



# 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

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## 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

# SAINT PETER AND PAUL 29TH JUNE 2025

## THIS WEEKEND

Acts 12:1-11

2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18

Mt 16:13-19

## NEXT WEEK

Is 66:10-14

Ga 6:14-18

Lk 10:1-12

## FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Thurs: 3rd July St Thomas

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church: the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

## PSALM

### The Lord set me free from all my fears.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress.

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

### The Lord set me free from all my fears.

**Recent Deaths:** Linda Watson,

**Anniversaries:** Grace Porter ( 2nd Anniversary)

**Sick :** Lottie Constantino, Helen Mc Kinnery , John Long, Antonio Castro, Perpetuna Basada, Olivia Petrelli, Angelo Trinidad,

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## REFLECTION ON THE FEAST OF SAINT PETER AND PAUL

### *On This Rock I Will Build My Church \_ says the Lord.*

Today we celebrate two great apostles: Saints Peter and Paul - men very different in personality, background, and mission, yet united in their love for Christ and in laying the foundations of the Church with their blood, witness, and tireless service.

#### 1. A Church Built on Faith and Grace – Matthew 16:13-19

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church." St. Peter makes a bold confession: *"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."* Jesus responds not by praising Peter's intelligence, but by affirming that this faith was revealed by the Father. It is on this revealed faith - not just Peter's person, but his confession that Christ builds His Church. And yet we know Peter's story: he was not a flawless hero. He denied Jesus three times. He sank in the water. He often misunderstood. But Jesus still called him rock. This reminds us that: The Church is not built on human perfection, but on divine mercy - God uses the weak to confound the strong, and the humble to confound the proud - Like Peter, we don't need to be perfect to be part of Christ's plan - only faithful.

#### 2. A Church Strengthened Through Suffering - Acts 12:1-11

The first reading gives us a dramatic scene: Peter in prison, chained, facing death. And yet, through divine intervention, he is set free. The Church was praying for him unceasingly, and God acted. "Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord sent His angel and rescued me."

This shows us that: The Church lives under constant spiritual battle, but God's providence never fails - When we pray together as a Church, miracles happen maybe not always as dramatically, but always effectively - Persecution and suffering are not signs of God's absence they are the soil in which holiness grows.

#### 3. A Church That Runs the Race - 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." Saint Paul speaks from prison, awaiting his martyrdom. These are his last words, and they are not words of regret or despair, but peace, fulfillment, and victory.

He looks back on his life and sees: Not a career, but a sacrifice - Not fame, but faithfulness - Not an easy path, but one full of grace and purpose and his confidence is not in himself but in the Lord who stood by him and will bring him safely to the heavenly kingdom.

**Dear Friends, as we honour Saints Peter and Paul, let us ask:**

- Are we building our lives on the rock of Christ?
- Are we faithful to the mission He entrusts to each of us?
- Are we praying for the Church, especially in times of trial?
- Are we ready to fight the good fight, not with weapons, but with truth, mercy, and love?

May Peter's humble faith, and Paul's burning zeal, inspire us to live fully for Christ and for His Church. "On this rock I will build my Church," says the Lord and that Church includes you and me. Amen!

**Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P**

#### Rosters 5th & 6th June 2025

| Time                                                                                 | Readers                     | Eucharist / Welcome                         | Counters                   | Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5.30pm                                                                               | J. Borg<br>P. Cosgrove      | S. Gooneratne<br>L. Gooneratne<br>D. Whyley | W. Fernando<br>M. Thompson | Please gather together<br>in the Church<br>about 5 minutes<br>before Mass.<br>Eucharistic Ministers<br>Please remember<br>you are also welcoming<br>Parishioners &<br>visitors & handing out the<br>newsletter. |
| 8.00am                                                                               | O. Carvalho<br>L. Starvaggi | S. Aldridge<br>M. Beverley<br>K. Keating    | <b>Supervisor</b>          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 10.00am                                                                              | Sr S Barker<br>C. Manabat   | N. Cardamone<br>L. Careri<br>P. Del Popolo  | M. Jones                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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### **SAVED YOUR DATES**



### **MORNING MASS & ANOINTING**

Join us for **Morning Mass on Tuesday, July 8th**, which will include the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**. After Mass, all are warmly invited to share a **light cuppa** in the **Dunlop Room**. **Everyone is welcome!**

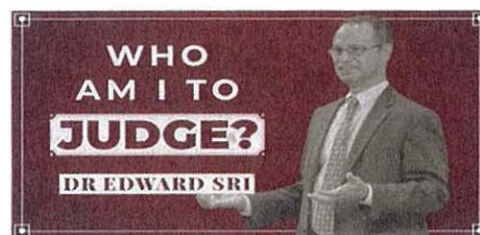
### **Who Am I to Judge?" – 8-Session Program**

**Starts: Thursday, June 26 at 7:00 PM**

**Continues: Every Thursday evening**

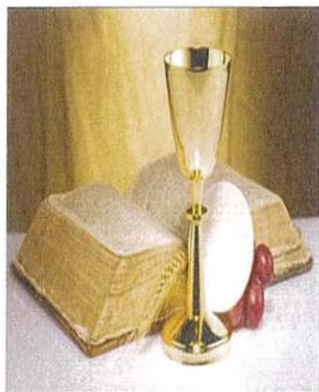
**Location: Dunlop Room**

Explore how to respond to a relativistic culture with truth and love through this engaging series. Everyone is welcome!



**POPE'S PENCE:** In response to the call from the Archbishop and the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, **all parishes this weekend will take up a special collection for the Holy Father - the "Pope's Pence."** In our community, a **leaving collection will be held at the end of each Mass** to support this important cause. Thank you for your generous support.

### **FORMATION SESSION MORNING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS**



Dear Volunteers, as your parish priest, I warmly invite you to attend our **Formation Session Morning on Saturday, July 26 at 10:30am** in the church. Following the session, please join us for a light cuppa in the **Dunlop Room**.

This is a valuable opportunity to reflect on our ministry, refresh our understanding, and stay updated on what's needed for our service. Your presence and participation are truly appreciated as we continue this Journey of faith together. I look forward to seeing you there!

**Co-ordinator Carmel & Fr. Joe Dong P.P**

### **10¢ CANS & BOTTLES DONATIONS**



Our community is now collecting recyclable cans and bottles (each worth 10¢) to raise funds for the St. Damian's Youth Fund. A green bin has been placed to the right of the church where you can drop off your donations at any time

### **ROSTERS CAN NOW BE COLLECTED FOR READERS & EUCHARIST MINISTERS**

New rosters will be available this weekend at the back of the Church. New rosters start on the 5th July. Please contact our roster co-ordinator, Carmel FitzGerald [carmelpatriciafitzgerald@gmail.com](mailto:carmelpatriciafitzgerald@gmail.com)) or our parish secretary, Dianne Stubbs 9467 2797 if you need assistance.

## 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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