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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

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 3rd September 2023

READING

Jer 20 :7-9

Rom 12:1-2

Mt 16:21-27

NEXT WEEK

Ezek 33: 7-9

Rom 13:8-10

Mt 18:15-20

PSALM

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you like a dry, weary land
without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see
your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life, my lips will
speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift
up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth
shall praise you with joy.
For you have been my help; in the shadow of
your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

FEAST DAY DURING THE WEEK

Fri 8th Sept : The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION!

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten
the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great
is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths : Dorothy Meeny

Anniversaries: Mario Caruso, Santa Martini, Pasquale Caruso, Filomema Mammone, Anna Merlino (10th Year),
Lise Assarapin, Mary J Henwood, Maryse Abraham, Paola Curatore, Giuseppe Lucci, Marc Lucci, Irma Gizzi, Vittorio Gizzo

Sick: Anita Gentile, Paul Long, Louisa, Virginia, Michael Mac Manus

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...)*

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we stand, the WURUNDJERI People of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.



Gospel Reflection for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – year A

Today is a great joy for us to celebrate the Father's Day – a very happy Father's Day to all fathers and grandfathers and men! So, I'm praying for you today, and I thank God today for all our fathers - those who are living and those who have gone before us.

We, dear sisters and brothers in Christ, are on the 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time this Sunday, the Holy Church encourages us to overcome all reluctance and obstacles to offer ourselves completely to Christ.

Our first reading from the Book of Jeremiah who has lamented: *"Lord, you have seduced me; you have overpowered me."* Jeremiah simply complained about the toughness of his mission. Lord God, but you did not tell me that it was going to be this difficult! Of course, at the beginning of his call, he resisted God, making excuses: *"Lord God, truly I do not know how to speak. I am only a boy."* However, God insisted that He has chosen and planned him even from the mother's womb.

In the second reading, St. Paul employed the language of grace, rather than that of law to implore us: *"Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God."* St. Paul calls us to submit completely to God without resistance and reservation. To present our bodies is to submit our faculties, and the totality of our being. It is total surrender to God. This total surrender is essential to a life of righteousness, joy, peace, and victory in Christ.

Our Gospel for this Sunday, we see the irony of life. The same St. Peter who proclaimed that Christ is the Messiah, the Son of living God last week, who is today rebuked as Satan. Christ simply rebuked him for being an obstacle to his mission. This shows that though, Peter professed that Christ is the Messiah, yet, he has not fully understood the nature of Christ's mission.

St. Peter could not understand why Christ should be talking this way. However, God's call is not only about, and participating in his glory, it is also participating first in his suffering. This is what Christ did. That He offered himself as a living sacrifice, which means that he submitted everything without reluctance for our salvation. Yet, St. Peter has not realized the necessity of Christ's death, that *"it is better for one man to die for the people, than to have the whole nation destroyed."* (Jn 11:50). Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran PP

Rosters for 9th & 10th September

Mass Time	Reader/Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety Shop	Counters	Readers/ Responders Eucharist / Welcomers...
5.30pm	First Eucharist Parents	W. Fernando T. Garcia Sr F Hardy	J. Noonan	N & K nugent M. Thompson	Please gather together in the
8.00am	C. Fitzgerald C. Love	K. Keating V. Smith M. Sweetman	M. Kmita	Supervisor T. Frazer	Sacristy about 15 Minutes prior to Mass.
10.00am	J. Sobey B. Walter	N. Cardamone L. Careri P. Del Popolo	C. Manabat	Ministries	Eucharist Ministers— please remember that



In order to celebrate our Father's Day this Weekend - We would like to invite you to join us for the BBQ, Cutting the Cake and Morning Tea in the Dunlop Room after the 10.00am Mass, and during this time we're also drawing the Raffle's tickets. We're looking forward to seeing you all there.

Let us celebrate our Father's Day together.

CONGRATULATIONS ON FATHER'S DAY TO ALL MEN!

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives. Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others find it challenging. We ask for Your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways - both big and small - good time and bad time - they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So also, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent, stepfathers and foster fathers, grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, priests, and coaches of our families. For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You. In union with St Joseph, whom you entrusted with Your Son, we ask your generous blessing today and every day. Amen

FATHER'S DAY ANNUAL APEAL

Dear Parishioners, this weekend we will celebrate Father's Day. Every year on Father's Day, there is a special collection for the Priests Retirement Foundation, which assists with the housing and day-to-day living costs of all the retired priests in Melbourne Archdiocese. Please give generously to assist our former parish priests who are now retired. There will be a LEAVING COLLECTION on this weekend for this special cause. Thank you so much for your generosity.

DINNER DANCE'S VOLUNTEERING

Do you want to join our team of volunteers for the Dinner Dance on September 16???

In order to prepare well for this event, we need more volunteers to assist us such as, setting up tables, welcoming guests, traffic management, or other roles etc.

If you think you can help us, please don't hesitate to contact our Parish Office: Bundoora@cam.org.au or (03)94672797 - Thanks so much for your consideration.

PRESENTATIONS & MASSES FOR FIRST EUCHARIST Parish - Catechist Class

*2nd September: Presentation Mass of the First Eucharist
Children at 5:30pm

School Students - Year 4 & 5

• 9th September: First Eucharist Mass for St Damian's Primary School at 2:00pm

FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, you have made yourself known to us through Jesus Christ and have invited us to pray to you as our Father, that we may pray boldly and confidently to you.

We pray for our fathers. Give them wisdom. Give them patience. Give them the ability to love in a way that reflects your love.

We pray for children. Give them guidance. Give them a spirit of obedience. Give them warmth, comfort, and peace in their fathers' homes.

We pray for the fatherless and those who struggle in their families. Be their Father when earthly fathers fail. Show them love and guidance and help them to know a father's love through your love, providence, and care. We ask you this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

St DAMIAN'S PARISH 57TH YEAR FEAST DINNER DANCE

LOYOLA CAMPANIONS HALL

325 Grimshaw St, Watsonia VIC 3087

SATURDAY THE 16TH OF SEPTEMBER 2023
6.00PM - 11.00PM

A Vigil Mass at 5:00pm, instead of 5:30pm as usual -
Only this weekend

*** MENU *** Buffet Style

*Carvery:

Roast Beef and Pork; Scallop Potato and Gravy;
Condiments; Bread and Butter; Steamed
Salmon, Prawns, Calamari, and baby octopus' salad.

* Chafing Dishes:

Veal Tortellini chicken and mushroom and BBQ
Maryland fillet in apricot jus

*Asian Clay pots: X5

Beef Mongolian Chinese; Chicken Chop suey;
Beef Rendang Malaysian style; Fried Rice / steamed
rice, and Chow mien

*Salads: x3

Garden Salad; Waldorf Salad, and 5 bean mix
salad in coriander dressing

*Dessert x3

Tiramisu; Fresh fruit Salad, and Chocolate mud

*Drinks: Provide & Also,
Bring Your Own - BYO!

Music: 2 BANDS INVOLVED & DJ

**RAFFLE'S TICKETS BEING SOLD ON THE
NIGHT - PLEASE BRING COINS**

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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