



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

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 28TH SEPTEMBER 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Amos 6:1,4-7;
1 Tim 6:11-16;
Lk 16:19-31.

NEXT WEEK

Hab 1:2-3,2:2-4;
2 Tim 1:6-8,13-14;
Lk 17:5-10.

SRI LANKEN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Tues 30th Sept : St Jerome

Wed 1st Oct : St Therese of the Child Jesus

Thur 2nd Oct: The Holy Guardian Angels

Fri 4th Oct.: 1st Friday & St Francis of Assisi

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

PSALM

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Recent Deaths: Rita Mee

Anniversaries: Sergio Marin(40 days Anniversary), Lila Perez, Elena Perez, Melanie Venturini, Paola Curator(Venturini) Joseph Nguyen Xuan Duong (1 Year Anniversary)

Sick : Angelo Trinidad, Norma Frendo

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.

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.



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*

REFLECTION FOR 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, The Word of God this Sunday challenges us to look honestly at our lives, our choices, and how we treat others.

In the first reading, the prophet Amos warns the people of Israel who lived in luxury and comfort while ignoring the suffering of their nation. They enjoyed their feasts and music, but they had no concern for justice or compassion. God reminds them and us that selfishness and indifference lead to ruin.

The Gospel makes this message even more personal with the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man lived in abundance, dressed in fine clothes, and ate sumptuously each day. Right outside his gate lay Lazarus, a poor man covered with sores, longing for scraps from the table. The tragedy is not simply that one was rich and the other poor, but that the rich man never saw Lazarus as a brother. He ignored him, day after day. After death, everything is reversed: Lazarus is comforted, and the rich man suffers. The point is clear our eternal destiny is shaped by how we respond to those in need.

St. Paul, in his letter to Timothy, gives us the path to follow: "Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness." These are the true treasures, not wealth or comfort, but a life shaped by faith and charity.

What does this mean for us today?

First, we are invited to open our eyes. Who is the "Lazarus" at our gate? It could be the poor family in our community, the lonely elderly person, the sick, the migrant, the ignored classmate or co-worker. Sometimes we don't even need to go far—there may be someone in our own family longing for attention, kindness, or forgiveness.

Second, we are called to act. Christian love is not only about feelings but about deeds. The smallest gestures: sharing our time, listening to someone in pain, offering material help when we can, are ways to bring God's compassion into the world.

Third, we must live with eternity in mind. Jesus' parable reminds us that there will be a time when it is too late to change. The rich man asked for another chance, but it was denied. The time to love, to act, and to serve is now.

Brothers and sisters, God has placed people in our path not by accident but by providence. May we recognize Christ in the poor, the sick, and the forgotten. Let us live generously, so that one day, we too may be welcomed into the joy of God's eternal kingdom. Amen.

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Rosters 4th & 5th October 2025

Time	Readers	Eucharist/ Welcome	Counters
5.30pm	D. Whyley A. Groom	W. Fernando M. Jones S. Gooneratne	P. Martino V. Zappa
8.00am	V. Dalla- Vecchia C. Love	A. Dalla-Vecchia Sr. Nelia V. Smith	Supervisor
10.00am	N. Mathews J. Venturini	C. Manabat N. Cardamone L. Careri	D. Mash

Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers

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.



MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST ON THE FEAST OF ST. DAMIAN'S

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Feast Day of St. Damian, our Patron Saint, to you and your families!

Each year on the 26th of September, we joyfully gather to celebrate this feast. It is more than a date on the calendar. It is a reminder of who we are and where we belong. We belong to St. Damian's Parish family, where together we deepen our love, strengthen our faith, and are nourished by Christ through His Word, His Eucharist, and His Spirit, who guides us in all that we do. With the disciples, we too can proclaim: *"Lord, it is good for us to be here."*

As your parish priest, I first give thanks to God for the gift of our parish. I also wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your generosity, your time, and your effort in making our parish a true spiritual home: a place of wisdom, vision, respect, hospitality, and welcome.

On this feast of our patron, St. Damian, let us renew our commitment to build our parish into a community where we worship God with joy and love one another with sincerity. May the example of St. Damian inspire us always to *"serve without any charge."*

St. Damian, pray for us!



Feast of St. Damian's – 24 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will begin immediately after the **5:30 PM Vigil Mass** and continue throughout the night until **7:30 AM on Sunday**, concluding with the **8:00 AM Mass**.

All are warmly invited to participate in this special time of prayer, reflection, and adoration of Our Lord in the Eucharist.

Lawn Mowing Team – Thank You!

A big thank you to the team who helped last Saturday in cutting the grass and trimming the trees around the church grounds. Your work keeps our parish looking beautiful and welcoming!

We meet **once a month** for this service. If you would like to join our team, please contact the **Parish Office** for more information. *Fr. Joe Dong & Paul*

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

For those who wish to receive **Holy Communion at home**, please contact us:

Parish phone: 9467 2797

Email: bundoora@cam.org.au

We are happy to bring the Eucharist to you.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) – 2025

Kindly be reminded that anyone who wishes to join the **Australian Catholic Youth Festival** from **Sunday, 30 November to Tuesday, 2 December 2025** at the **Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC)** should contact **Fr. Joe Dong** or the **Parish Office** for registration and more information. Thank you.

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Church Cleaning Team – Thank You!

A warm thank you to **Chung** and the team who helped clean the church last Saturday. Your time and effort ensure our worship space remains prayerful and welcoming.

The cleaning takes place **once every fortnight**. If you would like to join, please contact the **Parish Office** for more information. *With gratitude,*

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2025

Get your tickets now for a chance to win amazing prizes while supporting **our parish project to purchase a Christmas Nativity**.

1st PRIZE!!



Prizes:

- @. **1st Prize:** A brand-new **Kia Picanto**
- @. **2nd Prize:** Gift card valued at **\$5,000**
- @. **3rd Prize:** Gift card valued at **\$3,000**
- @. **4th & 5th Prizes:** Gift cards valued at **\$1,000** each
- @. **6th & 7th Prizes:** Gift cards valued at **\$500** each

Tickets: Only **\$2.00** each from every ticket sold, **\$1.50** goes directly to our parish project. **Draw Date:** **Saturday, 6th December 2025**. Your generosity helps us bring the joy of Christmas alive with a new Nativity for our parish. **Thank you for your kind support!**

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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