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READING

*Lév 13:1-2,44-46
1 Cor 10:31
Mk 1:40-45*

NEXT WEEK

*Gen 9:8-15
1 Pet 3:18-22
Mk 1:12-15*

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

February 14th: Ash Wednesday
Mass 9.15am With School & 7.00pm Parish.

OSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart.

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Recent Deaths:	Peter Clinch	Vittorio Chiodo
Anniversaries:	Marcel Abraham, Suzanne Abraham,	Marceline Martin, Emanuela Vigilante, Giuseppina Garra
Sick:	Iris Bonello	

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

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 never be alone in the car park or playground. *Please keep valuable personal belongings with you (purses, glasses, phones, etc...) and double check before leaving your seat, even briefly during Communion.

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.



A LENTEN MESSAGE FROM PARISH PRIEST

Dear Parishioners, Visitors, and Friends,

As we approach the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, and the beginning of the sacred Lenten season this Ash Wednesday.

Reflections on the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Our readings from the Book of Leviticus, the Responsorial Psalm, the Second Reading from 1 Corinthians, and the Gospel according to Mark beckon us to reflect on themes of healing, compassion, and the transformative power of God's love. As we delve into these passages, let us open our hearts to the messages they convey, finding inspiration in the teachings of Jesus.

Lent: A Season of Spiritual Journey: Lent is upon us, offering a sacred journey - a time to walk alongside Jesus, draw closer to His teachings, and deepen our connection with Him. It is a season of introspection, where we examine our hearts, seek forgiveness, and strive for personal transformation. In the quiet moments of Lent, let us pause and reflect on our lives, opening ourselves to the grace of God and allowing His love to guide us.

Community Support in Lent: As a community, let us support and encourage one another on this Lenten journey. Through collective prayers and acts of kindness, we can create a shared experience that strengthens our bonds and fosters a deeper sense of unity. Together, let us embrace the spirit of Lent, drawing closer to the core of our faith.

Outreach and Compassion: In the spirit of Lent, let us turn our attention outward, extending a helping hand to those in need. Engaging in acts of charity and compassion allows us to live out the Gospel values and embody the message of Christ. As we fast and pray, may our actions speak volumes about our commitment to living a life in service to others.

May this Lenten season be a time of spiritual growth, drawing us nearer to the heart of Christ. Let us emerge from this season with hearts renewed, ready to embrace the joy of Easter and the promise of resurrection.

Wishing you a blessed and transformative Lent.
In Christ's Love,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran. P.P

Rosters: for 18th & 19th February 2024

Mass Time	Reader / Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety	Counters	Readers/ Responders Eucharist /
5.30pm	D. Whyley S. Gooneratne	M. Jones Sr F. Hardy W. Fernando	JE Finchan	E. & N Manalansan	Welcomers, , , Please gather together in the Sacristy about
8.00am	V. Smith C. Fitzgerald	C. Love M. Sweetman S. Aldridge	S. O'Connort	Supervisor D. Mash	minutes prior to Mass. Eucharist Ministers— please remember that you are also welcoming parishioners & visitors &
10.00am	J. Venturini B. Walter	N. Cardamone L. Careri C. Manabat		 Ministries	handing out the newsletter.

What's on at St. Damian's Parish & beyond. . .

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 14th Feb: Ash Wednesday Mass

9.15am School Mass & 7.00pm Parish Mass

Friday 16th Feb: Stations of the Cross directly after 9.15am Mass.

Sunday 25th February: 10.00 am Loyola College Mass

Sun 18th Feb 10am Mass:

Rite of Sending for our Catechumen and Candidates

Sun 25th Feb: 10.00 am Loyola College Mass

Sun 3rd Mar: 10.00am Mass: 1st Scrutiny for our Catechumen

Sun 10th Mar: 10.00am Mass: 2nd Scrutiny for our Catechumen

ASHES TO EASTER 10am IN CONCERT REFUGEE for our Australian Catholic songwriter, singer and guitarist . His 'Ashes to Easter'

concert weaves songs and stories and reflections on Lenten themes and looks ahead to Holy Week and Easter. Saturday 24th February, 11.00am (after 10.00am Mass)

St. Thomas Church, 27 Peninsula Drive, DRYSDALE
Gold coin donation.

Sunday 25th February, 3.00pm.

St. Luke's Church, 1 Ipswich Court, WANTIRNA

Donations welcome.

Tuesday 27th February, 7.00pm, Holy Family Church, 147 Separation Street, BELL PARK Free admission.

Wednesday 28th February, 7.30pm, St. James the Apostle Church, 336 Derrimut Road, HOPPERS CROSSING NORTH
Free admission.

Thursday 29th February, 7.00pm, St. Vincent de Paul Church, cnr Woodland St and The Crossway, STRATHMORE
Donations welcome.

