



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

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

The 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16th, FEBRUARY 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Jer 17:5-8;

1Cor 15:12,16-20;

Lk 6:17,20-26.

NEXT WEEK

1Sam 26:2,7-9,

12-13,22-23;

1Cor 15:45-49;

Lk 6:27-38.

PSALM.

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night.

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper.

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Sat 22th Feb.: The Chair of St Peter

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Peter Mc Eleney, Anna & Peter, Emanuela Vigilante, Giuseppina Garra

Sick: Teresita Calma, Elizabeth San Martin, Manuel Paneda, Lottie Constantino, Helen Mc Kinnery

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 FOR THE 6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

Today's readings invite us to reflect on where we place our trust, our hope, and our values. They present a clear contrast between relying on human strength and trusting in God, between the temporary rewards of this world and the eternal blessings of the Kingdom.

First Reading – Jeremiah 17:5-8, contrasts two ways of living:

- The one who trusts in human strength is like a barren shrub in the desert, spiritually dry and lifeless.
- The one who trusts in the Lord is like a tree planted by water, bearing fruit even in times of hardship.

This reminds us that true security comes from God, not from wealth, power, or human wisdom. When we trust in God, we remain strong even in difficulties.

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 - St. Paul reminds the Corinthians that the resurrection of Christ is the foundation of our faith. If Christ has not risen, our faith is in vain. But because He has risen, we have hope in eternal life.

This challenges us to live with a resurrection mindset - to place our hope not in this world alone, but in God's promise of new life.

Gospel – Luke 6:17, 20-26 (The Beatitudes and Woes)

Jesus delivers a powerful teaching:

- Blessed are the poor, the hungry, the weeping, and the persecuted, not because suffering is good, but because they recognize their dependence on God.
- Woe to the rich, the satisfied, the laughing, and the praised, not because wealth and joy are bad, but because they may lead us to self-reliance and forgetfulness of God.

Reflection Questions

- Where do I place my trust on human strength or on God?
 - Am I too focused on worldly success and comfort?
- How can I live out the values of Christ's Kingdom today?

This Sunday's readings remind us to place our trust in God, to live with faith in the resurrection, and to embrace the values of Christ's Kingdom. May we be like the tree planted by water, growing in faith and bearing fruit in love. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Roster: 22nd and 23rd February 2025

Mass Time	Reader / Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Counters	Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers
5.30pm	M. Joyce A. Groom	Sr Felicity L. Gooneratne S. Gooneratne	N & K Nugent M. Thompson	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	L. Cultrera O. Carvalho	Sr Nelia M. Beverley C. Fitzgerald	Supervisor M. Sweetman	
10.00am	P. Gill K. Mangubat	N. Cardamone L. Careri P. Del Popolo		

SEEKING YOUR THOUGHTS ON CHANGES

Dear Parishioners,

I have been considering closing the Piety Shop and repurposing the space for other needs. Before making any decisions, I would like to seek your advice and suggestions.

One possibility is to convert the Piety Shop into a small kitchen and set up tables and chairs in the gathering space (church foyer). This would create a welcoming area where we can offer tea, coffee, or water when needed. However, due to financial constraints, this plan may take time, and we would need to save funds first.

Another option is to transform the Piety Shop into a dedicated space for young children to play when they become restless or cry during Mass.

To support this, I am considering reserving some pews near the Piety Shop for parents to sit with their young children during Mass.

As I continue to explore these possibilities, I sincerely welcome your thoughts and feedback. Please feel free to share your suggestions so we can make the best decision together.

You can send your thoughts via **parish email bundoora@cam.org.au** or call us at **(03) 9467 2797**.

Thank you, and God bless.

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P

MANNIX MASS

We would like to welcome the Students, Staff & Families from Loyola College this Sunday for Mannix Mass at 10.00am.

A light morning tea will be held in the Dunlop Room after Mass.

Everyone is Welcome.

PIETY SHOP NO MORE ROSTERS

Dear Customers,

please note that there will be **NO ROSTER** for Piety Shop volunteers from now on. If you wish to purchase anything, please see **Fr. Joe Dong or the Sacristans**, who will be able to open the Piety Shop for you after each Mass.

Thank you for your understanding. **God bless.**

DUNLOP ROOM FOR HIRE

The Dunlop Room is available for hire for Family gatherings, Baptism functions, Community Groups. The room can hold around 50 people.

If you would like any further information or would like to view the room.

Please contact the Parish Office on 9467 2797.

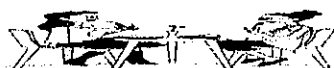
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If you would like to advertise your business or sporting club in our Parish Newsletter for 2025 please contact the Parish office to discuss.

Ph: 94672797 (Parish Office)

St Damian's Ladies Lunch Group.



We are a group of parishioners who gather for a friendly catch up over lunch. If you are new to our parish, maybe recently retired or just haven't joined us before you are

certainly most welcome to come along.

Our first lunch for 2025 is at Watsonia RSL at 12 noon on Tuesday, 18th February. Contact Sarita to book or for any inquiries. 9467 2531 or 0434 581 948.

SACRAMENT PROGRAM AT ST DAMIAN'S PARISH

We are now taking enrolments for our Sacrament Programs.



These courses are available to all Catholic Children attending both Government & Private Schools.

Reconciliation: from Grade 3 and Over.

Eucharist: Grade 4 or anyone who has previously received the sacraments of Reconciliation.

Confirmation:

Classes are on Thursday evening at 4.00pm to 5.00pm in the Dunlop Room.

If you would like to join Confirmation group please contact the Parish Office.

For Children in Grade 6 or any student who has previously received the Sacrament of Eucharist.

Each course will be with our Sacrament Co Ordinator: Andrea Groom
At : St Damian's Parish in the Dunlop Room
Cost : \$150 per child.

Please bring a copy of your Baptism Certificate, if this is the first time enrolling for a Sacrament Course at St Damian's. Please contact Parish Office on 9467 2797 for all enquiries.

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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