



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

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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

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 8th October 2023

READING

Is 5:1-7

Phil 4:6-9

Mt 21:33-43

NEXT WEEK

Is 25:6-10

Phil: 4:12-14

Mt: 22:1-14

PSALM

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

Then why have you broken down its walls?

It is plucked by all who pass by.

It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.

And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name.

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

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FEAST DAY DURING THE WEEK

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION!

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father

Alleluia, alleluia!

Recent Deaths : Margaret Carter

Anniversaries: Claire & Simon Anadapulle, Dion Fernando, Emalin & William Francis Hansa, Nadanie & Sherman Fernando, Stefano Scapuzzi, Marc Lucci, Nicholas Chircop

Sick:: Anita Gentile, Paul Long, Louisa, Virginia, Michael Mac Manus, Samuel Sughihto

CHURCH PRIVACY POLICY: In 2001, the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments introduced legislation that deals with the manner in which public and private sector organisations may record, use, store and disclose information, including health, collected from individuals. The Catholic Parish of St. Damian's Bundoora is committed to upholding the Privacy principles set out in the legislation.

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.

Reflection on Mary on the Month of Rosary



The months of May & October are traditionally dedicated to the Lady of the Rosary in the Catholic Church and many other Christian traditions. It is a time for believers to reflect on the life, virtues, and significance of the Mother of Jesus. Here are some key reflections on this month of the Lady of the Rosary:

***Mary as a Model of Faith:** Mary's unwavering faith and obedience to God's will serve as a model for all believers. She said "yes" to the angel Gabriel's message, even though she couldn't fully comprehend the magnitude of the role she was to play in God's plan. Her trust in God's providence is an inspiration for us to surrender ourselves to His will.

***A Source of Comfort:** Mary is often seen as a motherly figure who intercedes on our behalf. Just as she stood at the foot of the cross, sharing in the suffering of her son, she stands with us in our trials and tribulations. In times of difficulty, turning to Mary can bring a sense of solace and maternal care.

***Humility and Servanthood:** Mary's humility is evident throughout her life. She referred to herself as the "handmaid of the Lord" (Luke 1:38), demonstrating a profound understanding of her role as a servant of God. Her humility challenges us to embrace a spirit of servanthood and selflessness in our own lives.

***Mother of God:** Mary's title "*Theotokos*" or "Mother of God" underscores her role in the Incarnation. Her "yes" to God's plan made it possible for God to become incarnate in Jesus Christ. Reflecting on this truth can deepen our understanding of the mystery of the Trinity and the divinity of Christ.

***Prayer and Rosary:** The month of Mary often involves an increased focus on prayer, especially the rosary. The rosary is a contemplative prayer that invites us to meditate on key moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary. It provides an opportunity for deeper reflection on their significance in our faith. Our parish community's praying the Rosary every day after morning mass at 9:15am. Let come to join us.

***Imitating Mary's Virtues:** As we reflect on Mary's virtues, we are encouraged to cultivate these virtues in our own lives. Her purity, faithfulness, compassion, and devotion to God are qualities we can strive to emulate.

***Universal Motherhood:** Mary is not just the mother of Jesus but is also considered the spiritual mother of all believers. She cares for us, intercedes for us, and guides us along our spiritual journey. Recognizing her as our spiritual mother can deepen our sense of belonging to the family of God.

In conclusion, the month of the Lady of the Rosary is a special time to draw closer to the example and intercession of the Mother of Jesus. It is an opportunity to reflect on her virtues, her role in salvation history, and her continuing presence in the lives of believers. Through these reflections, we can deepen our faith and our connection to the Mother of God as well as our spiritual Mother. May the Lady of the Rosary pray for us & our community. Amen!

