



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

Saturdays 5.00pm and First Friday 10.00am

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday at 11.30am after Mass.

Preparation 1st Wednesday each month at

6.30pm 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

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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

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT, 22ND MARCH 2026

THIS WEEKEND

Ezek 37:12-14

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45

NEXT WEEK

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Mt 26:14-27:66

SRI LANKAN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 25th March: The Annunciation of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

PSALM

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,

Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,

Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord.

I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for
daybreak.

(Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of
redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its
iniquity.

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Recent Deaths: Maria

Anniversaries: Roy Tucknott, Mary Ann Grosgrawal, Nunzia Votta, Rosa Dau Thi Canh, Giuse , Dau Xuan Duong

Sick : Diana Whylley, Helen Mc Kinery, John Long

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...) *Children should never be alone in the car park or playground. *Please keep valuable personal belongings with you (purses, glasses, phones, etc...) and double check before leaving your seat, even briefly during Communion*

A SHORT REFLECTION ON THE 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A



A little boy once stood beside his grandfather's coffin. He tugged at his mother's sleeve and whispered, "Why didn't God stop Grandpa from dying? We prayed, we asked, but God didn't come."

That question: simple, honest, and painful is one we all carry in our hearts. Why didn't Jesus come in time? Why does God sometimes seem absent?

In today's Gospel, we encounter this very question in the story of Lazarus. In Bethany, Martha, Mary, and Lazarus live as a small, loving family. When Lazarus falls gravely ill, they send word to Jesus, trusting Him to come. Yet He delays. When Jesus finally arrives, Martha says the words of so many of us in grief: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

It is not only faith speaking it is a quiet accusation. And Jesus' response is puzzling: He allows Lazarus to die. Why? Because His mission is not to prevent death, but to lead us into life that has no end.

Faith cannot depend only on miracles or solutions to earthly problems. Life will always confront us with moments when God does not act as we expect. And in those moments, we may feel abandoned. Martha knew this, yet she clung to hope: "I know my brother will rise again on the last day."

Jesus offers something far greater: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live... and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." Not *someday*, not at the end, but now - life in Christ transcends death.

Think of a child born into the world. From the perspective of the one left behind, the first twin seems gone but he has entered a larger, fuller life. So it is with death: it is not the end, but a passage into the life God offers to all who believe.

When Jesus calls Lazarus out of the tomb, he returns to earthly life but ultimately, the resurrection He promises is far greater: it is eternal life with God, beyond our limited world.

So our question changes: not "Why didn't Jesus prevent death?" but "Do I trust that life in Christ is not taken away, only transformed?"

In the midst of loss, Jesus is present. He weeps. He calls. He enters into our suffering. And one day, as He did, we too will pass through death - not to return, but to enter the fullness of life with God.

Faith is not a guarantee of miracles. Faith is trust that no one in Christ is ever truly lost. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

ROSTER: 28th & 29th March 2026

COUNTERS

W. Fernando
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Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers

Please gather together
in the Church
about 5 minutes
before Mass.

Eucharistic Ministers

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newsletter.

Time	READERS	EUCCHARIST
5.30pm	Palm Sunday	Palm Sunday
8.00am	Palm Sunday	Palm Sunday
10.00am	Palm Sunday	Palm Sunday

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. 

SACRED SILENCE

Before Mass—could you try to maintain a spirit of prayer and keep any conversation to a minimum and *mobile phones off or on silent!* Please keep SILENCE INSIDE THE CHURCH—save talking and catching up until outside after Mass. Thank you

VOLUNTEER'S NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY & EASTER MASSES

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to those who have volunteered so far.

We still require more volunteers for Palm Sunday & Easter Week to assist with various roles, Reader Commentator, Special Minister, Altar Servers & Offertory.

Please register your name on the rosters in the Church Foyer, for the day and role you can help with.
Thank you, Parish Office

PASCHAL TRIDUUM MASSES AT ST DAMIAN'S PARISH

Our parish community at **St Damian's Church** will gather for three evenings of reflection and prayer, each focusing on a different aspect of this mystery.

Day 1 – Love & Service - Wednesday, 25 March at 7:00 PM

Day 2 – The Cross & Silence - Thursday, 26 March at 7:00 PM

Day 3 – Waiting & Hope - Friday, 27 March at 7:00 PM

Please bring a plate and join us for a shared dinner after each Mass in the Dunlop Room.

RCIA

The RCIA team would like to introduce our Elect, Zac, and our Candidate, Kate, who are in their final stages of preparation for initiation into our Church. Please pray for, and encourage, Zac as he has his 3rd and final Scrutiny this weekend in preparation for his Baptism at Easter.

CHRISM MASS:

This year, Peter Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne, will celebrate the **Chrism Mass** on **Tuesday 31 March at 10:00am** at St Patrick's Cathedral. Please note that **there will be no morning Mass in our parish on this day.** Thank you for your understanding.

ST DAMIAN'S CHURCH, BUNDOORA

2026 HOLY WEEK SERVICE TIMES



HOLY THURSDAY, 2ND APRIL

**7:30 PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
WITH BISHOP THINH NGUYEN &
FOLLOWED BY THE ADORATION**

GOOD FRIDAY, 3RD APRIL

**10:00AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS &
MORNING TEA IN THE DUNLOP ROOM**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

3:00 PM AT ST. DAMIAN'S CHURCH

HOLY SATURDAY, 4TH APRIL

6:30 PM EASTER VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY, 5TH APRIL

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM MASSES



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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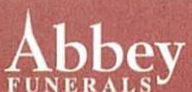


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