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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

5th Sunday of Lent 17th March , 2024

READING

Ezek 37:12-14

Ps 129:R

Rom 8:8-11

NEXT WEEK

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Mk14:1-15:47

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon 18th March :St Patrick

Mass will be at 9.15am on 18th March for St Patrick.

Tues 19th March : St Joseph

Wednesday 20th March at 10.30am—

Mass of the Holy Oils (**Chrism Mass**)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
Whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

PSALM

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,

Lord hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,

Lord, Who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.

My soul is waiting for the Lord more than watchman

for daybreak.

(Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

Thi Pham

Anniversaries: Sr Estelita Ortiz Manabo,

Teresa & Antonio Basile,

Marcolina Lucci

Sick:

Iris Bonello,

Carlos,

Peter Oei,

Edilberto Boy Omega

Recent Deaths: Peter,

Adrian Setter,

Dao

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.



The Gospel reflection for the 5th Sunday in Lent - B



Our readings this Sunday based on the readings from Ezekiel 37, Psalm 129, Romans 8:8-11, and the Gospel of John 11, revolves around the themes of hope, resurrection, and the power of faith in Jesus Christ.

In Ezekiel 37, we encounter the powerful image of the valley of dry bones, symbolizing the spiritual desolation and despair of God's people. However, through the prophet Ezekiel, God breathes new life into these dry bones, signifying His promise of restoration and renewal for His people. This passage reminds us that even in our darkest moments, God has the power to bring life and hope where there seems to be none.

Psalm 129 echoes this theme of hope and redemption, expressing trust in God's mercy and forgiveness despite the challenges and hardships faced by the Psalmist.

In Romans 8:8-11, St. Paul speaks of the transformation that occurs when we are united with Christ through faith. He emphasizes the importance of living according to the Spirit rather than the flesh, highlighting the new life and freedom that comes from being in Christ. This passage reminds us that through Christ's resurrection, we are offered the gift of new life and the power to overcome sin and death.

The Gospel of John 11 recounts the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, demonstrating His power over death, and foreshadowing His own resurrection. This miraculous event serves as a profound sign of Jesus' identity as the Son of God and the source of eternal life. It also underscores the importance of faith in Jesus as the key to experiencing the fullness of life and resurrection.

As we reflect on these readings, we are invited to ponder the profound mystery of God's love and mercy revealed in Jesus Christ. They remind us that no matter how dire our circumstances may seem, God is always at work, bringing life, hope, and resurrection to those who place their trust in Him. This Lenten season, may we open our hearts to the transforming power of God's love and renew our faith in the promise of resurrection and new life in Christ. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Rosters: for 23rd & 24th March 2024

Mass Time	Reader / Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety	Counters	Readers/ Responders
5.30pm	Palm Sunday	Palm Sunday	D. Whyley	P. Mattino V. Zappa	Eucharist / Welcomers, . . .
8.00am	Palm Sunday	Palm Sunday	A. Sharkey	Supervisor	Please gather together in the Sacristy about minutes prior to Mass.
10.00am	Palm Sunday	Palm Sunday	C. Manabat	M. Jones	Eucharist Ministers—please remember that you are also welcoming parishioners & visitors & handing out the newsletter.
					

Volunteer Sign-Up for Holy and Easter Weeks

Dear Volunteers, as we prepare for the upcoming Holy and Easter Weeks, I want to draw your attention to the Roster that has been posted on the Church News Board in the Foyer.

We are currently seeking volunteers to serve as Eucharistic ministers, readers, and participants in the Washing of the Feet ceremony. Your involvement in these important roles contributes greatly to the spiritual enrichment of our parish community during this sacred time of year.

I invite you to consider signing up for a specific role by writing your name down on the roster. Thank you for your consideration and dedication to our parish community.

UPDATE ON CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM PROJECT

DEAR PARISHIONERS & VISITORS

I wanted to provide you with an update on the progress of our Church Sound System project.

I am pleased to inform you that we have made significant strides in improving our sound system. Thanks to the generous donations from some of our parishioners, amounting to approximately \$2,000, as well as donations of equipment, we have been able to collaborate the old and new systems successfully. While there may still be some noise coming from the Priest's wireless microphone, which is in need of replacement, overall, the system is functioning well.

In addition, I have purchased two Shure MX 418C wired microphones, one for the altar and the other for the priestly lector, to further enhance our sound capabilities.

I ask for your patience and understanding during the initial testing phase of the system. If any issues arise, please bear with us as we work to address them promptly.

For those who wish to contribute towards the purchase of a new Priest's wireless microphone, you can do so by using the following church account details:

Name: St. Damian's Church - BSB: 083347 - ACC: 660192933

Once again, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all who have supported this project through their donations and assistance. Your generosity has made a significant difference, and I am truly grateful for your continued support.

May God bless each and every one of you.

Thank you

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please donate to Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling

1800 024 413.

BAPTISM



This weekend welcome into the family of St Damian's , Lily Henderson, Crew James, Rafferty Allen who are being baptised. May God keep their families in his love.

Parish Reconciliation Presentation

This weekend we welcome the children and their families who are being presented for Reconciliation.

Reconciliation Presentation Prayer

We, the parishioners of St Damian's, pray for these children as they prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We pray that we may be good examples of forgiveness and healing in the way we live our lives. May God bless these children as they continue on their faith journey.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING COMMENTATOR PLACEMENT

Dear Commentators,

I hope this message finds you all in good health and spirits. I am writing to inform you about a change regarding the placement of the commentator during our weekend Masses.



After consulting with some parishioners and considering feedback from others, I have decided to move the commentator to the front of the church, where the readers have been positioned. You may wonder why I have made this decision. The primary reason for this change is to create a more inclusive and engaging experience for our congregation.

By moving the commentator to the front of the church, I believe they will have a better opportunity to connect with everyone present. This will allow for greater attention and participation from the congregation during the Mass introduction and prayers of the faithful.

I understand that some of our commentators may face challenges reaching the steps in the Sanctuary. If you are one of them, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I am committed to providing assistance and accommodations to ensure that everyone can fulfill their role comfortably and effectively.

Thank you all for your understanding and cooperation in this matter. Your dedication to serving our parish community is greatly appreciated.

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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