



St Damian's Catholic Church

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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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 4th, 2024

READING

Lev 13:1-2
1 Cor 10:32- 11:1
MK 1:40-45

NEXT WEEK

Job 7:1-4, 6-7
1 Cor 9:16-19
Mk 1:29-39

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for
he is loving; to him our praise is due.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's
exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all
their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one
by its name.

Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never
be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon 5h Feb: St Agatha
Tues 6th Feb: St Paul Miki
Sat 10th Feb: St Scholastica

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Maria Bolzonello, Oriano Napoleone, Jamal & Zeina Taouk, (10 Years), Bob Stewart
Nikola & Steven Begovic, Vittorio Gizzi, Irma Gizzi

Sick: Iris Bonello

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 WURRUNDJERI People. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.



REFLECTION ON THE 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

As we delve into the readings for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are presented with a tapestry of passages that invite us to contemplate the essence of our calling and the fervour with which we respond.

The Book of Job paints a portrait of human existence, illustrating the transient nature of life's struggles. Job's lamentation echoes the universal cry for meaning amid life's challenges. Yet, as we ponder our own tribulations, the Psalm reassures us that our solace lies in God's unwavering love. "Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted," the psalmist exclaims, reminding us that even in the depths of our afflictions, God is our refuge.

In St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, we encounter the passion and zeal that should accompany our response to the divine call. "Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!" Paul declares. This resounding affirmation challenges us to reflect on the urgency and fervour with which we embrace our own vocations - whether as parents, workers, or citizens.

The Gospel according to St. Mark unfolds a day in the life of Jesus, marked by healing and selfless service. From curing Simon's mother-in-law to tending to the sick and oppressed, Jesus exemplifies the self-giving love at the heart of his mission. His actions underscore the interconnectedness of proclamation and service, urging us to embody the Gospel through both word and deed.

As we navigate the challenges of our lives, these readings invite us to assess the fervency of our response to God's call. Are we proclaiming the Gospel with zeal, recognizing it as the antidote to the brokenness around us? Are we, like Jesus, extending our hands in service to those in need?

In this season of Ordinary Time, may we find extraordinary grace to respond to our individual callings with renewed fervour. Let us emulate Christ's compassion, bringing healing to the wounded and joy to the down-trodden. May our lives resonate with the words of St. Paul, proclaiming the Gospel not out of compulsion but with an ardent desire to share the boundless love of Christ.

May this Sunday be a reminder that each moment offers an opportunity to live out our vocation with passion, love, and a commitment to bring about God's kingdom on earth. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P.

Rosters: for 9th & 10th February 2024

Mass Time	Reader / Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety	Counters	Readers/ Responders
5.30pm	A. Favrin J. Bortgt	L. Robinson B. Joyce D. Mash	P. Cosgrove	E & N Manalansan	Eucharist / Welcomers, , ,
8.00am	.C. Love Sr Nelia	Sr Candida M. Beverley J. Fellowes	G. Cappadona	Supervisor	Please gather together in the Sacristy about minutes prior to Mass.
10.00am	C. Manabat J. Sobey	W. Mc Eleney P. Del Popolo R. Sacco	C. Manabat	M. Jones	Eucharist Ministers— please remember that you are also welcoming parishioners & visitors & handing out the newsletter.
					

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 25th February: 10.00 am Loyola College Mass at 10.00am

Wednesday 14th Feb: Ash Wednesday Mass

9.15am School Mass & 7.00pm Parish Mass

Sun 18th Feb 10am Mass:

Rite of Sending for our Catechumen and Candidates

Sun 3rd March 10am Mass: 1st Scrutiny for our Catechumen

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

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

INTRODUCING THE CDF SMART TERMINAL FOR EASY DONATIONS

Donation Point

Donation Point



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm excited to share with you a convenient way to make contributions 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:

1. **Select a preset donation amount – options include \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, etc.**
2. **Choose your desired donation amount.**
3. **Input the selected amount (up to \$99.00).**
4. **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 inquiries.

9467 2531 or 0434 581 948.

A GIFT FOR YOU – A SHORT HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT

OF ST. DAMIAN'S PARISH

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

I trust this message finds you well. I am delighted to share with you a valuable resource that has recently become available at our church. "A SHORT HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF ST. DAMIAN'S PARISH, BUNDOORA FROM 1964 – 1979" has been meticulously crafted by **Vincent J. Walker**, with contributions from dedicated individuals.

As a token of appreciation for your continued support and presence in our parish community, I would like to offer you a copy of this historical summary. These copies are available in the church foyer, and I encourage you to take one at your convenience. Consider it a gift from our parish to you.

May this historical journey deepen your connection to St. Damian's and serve as a source of inspiration as we continue to build on the legacy of those who have shaped our community over the years.

St Damian, pray for us all.

Warm regards,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P

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:

1. **Silent Phones:** Prioritize a distraction-free environment by placing your mobile phones on silent mode during the Holy Mass.
2. **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.
3. **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

Sacraments Program 2024

31st January– 20th March: Reconciliation Classes.

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

PIETY SHOP

The Piety shop will re-open on the weekend of the 3rd & 4th February and will be open after all weekend Masses.

The 2024 Columban Calendars will be available for the next two weekends @10.00 each.

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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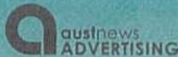
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