Friday 1st March, 7.00pm, St. Luke's Church, 1A David Street, LALOR
Donations invited. There is no need to book in advance for any of these concerts.

Thanks for any help you can give in publicising these events.

Project Compassion 10th & 11th February Please take home a Project Compassion box which will be available in the Church Foyer. To support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. 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 or by visiting caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

World Day of Prayer 2024

Theme this year:

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN PALESTINE

'I beg you...bear with one another in love'

Saturday 2nd March at 10:30am

St Damian's Parish

5 settlement Road, Bundoora

Followed by a light lunch and Tea and Coffee in the Dunlop Room

GENTLE REMINDER FOR A SACRED WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

As we gather in prayer and worship during the Holy Mass, we kindly request your cooperation in maintaining a sacred and reverent atmosphere. Please take note of the following reminders:

Silent Phones: Prioritize a distraction-free environment by placing your mobile phones on silent mode during the Holy Mass.

Silence in the Church: To honour the sanctity of the Mass, we encourage everyone to maintain a quiet and contemplative atmosphere within the church. This fosters an environment conducive to prayer and reflection.

Stay Until the End: As a sign of unity and respect for the entire worshipping community, we kindly request that you remain until the Final Song has concluded.

Your mindful observance of these reminders contributes to the solemnity of our worship experience. We appreciate your understanding and commitment to fostering a sacred space for all. REMINDERS!

Fr. Joe Dong

Tran .P.P

Saturday Community Choir Volunteers Saturday Community Choir welcomes parishioners to join and sing with the choir. Saturday Community Choir sings on the 2nd and 4th Saturday's of each month. If interested please contact the Parish Office on : 9467 2797.

INTRODUCING THE CDF SMART TERMINAL FOR EASY DONATIONS

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm excited to share with you a convenient way to donate to our Catholic Development Fund (CDF) through the newly installed CDF Smart Terminal in our church.



The Smart Terminal, known as 'Quest QT850' with a Donation Point Tap application, is located on your left-hand side as you enter the church. Making a donation is now simpler than ever:

Select a preset donation amount – options include \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, etc.

2. Choose your desired donation amount.

Input the selected amount (up to \$99.00).

Confirm, and it's done!

If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact either Fr. Joe Dong or the Parish Office. Your generous contributions play a vital role in supporting our parish community.

Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

God Bless

Ladies' Lunch.

Our first lunch for the year is on Tuesday, 20th February.

All are invited to join us at Watsonia RSL at 12 noon.

New comers to our group are always welcome so please come along.

Contact Sarita to book or for any enquiries . 9467 2531 or

0434 581 948.

Sacraments Program 2024
31st January – 20th March: Reconciliation
17th April – 12th June Confirmation Classes
July 17 – September 4 : Eucharist Classes
All classes are scheduled every Wednesday at 4.00pm to 5.00pm in the Dunlop Room.
Any enquiries please contact the Parish Office 9467 2797.
Andrea Groom , Sacramental Co-Ordinator



**FROM THE
OFFICE**

Attention Counters & Supervisors



Please pick up your copy of the new roster in the box located in the foyer.



Attention: Readers & Eucharist Ministers.
Please pick up your copy of the new roster in the box located in the foyer.



Welcome Cuppa after 10am Mass next week



Congratulations to the children from our parish as they receive the Sacrament of Eucharist this weekend at 5.30pm and 10.00am

NEW STUDENTS!

St Damian's Catholic Church welcomes all overseas and country students and invites you to join our very friendly and supportive Parish community. To get to know each other, we are holding a If you would like to come along please ring Lina on 9467 2797 or Ellen on 9467 6225. Don't be shy! Where? In the Dunlop Room @ St Damian's, 5 Settlement Road, Bundoora (across the road from Coles in Bundoora Square, next to the car wash). Tram No 86, stop number 66. When? After 10am Mass on Sun 28th July, 2013. Why? ...because we know it can be a nervous experience coming to a new city or a different country and we would like to help you settle in!

Welcome Cuppa after 10am Mass this Sunday in the Parish/School Hall.



Father's Day



Attention: Readers & Eucharist Ministers.
New rosters are being prepared for July to December. If you have any changes, please contact the Parish Office by Tuesday 14th June.

ITALIAN MASS

**will be held this Monday
7th March**

Welcome Cuppa after 10am Mass next week



Parish Special Collection. This weekend we will be conducting the Annual Collection for the Holy Father. Please support this appeal.



LADY OF FATIMA STATUE
If anyone would like to have Our Lady's Statue at home, please call the Parish Office.



s for the new giving period are available for collection at of the Church. A reminder to those who pledge by c contributions — your statement of giving is in the baskets for collection also. Thank you for your continued support to our parish. New pledges always welcome.



Priest Retirement Foundation
Thank you for contributing \$1,428 to the Father's Day appeal.