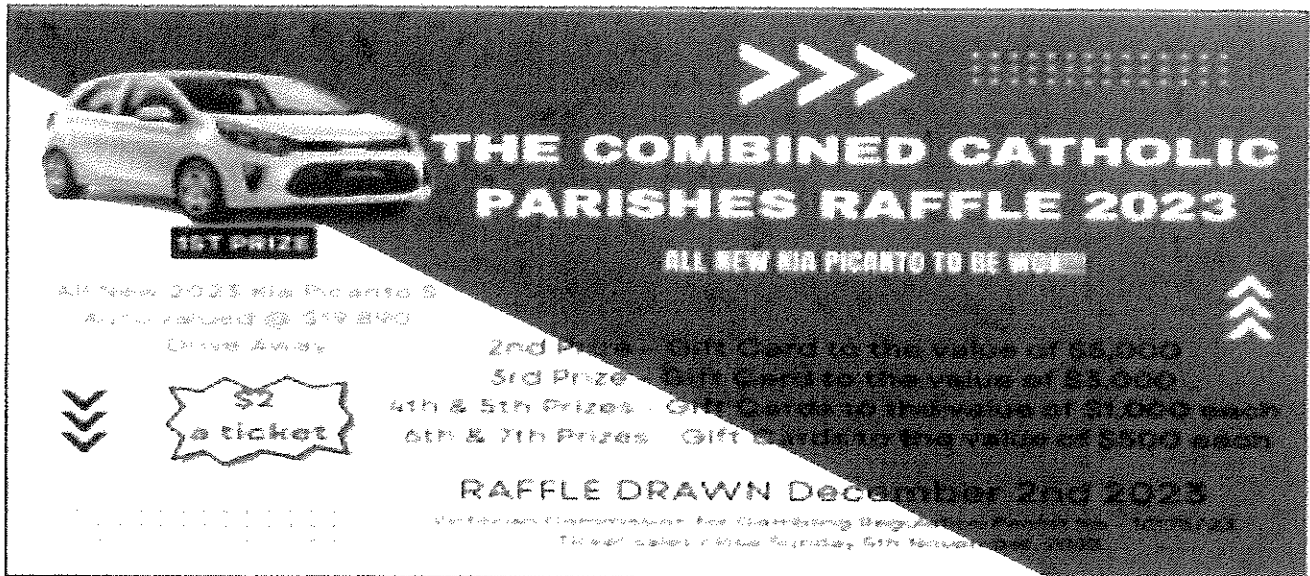
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Rosters for 14th & 15th October

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. Granagan S. Gooneratne	W. Fernando T. Garcia Sr F Hardy	P. Cosgrove	P. Mattino V. Zappa	
8.00am	C. Love Sr . Nelia	Sr Candida S. Aldridge J. Fellowes	G. Cappadona	Supervisor D. Mash	
10.00am	J. Capuana C. Manabat	N. Cardamone L. Careri P. Del Popolo	L. Careri	 Ministries	

PARISH RAFFLE 2023

The Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle. Tickets are available for purchase after Weekend Masses, you also can buy tickets in the Parish Office. \$2 a ticket or the whole book for \$20. If you have any requirements, please don't hesitate to give us a ring (03) 94672797. Thank you for supporting the Parish Raffle.



THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2023

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6th & 7th Prizes Gift Cards to the value of \$500 each

\$2 a ticket

RAFFLE DRAWN December 2nd 2023

Victorian Catholic Bishops' Conference for Christening Banns, Baptisms, and Marriages - 10/10/23
The next draw is for the 10th Anniversary Gift Book on 10/10/23

CONDOLENCES TO CARTER FAMILY

Dear St Damian family,

It's so very sad to inform you all that Margaret Ann Carter, a good and faithful parishioner of St Damian's Parish, who has died last Monday. Many of you know Margaret who was very much involved and served our parish community for many years in different committees. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank her for what she'd contributed for our parish community. My heartfelt sympathies are extended to the whole Carter Family. May the Merciful God bring comfort, consolation, and healing to the family during this very difficult time and may Margaret rest in peace. If you'd like to attend the funeral for Margaret that will be held on **Thursday 12th October at 11.00am in St Damian's Church.**

Have You Been Thinking About Becoming Catholic? Are you married to a Catholic? Are your children Catholic? Do you feel it is time to enquire further into the Catholic faith?

The Church welcomes all people who genuinely search for God. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is designed for people who feel a call to know more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith. The RCIA is a process for preparing adults for Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist (Holy Communion). It is also for those who have been baptized (in any Christian faith) who wish to complete their Initiation into the Catholic Church.

It involves a series of sessions learning about the life of Jesus through the Gospels, to discuss what His message means for us in everyday life and to enlighten, inform and discuss Catholic beliefs and practices. Please feel free to contact the Parish Office on 9467 2797 for any further information

BAPTISM

This weekend, we welcome into the family of St Damian's, Zac Korobutsas, Cleo Bevilacqua, Brooklyn Patzel, Athena Amenta who are being baptised. May God keep their families always in his love.



Piety Shop

The 2024 Columban Calendar is now available @\$10.00 each, the calendar would make an excellent gift for family and friends it also helps to support the Columban Missionaries. Thank you.!

VINNIES— NEW MEMBERS REQUIRED

The St Vincent De Paul Society of Bundoora or vnnies as we are now known is one of 245 conferences in Victoria. We deliver food vouchers and Vinnies shop Vouchers to the people seeking help in Bundoora and Kingsbury. We also assist with the payment of utility bills. It is very rewarding work as the people we assist are all very appreciative of the help we give them. We are always looking for new members and if any one is interested there is a number of pamphlets at the door of the Church which can be taken and read. If interested please contact the Parish Office on 9467 2797.

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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