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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

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME , 23rd July 2023

READING

Wis 12:13, 16-19

Rom 8:26-27

Mt 13:24-30

NEXT WEEK

1Kgs3:5, 7-12:

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 13:44-52

PSALM

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice.

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord:

for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God.

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me.

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

FEAST DAY DURING THE WEEK

Tues 25th July: St James

Wed 26th July: Sts Joachim and Anne

Sat 29th July: Sts Martha

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths : Pasquale Buccella

Lee Tucknott

Anniversaries: Joseph Fernando

Doreen Don Paul

Nicola Del Popolo

Giuseppe Giaccotto

Menotti Camilli

Luigi Vigilante

Sick: Anita Gentile, Joven Mercado, Paul Long,

Dennis Razal,

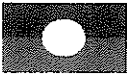
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Safeguarding of children and vulnerable young people

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 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

I wish all of you a very good Sunday, keeping warm and staying well.

Brethren, we are now on the 16th Sunday of ordinary time, the mother church turns our attention to the Lord, the Just Judge, who through his mercy calls us to his kingdom.

Our first reading of today from the Book of Wisdom extolled God for being a just judge, as it says: *"You never judge unjustly; your justice has its source in strength."* This is the nature of our God. In his mercy, he pardons us, and gives us new opportunities. Hence, Wisdom says: *"...and you have given your sons the just hope that after sin you grant repentance."*

What can we learn from this? we need learning that God in his justice shows us mercy, therefore, we should do the same to others too - just as the Lord is kind in judgment to us, *"...the virtuous man must be kind to his fellow men!"*

In the second reading from the letter of St. Paul to Romans, highlights one very important ministry of God, the Holy Spirit in our lives. The Spirit comes to help us in all our weakness. As human being, we are weak in many ways, especially, in prayer. He strengthens us in prayer, and equally, advocates for us before God.

Our Gospel for this Sunday from St. Matthew, Jesus used parables to teach us about *"the nature of the kingdom, and God's judgement"*. Particularly, the parable of the Sower, we could ask: What good farmer would allow weeds to grow together with his crops? In this parable, he took what obviously seems to us a great risk. However, he allowed them to grow together so that the difference would become very clear.

Our God knew this before time began. So, he didn't create two separate worlds, one for the righteous, and another for sinners. Rather, he allows all of us to live (grow) together in this same world. Though obviously risky, this might be of some benefits. The righteous, learns from the misery of the sinners, and continues to struggle to remain virtuous. While the sinner seeing the triumph of the righteous, equally struggles to live a better life. However, Paul reminds us that: *"Though we live in this world, we do not wage war as the world does" (2 Cor 10:3).*

Dear sisters and brothers, we know that the nature of God is mercy, so he can give us the opportunity to repent, and prepare for the great day of harvest. The space with the weeds through the strength of its viability. So too, the righteous will survive in their struggle through Christ and the Holy Spirit who sustains, prepares, and marks us for the great harvest for God's kingdom.

So, these parables of this Sunday show how God, the just and merciful judge acts kindly with all his creatures. *"Salvation and glory and power belong to our God...His judgment is true and just"* (Rev 19:1;12). Amen!

Rosters for 29th & 30th 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	J. Borg P. Bezzina	D. Whyley W. Fernando T. Garcia	D.Stubbs	G. Love A. Schuck	
8.00am	J. North O. Carvalho	C. Fitzgerald K. Keating M. Sweetman	C. Love	Supervisor	
10.00am	J. Capuana M. Han	N. Cardamone L. Careri P. Del Popolo	C. Manabat	T. Frazer	
				Ministries	

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

THANK YOU FOR OUR NEW WELCOME SIGN

Dear Parishioners,

We would like to thank everyone for your generous donations. We have been able to purchase our Welcome Sign. The cost of the sign was \$1600.00, which we couldn't have purchased without your help.

Thankyou.

St. DAMIAN'S 57TH YEAR FEAST DINNER DANCE

SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

[5:30pm – 11:00pm]

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

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

With **PARISH FEAST DINNER DANCE** will be held on Saturday 16 September 2023 from 6:30pm until 11pm in Loyola Companions Hall - after Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm. So, **PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE**. More details to follow!

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 Adult

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.

Thank you!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 26th July: St Damian's Primary Family Day attending Mass at 9.15am

PLEASE COLLECT THANKSGIVING

ENVELOPES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

Envelopes for the next period start 10th August are ready to be collected at the back of the Church. If you are able to collect and deliver envelopes to a friend it would be greatly appreciated. We thank our Volunteers who assist the Parish in collating and delivering our envelopes.



Dear Volunteers,

I write to invite you – for all new as well as existing volunteers of the Eucharistic Ministry and Minister of Reading, who come for a short **TRAINING SESSION**. It will be held on **Saturday August 19th from 10.30am - 11:15am** in the Church. A light cuppa afterwards in the Dunlop Room. I'm looking forward to meeting you all. Thank you!

RCIA REUNION THANKYOU

RCIA Reunion Thank You! A big thank you to the whole St Damian's community for helping us celebrate this wonderful milestone. If you know of any adult friends or family who are interested in becoming a Catholic or in completing the Sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist, please don't hesitate to speak to Fr Dong or call the Parish Office.

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: bundoora@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

Piety Shop

The Piety Shop is open after each weekend Masses - via the church foyer. We have a various selection of stock with gifts suitable for **CONFIRMATION, BAPTISM, ROSERY**, and Inspirational items, including bookmarks, pins, and plaques are also available. We also have items suitable for seasonal prayer or devotional use including medals prayer cards featuring popular Saints and Novena Booklets. You're all inviting to pop in. Thanks!

LOYOLA COLLEGE TRIVIA & ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT

Saturday 12th August 2023 ,
at Olympic Hotel Preston

7pm to Late , Tickets \$80 per person

Live Music from the 80's & 90's

Courtesy of 'Louie & the Party Boyz'

WWW.LOYOLA.VIC.EDU.AU/TICKETS

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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