CONGRATULATIONS



**We welcome children from
our parish who are preparing
for the Sacrament of
Reconciliation**

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.



**Presentation of
Reconciliation Children**

This weekend we welcome all the Children who are attending Mass for their Presentation of Reconciliation to the St Damian's Parish. May God keep their families always in His Love



**CATHOLIC WOMENS
LEAGUE**

Attention all ladies in the parish. Our next meeting is Monday May 2nd, 10.30am in the Dunlop Room.

St Vincent De Paul Appeal

Thank you for contributing \$989.80 to the appeal last weekend. Your generosity is appreciated.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Ladies Dinner

Dinner on Tuesday, 3rd May at 6.30pm at Greensborough R.S.L.. All ladies of the parish are welcome to come along. Enquiries and bookings call Sarita on 9467 2531

Ladies Night



**Australian Catholics
Magazine**

Copies of the Summer 2011 Edition are now available in the Church foyer for you to take home



BAPTISMS

This weekend we welcome into the family of St Damian's Olivia Lucia Vescio and Noah Lucas Walsh who are being baptised.
May God keep their families always in His Love



CatholicCare would like to thank St Damian's Parish Community for contributing \$865.95 to their **Annual Church Appeal**. Your generosity is appreciated.



St Anthony of Padua Feast Day

Presented by the Italian Committee
Sunday 13th June, 2.30pm
St. Damian's Church
Mass will be celebrated with Fr. Vito Pegolo.
There will be a procession, Blessing of the Bread, Blessing of the Children and a St. Anthony Stall. Refreshments in the Dunlop Room afterwards. Everyone Welcome!

This weekend at all Masses a Member of the **Knights of the Southern Cross** will give a brief outline of the Knights and its activities. He will be available after Mass to answer any questions.

ST DAMIAN'S PLAYGROUP have places available for this year. The Playgroup runs on Fridays at 9.30am to 11.30am. If you are interested please pick up an enrolment form from the Parish Office between 10.00am -3.00pm Tuesday to Friday.



Archbishop's Pentecost letter for Youth 2011

Please take a copy of the Archbishop Denis Hart Pentecost Letter, "Planted and Built Up in Jesus Christ—Firm in the Faith (Col 2:7)" which are available in the Church foyer



Communion to the Sick Group. This Group administers the Eucharist and visits patients at Bundoora Extended Care and Vasey House. Some of our members also visit Parishioners in their homes. Anyone who would like to join our Ministry please contact the Parish Office on 9467 2797.



Thank You

We would like to thank the St Damian's Italian Committee for their donation of \$4,000 towards a new organ for the Church.



Congratulations to the children from our parish as they receive the Sacrament of Eucharist this weekend at 10.00am Mass

Happy 
Mother's
Day



CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

Attention all ladies in the parish. Our next meeting is Monday August 29th, 10.30am in the Dunlop Room.



Happy Father's Day !!!



LORD MAYORS APPEAL There will be collection this weekend, if you wish to contribute to underprivileged children._

Catholic Mission

Thank you for contributing \$1,278.10 to the Annual World Mission Day Appeal._

ST DAMIAN'S 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, by your Word and Eucharist. Holy spirit, direct us in all we do. Help us to say always:

"Lord, it is good for us to be here."

Be with us as we continue to build your kingdom on

Amen



TRIVIA NIGHT—SATURDAY 22nd October

A Trivia Night will be held in the Parish/School Hall on Saturday 22nd October from 7.00pm. Join us for a great night of entertainment and fun with fabulous prizes to be won. Tickets are \$10 per person (tables of 10)

Flyers available in Church Foyer
Hope you can join us, to make this a Parish event.

2011 Carols by Candlelight Committee

ST DAMIAN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS DINNER DANCE

Presented by the Italian committee

A NIGHT OF FINE FOOD & DANCING

Saturday 19th November

6.00 pm –12.00am

Greenville Reception

13 Green Street, Thomastown

Cost \$40.00 for adults, \$22 for child

\$8.00 for children 7 yrs and under.

5 course meal with wine, beer and soft drinks.

ALL WELCOME

For further information or bookings call Anita 9467 4131, Lucia 9467 2242 or Rosa 9404 4388

PICK UP A FLYER IN THE CHURCH FOYER



Wedding

Ceremonies to Laurence Roche and Vy Tran on
10th November at St Damian's last weekend. May God
Bless them always.



St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

This week we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent and it's the time to remember to pick up your "hamper item card" from under the tree. We ask that you return your contributions by the weekend of Dec. 10/11th, as we shall be putting the hampers together during the week following. We look forward to your usual generosity in supporting our Christmas Appeal.



ST DAMIAN'S PARISH WORKING BEE

Saturday 10th December . 9.00am—11.00am.

We need you to help clean up Parish grounds Please come along and help clean and bring your own gardening gloves and equipment.



