine overreach but as wisdom designed for human flourishing.

Sirach reminds us just how much God respects human freedom: “If you choose, you can keep the commandments” (Sir 15:15). God does not impose the divine will upon us. Like public health policies, the commandments are set before us as a path of life, not as a compliance regime. Sirach’s image of choosing between “life and death” (Sir 15:17) is less about punishment and more about recognising that our decisions shape who we become.

The psalmist sees the “wonders” of God’s law (Ps 119:18). This isn’t the awe of a bureaucrat admiring a perfectly filled-out form; it is the delight of someone who recognises that God’s ways lead to peace, integrity, and deep contentment. The psalmist isn’t one who revels in rules; but one who wonders at the simple and self-evident wisdom inherent in God’s law.

Paul speaks of a hidden wisdom that the world doesn’t easily recognise—wisdom rooted in love rather than self-interest, in the Cross rather than cleverness. God’s wisdom does not operate like the shifting advice of “this age,” which prioritises individual success over communal wellbeing. Divine wisdom seeks communion, justice, and healing; all the things that help humanity to flourish. It is revealed, Paul says, by the Spirit who searches “the depths of God” (1 Cor 2:10) and leads us into those depths ourselves.

Matthew’s Jesus insists he has not come to abolish the law but to fulfil it (Matt 5:17). But fulfilment doesn’t mean tightening the rules; it means deepening them. Jesus directs our attention away from external actions to the dispositions of the heart. He’s not adding more red tape. He’s revealing that true obedience is not about external regulation but internal transformation – a radical change of heart and mind. The law’s purpose is to form a people capable of love.

Which brings us back to our Australian examples. Just as no one on a hospital ward complains about the nanny state, so no one who has contemplated the “depths of God” complains that divine law is restrictive. God’s law, like the best human laws, is given so we might flourish; not in fear, but in freedom shaped by sure wisdom and self-sacrificing love.

And that, ultimately, is the kind of “plain-packaged” law worth a moment or two of wonder.

Ian J Elmer

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ROSTER: 21st & 22nd February 2026

Time	READERS	EUCHARIST	COUNTERS	Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers
5.30pm	A. Groom A. Favrin	M. Spiteri E. Taylor M. Jones	N. & K Nugent W. Fernando	Please gather together in the Church about 5 minutes before Mass.
8.00am	L. Starvaggi Sr. Nelia	C. Fitzgerald S. Aldridge M. Beverley	SUPERVISOR	Eucharistic Ministers
10.00am	J. Sobey K. Mangubat	E. Jones L. Careri J. Mercado	M. Sweetman	Please remember you are also welcoming Parishioners & visitors & handing out the newsletter.
			Ministries	

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,*



BAPTISM: This weekend we welcome, into the family of St Damian's, Demi Baude who is being baptised.

Ladies' Lunch.

Our first lunch for 2026 is at 12 o'clock at Watsonia RSL on Tuesday, 17th February.

If you are new to St Damian's or have been unable to join us before you are most welcome to come along for lunch and a chat.

Our future dates for 2026 are Tuesdays, 19th May, 18th August and 17th November.

Contact Sarita to book or for any enquires.
0434 581 948.

ST DAMIAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL 2026

OPEN DAYS
REGISTER NOW!

TUESDAY 3 MARCH

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH

9:30-10.45AM & 6.00-7.15PM

15 MINUTE INFORMATION SESSION
FOLLOWED BY SCHOOL TOUR

Tours available at 9.30am
every 2nd Thursday
in Term 1 & 2

Any enquiries please
Contact the office
9467 8566



St Damian's Church Bundoora



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ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

Ash Wednesday Mass: 18th February
9.15am with School & Parishioners and 7.00pm
with Parishioners.

PASCHAL TRIDUMM MASSES

Journeying with Christ through Love, the Cross, and Hope

Day 1: Wednesday, 25 March : 7.00pm
Celebrant: Fr Shiran CSsr
Theme: The Day of Love and Service
**Reflecting on Christ's Gift of love and
our call to serve one another.**

Day 2: Thursday, 26 March : 7.00pm
Celebrant: Fr EkaTanaya SJ
Theme: The Day of the Cross and Silence
**Entering into the mystery of Christ's
suffering and saving sacrifice**

Day 3: Friday, 27 March: 7.00pm
Celebrant: Fr Robin CSsr
Theme: The Day of Waiting and Hope
**Learning to wait with Faith, Trusting
in God's promise of new life.**

**Noted: Please bring your own plate and join us for
a shared dinner after Mass in the Dunlop and
Briglia Rooms.**

- Station of the Cross: Every Friday morning after 9.15am Mass
- Sacrament of Confession: 1st & 2nd Rite: Friday 20th March at 7.30pm

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

For those who wish to receive Holy Communion at home,
please contact us:

Parish phone: 9467 2797

Email: bundoora@cam.org.au

We are happy to bring the Eucharist to you.

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Lent & Holy Week 2026 – Service Times

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HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday – 2 April

***7:30 PM** - Mass of the Lord's Supper with Bishop Thinh Nguyen (Eastern Region) & Followed by Adoration in the Church

Good Friday – 3 April

***10:00 AM** – Ecumenical Stations of the Cross & Followed by Morning Tea in the Dunlop Room

***3:00 PM** - Celebration of the Lord's Passion at the Church

Holy Saturday – 4 April

***6:30 PM** - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday – 5 April

***8:00 AM & 10:00 AM** - Easter Masses

Divine Mercy Sunday – 12 April

***2:00 PM** – Confession, Adoration, Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

***3:00 PM** – Solemn Mass with Fr. Florentino (“Boy”)

***5:30PM** - Thanksgiving Mass in St Damian's on Saturday, 30th May 2026, for Fr. Huy & Fr. Joe Vuong, followed dinner after Mass in the Hall.

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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