



St Damian's Catholic Church

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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

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Wis 9:13-18;

Philemon 9-10, 12-17;

Lk 14:25-33.

NEXT WEEK

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14;

1 Tim 1:12-17;

Lk 15:1-32.

SRI LANKEN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Sat 13th Sept— St John Chrysostom

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant, and
teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

PSALM

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back in to dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in
the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it
withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of
heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your
servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all
our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the
work of our hands.

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Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Giuseppe Lucci, Marc Lucci, Anna Merlino, Vittorio Gizzi, Irma Gizzi,
Emanuela Vigilante,

Sick : Perpetuna Basada, Olivia Petrelli, Angelo Trinidad, Norma Frendo

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REFLECTION FOR THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

Dear friends in Christ, my reflection is based on the three readings for this Sunday, and some practical applications for our daily life:

Our first reading: Wisdom 9:13–18: "Who can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills?" The author reminds us that our human reasoning is limited. We struggle even to figure out earthly matters, let alone the divine. But God gives us His Spirit to guide us.

Life application: we live in a noisy world filled with information, opinions, and pressures. Often, we rely only on our calculations or plans, forgetting to pray. This passage invites us to pause and ask: Do I make space for the Holy Spirit in my decision-making? Trusting in God means humbly admitting, "I don't know it all" and seeking wisdom through prayer, Scripture, and discernment.

The Second Reading: Philemon 9–10, 12–17: St Paul writes tenderly to Philemon, urging him to welcome back Onesimus, a runaway slave, not as property but as a brother in Christ. Paul shows us what Christian love looks like: it transforms relationships, elevates them from social norms into spiritual kinship.

Life application:

In our daily lives, we also encounter people we might be tempted to see only through the lens of their faults, failures, or social labels. But in Christ, every person is a brother or sister. The call is to forgive, reconcile, and treat others with dignity.

Our Gospel from St Luke 14:25–33: Jesus speaks strongly: "Whoever does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple... Whoever of you does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." These are radical words. He's not asking us to hate our family in the literal sense, but to love Him above all else. He's asking us to calculate the cost of discipleship, just like a builder considers the cost before starting a project.

Life application: Following Jesus is not just about comfort or convenience. It involves sacrifice, letting go, and reordering our loves. Carrying the cross daily may not always mean dramatic suffering it could mean faithfulness in small things, patience with difficulties, perseverance in prayer.

These three readings flow into one another beautifully:

- We need God's wisdom to see clearly.
- We need love to transform relationships and forgive.
- We need courage to let go of attachments and follow Christ fully.

Concrete steps for the week:

1. Begin each day with a short prayer: "Lord, guide me by your Spirit today."
2. Seek reconciliation with someone I've been distant from, even in a small way.
3. Make one small sacrifice: time, comfort, or possession to put God first and practice detachment. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Rosters 13th & 14th September

Time	Readers	Eucharist/ Welcome	Counters
5.30pm	First Eucharist Parish Children	A. Karuppiah P. Cosgrove L. Gooneratne	Volunteers Volunteers
8.00am	J. North C. Fitzgerald	J. Fellowes K. Keating V. Smith	Supervisor
10.00am	J. Mercado J. Capuana	N. Cardamone J. Tonkin P. Del Popolo	G. Spiteri



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.

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DATE TO REMEMBER

Saturday 13th September:

First Holy Communion for the School Children at 2.00pm and the Parish Children at 5.30pm, as well.

Please keep our Children in your prayers.



Wishing all our Dad's, Grandfathers and Carers. A very special day.

From Fr Joe Dong Tran & Staff

GOOD NEWS - Dear Parishioners, I am delighted to share with you the joyful news that **Deacon Duy Ngoc Huy Quynh, CSsR** – whom we know as **Huy** – was ordained to the **diaconate** on **16th August 2025**. Huy will be staying with me for the next **nine months**, during which he will serve our parish community. Let us keep him in our prayers and give him a warm and heartfelt welcome as he begins his **diaconate ministry** among us.

THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2025

ALL NEW KIA PICANTO TO BE WON!!!

Tickets are available to be purchased by contacting, Dianne in the Parish Office 9467 2797. Tickets are \$2.00 each and \$1.50 from each ticket goes directly to St Damian's Parish.

Raffle Drawn on the 6th December



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Prayer for the Presentation of the First Eucharist Parish Children

Parishioners: We, the Parishioners of St. Damian's, pray for these children as they prepare to receive your wonderful gift of the Eucharist. We pray, that through our coming to your table each week, we may be good examples of love and unity to them in the way we live our lives. We ask you to bless these children as they continue on their faith journey. Amen.

10th Anniversary of Priesthood –



Details on Setting Up and Food Donations & Food Serving Team on the night.

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

A kind reminder that we will be celebrating Fr Dong's ten years of service in the priesthood, the coming Friday the 12th September in our Parish. We will have a Mass at 6:00pm and a light dinner with entertainment in the Parish and School Hall at 7:00pm.

We thank you for your generosity with food and drinks donations, and for those of you who joined the set-up/clean-up team and the food and drinks serving team.

May we kindly ask those of who volunteered to be in the set-up/clean-up team to please come to the Parish House at 3:30pm on Friday. Secondly, volunteers in the food and drinks serving team please come to the Parish and School Hall at 5:00pm.

For those bringing a plate, kindly note that the food and drinks serving team will help you to warm the food if needed. Kindly ensure that you maintain the dish at the correct serving temperature.

We look forward to seeing all of you on Friday 12th September to celebrate this special occasion.

Thank you once again.
Kind regards,

The Parish Pastoral Council.

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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