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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

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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

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 16h JULY 2023

READING

Is 55:10-11

Rom 8:18-23

Mt 13:1-23

NEXT WEEK

Wis 12:13, 16-19

Rom 8:26-27

Mt 13:24-30

PSALM

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain.

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth.

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the
wilderness it flows.

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered
with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

FEAST DAY DURING THE WEEK

Saturday 22nd July : St Mary Magdalene

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths : Cliff Prendergast, Katika Kummerle, Grace Porter, Marlene Barkley, Pasquale Buccella

Anniversaries: Theresa Dalla Vecchia, Emma & William Henwood, Maria Paniza, Mario Camilli

Sick: Anita Gentile, Joven Mercado, Paul Long, Dennis Razal, Louisa, Virginia

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 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

This Sunday the mother church celebrates Christ who sows the seed of God's word in our hearts.

Our first reading, Isaiah compares the Word of God to the rain and snow that falls on the ground: *"As the rain and snow come down from the heavens and do not and do not return without watering the earth... so my words do not return to me empty, without fulfilling its mission..."* This is because, the word of God is viable and active.

In the second reading, St. Paul makes a very important statement.: *"... Creation is eagerly waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God..."* This manifestation means, to reveal what is within us. Therefore, as vessels filled with the Word of God, we are expected to emit good fragrance when we are eventually manifested.

And our Gospel from St. Matthew, Jesus employs the parable of the sower to speak personally to each of us. If we sincerely examine ourselves in the light of today's parable, we will convincingly find our place within it.

One common point is clear from both the first reading and today's Gospel. This is the fact that the word of God is a viable seed. In other words, the problem is not with the seed. Rather, the problem is always with the receiver. That is, one's attitude towards the word of God. Unfortunately, for some of us, God's word has lost its meaning and significance. It has become an old-fashioned story repeated for ages. Anyway, let us listen to it once more, and continue with our lives! For others, it is an obstacle on our way as Paul said: *"...We proclaim Christ crucified - the Word of God Made flesh, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles" (1 Cor 1:23).* Glory be to God, for many, it is still alive, and new every day.

The way we receive, value and treat the word of God determines who we are and what it achieves in, and for us. It is not meant to be received and quarantined. Rather, it is meant to be lived. It is not meant to be passive in us. Rather, it is meant to nourish and become one with us, just as food forms flesh and becomes one with our mortal bodies. It is supposed to shape our personality. That is, the way we live, speak, walk, and relate.

Finally, the word of God shapes our faith, and our faith depends on it. Hence, Paul reminds us that: *"Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ."* (Rom 10:10 -17).

May God help us to grow and mature in our faith, through His life-giving word we hear every day. Amen.

Fr Joe Dong Tran PP

Rosters for 22nd & 23rd July 2023

Mass Time	Reader/Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety Shop	Counters	Readers/ Responders Eucharist / Welcomers... Please gather together in the Sacristy about 15 Minutes prior to Mass. Eucharist Ministers— please remember that you are also
5.30pm	A. Groom A. Favrin	N. Nugent M. Spiteri E. Taylor	J. Noonan	M. Watson L. Watson	
8.00am	Sr Nelia C. Fitzgerald	Sr. Candida M. Beverley J. Fellowes	M. Kmita	Supervisor M. Sweetman	
10.00am	B. Walter J. Venturini	N. Cardamone W. Mc Eleney R. Sacco	L. Careri		

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

St. DAMIAN PARISH FEAST PARTY

SAVE THE DATE -

SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER



Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

I'm writing to let you all know that there are two events that will be happening in September this year:

1. With **PARISH FEAST PARTY** will be held on Saturday 16 September 2023 from 6:00pm until 11pm in Loyola Companions Hall - after Saturday Vigil Mass. So, **PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE**. More details to follow!
2. With Father's Day event will be held this year on the 1st Sunday September – **Save The Date**

Friends, to honour our fathers and grandfathers, both past and present, near and far, we will sell Raffle's Tickets to support for this event after weekend Masses from **July 15 until August 6 (Tickets only sell for 4 weeks)**.

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

- Three fabulous prizes for **FREE** Parish Feast Party on Saturday 16 September 2023

@. 1st = Two Adults & two children under 12 years old

@. 2nd = Two Adults

@. 3rd = One Adults

(Probability expected value of winning a raffle ticket: the 1st = \$175; 2nd = \$150; 3rd = \$75) – More information to update!

- Tickets \$2 each or 3 tickets for 5. Available from Sat 15 July after all weekend Masses until Sunday 6 August.
- Tickets also available from Parish Office during Office Hours, (Tuesday-Friday, 10:00am–3:00pm)
- Winners will be drawn on Father's Day; Sun 03 Sept after the 10:00am Mass. Barbeques will be serving in both Masses after 5:30pm Vigil Mass & 10:00am on Sunday.

P/S: For both events I also want to put a bit of Fundraising for Parish Solace Panel System. Therefore, overall, I really need for your support and generosity.

Congratulations On Your Confirmation



Congratulations to the Children today as they receive the sacrament of Confirmation this weekend on Saturday at 2.00 pm.

Collection for Pope Francis

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I'm writing to ask you to support for our Holy Family Pope Francis. For this reason, the Archbishop Peter has been asking that each Parish take a leaving Collection.

WELCOME SIGN FOR THE CHURCH

Dear Parishioners,

If you would like to donate for this project. Please do so & thank you! Account Name: Church Supply - BSB: 083 -347 - Acc: 887187952 or please contact the Parish Office on Or 9467 2797 or

Email: bundoor@cam.org.au

Thanks

PARKING ON BASKETBALL COURTS

St Damian's Primary are about to start some renovations. For this reason the top basketball court cannot be used for parking as Portable Class Rooms are their and for the safety of the Children no parking next to them.

Thankyou for your understanding

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 26th July:

St Damian's Primary Family Day attending Mass at 9.15am

LOYOLA COLLEGE TRIVIA & ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT

Saturday 12th August 2023 ,

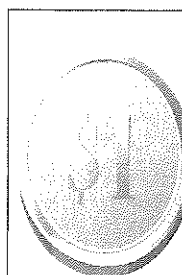
at Olympic Hotel Preston

7pm to Late , Tickets \$80 per person

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WWW.LOYOLA.VIC.EDU.AU/TICKETS



A GOLDEN COIN

Dear Friends,

In order to pay for the Power bill nowadays has been so challenging each month. I'd like to suggest if you can be assisting this payment by putting one golden coin in the box at the church foyer – closing to the main door. Thank for your support and generosity.

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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