



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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 18th MAY 2025

THISWEEKEND

Act 14: 21-27;

Rev 21:1-5;

Jn 13:31-35.

NEXT WEEK

Act 15: 1-2,22-29;

Rev 21:10-14, 22-23;

Jn 14:23-29.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Fri 24th May:

Our Lady, Help of Christians

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you

Alleluia!

PSALM

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign.

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age.

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Recent Deaths: Nadia Alderuccio, Lina Camilleri

Anniversaries: Christos Pittas, Elvira Favrin, Giuseppe Lucci

Sick: Elizabeth San Martin, Manuel Paneda, Lottie Constantino, Helen Mc Kinnery, John Long, Antonio Castro

Perpetua Basada, Linda Watson

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 Catholic Parish of St. Damian's Bundoora is committed to upholding the Privacy principles set out in the legislation.

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*

REFLECTION FOR THE 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

Theme: "Love that Renews All Things"



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today's readings carry a message of hope, renewal, and love - the very heart of Easter.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles (14:21-27), Sts Paul and Barnabas, after enduring hardships, return to the communities they had evangelized. What do they do? They strengthen the souls of the disciples and encourage them to persevere in faith. We are reminded that the path of discipleship isn't always easy: "It is through many hardships that we enter the Kingdom of God" but we are never alone. The Church, like Paul and Barnabas, walks with us.

The responsorial psalm echoes this: "I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God." Even in difficulties, we are called to praise, because God is faithful.

The second reading, from Revelation (21:1-5), gives us a vision of God's ultimate promise: "Behold, I make all things new." A new heaven and a new earth, where pain and tears will be no more. This is not just a distant future - it begins now, whenever love conquers hate, forgiveness heals wounds, and Christ lives in us.

And in the Gospel (John 13:31-35), Jesus gives us the new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you." This is not a generic love - it is Christ-like love: sacrificial, forgiving, patient, and faithful. Jesus says: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples." Not by our words or appearances, but by how we love.

So what can we learn today?

- The Christian life is a journey through trials but filled with grace.
- God is always renewing us, healing us, and drawing us closer to Himself.
- And the surest sign that we belong to Christ is love - real, concrete, costly love.

May this Easter season renew in us that kind of love, so that others may see Christ alive in us. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Rosters 24th & 25th May 2025

TIME	READERS	Eucharist / Welcome	Counters	Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers
5.30pm	A. Groom P. Bezzina	T. Garcia W. Fernando Sr Felicity	N & K Nugent	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.
8.00am	J. North C. Fitzgerald	M. Sweetman S. Aldridge Sr Nelia	Supervisor	
10.00am	J. Capuana J. Mercado	L. Careri P. Del Popolo W. Mc Eleney	M. Thompson	



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.

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMATION

This weekend Masses, we welcome the students from St Damian's Primary School and their families for the presentation of Sacrament of Confirmation.

ST DAMIAN'S WALL – PERMANENT PLAQUE INFORMATION

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

After careful consideration, we would like to inform you that, effective 1st June 2025, the total cost for placing a permanent plaque on the wall of St Damian's Church will be \$770. This amount includes:

- \$500 – Donation to the Church
- \$200 – Cost of the plaque
- \$70 – Labour and administrative fee

If you wish to place a rose tree and ashes in the Memorial Garden, please contact the Parish Office for further information and guidelines.

For all enquiries, please contact us at: (03) 9467 2797 – or, bundoora@cam.org.au

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Fr. Joe Dong Tran , Parish Priest

A SPECIAL BLESSING FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,



After receiving kind feedback from several parishioners, I'm pleased to announce that we will be resuming our special blessings for those celebrating meaningful life events, such as wedding anniversaries (10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 years), birthdays, and other significant milestones.

Beginning next month, these blessings will be offered every 4th Sunday of the month, after Holy Communion and before the Final Prayer at Mass.

It will be a simple but heartfelt moment to give thanks to God for your life, love, and faith and to ask for His continued grace upon you and your family. Thank you!

Fr Joe Dong Tran

St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria Good Works , Come and See

Please come and join some of your fellow parishioners & learn more about our good work.

The information session will be held at : St Martins of Tours Parish, 3 Silk Street Rosanna at 10.00am on 21st May 2025.

If you are unable to attend, please feel free to contact Godfrey Spiteri for information on 0417314729

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat 24th May 5.30pm : Presentation of Reconciliation
Sun 25th May : Presentation of Reconciliation

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL



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Melbourne Victoria 30th Nov to 2 Dec 2025

We are delighted to announce that the Festival will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC). MCEC is located in the south-west edge of the Melbourne CBD, on the banks of the Yarra River.

Helpfully, it is widely accessible via trams, trains (via Southern Cross Station or Flinders Street Station), bus access (with drop off zones) and walking paths along the Southbank precinct.

Group registration for the Festival will officially open in early May 2025. Indicative pricing will range from \$390– \$410 per person for the entire Festival with access to all areas and experiences.

Groups will be responsible for all travel to/from the Festival as well as organising any accommodation needs. Meals from vendors at the venue will be available at additional cost.

To ensure accessibility for all young Catholics across Australia, especially those living outside of capital cities, ticketing subsidies will be available (on application) for groups travelling from rural and remote locations in Australia who will incur significant costs for travel and accommodation.

All current details can be obtain on the following website. www.acyf.org.au or Australian Catholic Youth Festival Melbourne 2025.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival Melbourne 2025 through email: acyf@cam.org.au or phone: (03) 7064 3995 (during business hours).

CECA VICTORIA NORTH CHAPTER
You're Invited

Join us for a Christmas Life Program (CLP) hosted by CECA Victoria North Chapter - an afternoon of inspiring talks, about living in the Christmas faith.

Date: 31 May 2024
Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Venue: St Dunstan, Dundas Hall
6 Settlement Rd, Bundoora VIC 3083

SCAN ME

From this QR code for a video presentation

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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