

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: 9.15am

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, 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 IN ORDINARY TIME, 8th FEBRUARY 2026

THIS WEEKEND

Is 58:7-10

1 Cor 2:1-5

Mt 5:13-16

NEXT WEEK

Sir 15:15-20

1 Cor 2:6-10

Mt 5:17-37

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues 10th Feb: St Scholastica

Sat 14th Feb: Sts Cyril and Methodius

SRI LANKEN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia, alleluia!

PSALM

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour.

The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory.

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Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Giuse & Maria, Mario Camilli, Vittorio Gizzi

Sick : Estellita Steven, Diana Whyllie, Helen Mc Kinery,

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.

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.



Short reflection - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

(Is 58:7–10; 1 Cor 2:1–5; Mt 5:13–16)



When I was a university student in Viet Nam, I often sang the song Try a Little Kindness, a hit from around 1969. In it, Glen Campbell sings: "Just shine your light for everyone to see." Those words echo Jesus' challenge in today's Gospel: "Your light must shine in the sight of others" (Mt 5:16).

Light is one of the most powerful and universal symbols known to humanity. At the very heart of our Christian faith stands this truth: God is light (1 Jn 1:5). Jesus, the Son, is the true light who comes to drive away the darkness of sin, fear, and despair. And now, astonishingly he turns to us and says: "You are the light of the world."

This is not a compliment; it is a mission.

The prophet Isaiah shows us clearly what shining looks like in daily life. It is not about fine words or empty religious gestures, but about concrete love: "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked." When we live this way, God promises, "your light will rise in the darkness." The light of Christ shines most brightly not in grand speeches, but in acts of compassion, justice, and mercy. Our world does not need more slogans it needs visible love.

Jesus also calls us "the salt of the earth." In his time, salt was precious. It preserved food, healed wounds, and added flavour. In the same way, we are sent into the world to preserve what is good, to heal what is broken, and to bring hope where life has become tasteless or bitter. Salt can sting, but it also cleans. Sometimes Christian witness must challenge injustice, expose lies, and speak for the voiceless, always with love and humility.

Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading that the power of our witness does not come from clever arguments or impressive words, but from the power of the Spirit. We do not shine by our own strength. We shine because Christ lives and works in us.

At Baptism, a candle was lit and entrusted to us with the words: "Receive the light of Christ." That light was never meant to be hidden. One of spiritual writer wrote: "They love one another... they care for widows and orphans... there is something divine in them." Their lives made God visible.

So today, Jesus asks us: Are we shining? Are we preserving what is good? Or have fear, comfort, and indifference dimmed our light?

Let us pray for the courage to live as children of light, so that, through us, others may glimpse the goodness and glory of God. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

ROSTER: 15th & 16th February 2026

Time	READERS	EUCCHARIST	COUNTERS	Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers
5.30pm	N. Nugent P. Cosgrove	A. Karuppiah L. Robinson D. Mash	N. Nugent K. Nugent	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.
8.00am	J. North C. Fitzgerald	C. Love M. Harrison M. Sweetman	SUPERVISOR	
10.00am	J. Venturini C. Manabat	P. Del Popolo P. Gill N. Cardamone	G. Spiteri	
			Ministries	

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WELCOME FROM RCIA

Please warmly welcome and pray for ZAC who seeks to become a baptized Catholic and KATE who wishes to complete her Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church. Both are being presented this weekend at the Rite of Welcome & Anointing.

Thankyou

Ellen Macmanus (RCIA Co-Ordinator)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 12th Feb: Opening School Mass @ 9.15am
Whole School.

Wed 18th Feb: @ 9.15am Ash Wednesday, Whole School.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME



For those who wish to receive **Holy Communion at home**, please contact us:

Parish phone: 9467 2797

Email: bundoora@cam.org.au

We are happy to bring the Eucharist to you.

SACRAMENT ENROLEMENT AT ST DAMIAN'S PARISH 2026

All Catholic children from other schools who haven't received Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation, are invited to participate in the Preparation Program which will begin February 2026. Please call the Parish Office and speak to Andrea Groom for more information on 9467 2797.

Sacraments Program 2026

February 5-March 26 : Reconciliation Classes

March 21: **Parish Presentation Mass, 5:30pm**

March 28: **Reconciliation Ceremony, 4:45pm**

April 23-June 18: First Eucharist Classes

June 13 **Parish Presentation Mass, 5:30pm**

June 20: **First Eucharist Celebration Mass, 5:30pm**

July 16-Sept 10: Confirmation Classes

Sept 5: **Parish Presentation Mass, 5:30pm**

Sept 12: **Confirmation Day/Mass, 5:30pm**

All classes are held on a Thursday, 4:00-5pm in the Dunlop Room.

Thank you,

Andrea Groom (Sacrament Co-Ordinator)

Ladies' Lunch.



Our first lunch for 2026 is at 12 o'clock at Watsonia RSL on Tuesday, 17th February.

If you are new to St Damian's or have been unable to join us before you are most welcome to come along for lunch and a chat.

Our future dates for 2026 are Tuesdays, 19th May, 18th August and 17th November.

Contact Sarita to book or for any enquires.
0434 581 948.

VOLUNTEER WITH PALMS

Join Palms International

Volunteering [online](#) in this special session where you'll learn about our [diverse assignments](#) suited to your qualifications. Hear from past Palms volunteers how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities and changes lives.

Venue: Online- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 19 February 2026

Time: 7 pm – 8:30 pm AEDT

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO HELP.

My name is Anna and I live in Mill Park. I would like to know someone who would be willing to look after my 2 cats at my house overnight if I am unable to for short term basis. There would be a payment involved. My number is 0429892230. Please ring me to discuss



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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