



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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 28TH MARCH 2026

THIS WEEKEND

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Mt 27:11-66

NEXT WEEK

Act 10: 34, 37-43;

Col 3:1-4;

Jn 20:1-9.

PSALM

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.'

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SRI LANKAN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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Recent Deaths: Maria Dinh

Anniversaries: Kevin Mc Cormick, Keith Lambert, Daisy Jones, Gertrude Don Paul

Sick : Diana Whyllay, John Long,

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Hold your palms and welcome your King



Palms were symbols of triumph, much like the flags people wave today when a head of state visits. In Jerusalem, people had no flags, so they waved palms to honour Jesus as he entered the city. Today, we hold palms during the liturgy to honour Jesus as he walks toward the cross. We take these palms home and place them behind the crucifix, where they remain throughout the year, reminding us of what happened on Palm Sunday.

Palms remind us of three truths.

First, palms will not last forever. They remind us of human fickleness—how quickly today's hero can become tomorrow's villain, or today's idol next year's forgotten figure. Today's welcoming can turn into tomorrow's rejection. If we build our lives on human approval or popular opinion, we are building on shifting ground. The palms warn us of this.

Secondly, palms place us within the Passion. Through them, we enter the story of the Lord's suffering in a deeply personal way. We see ourselves in different characters: in Peter's denial, Judas' betrayal, the disciples' fear and flight, Pilate's weakness, the leaders' cynicism, and the crowd's blind frenzy. We may also recognise ourselves in the centurion who confesses, "Truly, this man was God's Son," in Joseph of Arimathea who cares for Jesus' body, and in Mary and the faithful women who remain at the cross and the tomb. Each of us has a place in the Passion story. The palms remind us that our choices define who we are.

Thirdly, palms point to the triumph of Christ's redemptive death. Jesus' Passion is more than it appears on the surface. The cross is not simply the outcome of hostility, fear, and violence; it is the fulfilment of God's saving purpose for humanity, foretold in the Scriptures. Astonishingly, even those who betray, abandon, mock, or condemn Jesus are drawn into this mysterious plan of salvation—just as all who came before and all who come after are embraced within it.

On the cross, God has the final word. God's love is not defeated. Though Jesus, the Son of the Most High, is rejected and put to death, the love he embodies remains faithful to the end. The light of love is not overcome by the darkness of evil. In the face of the Crucified Christ, God's love shines in its true radiance even at the darkest point of human violence.

As searchers for God, we are called to recognise the All-Holy One present in the face of the Crucified Christ. This face is revealed in humility, weakness, and solidarity with the most despised. In the cross, God is united with all who cry out in suffering, powerlessness, and oppression.

The overwhelming presence of divine love is revealed in the Crucified Christ. It has taken generations of faith to recognise the cross as the true sign of the living God. The powers of this world may act as they will, but God's love, revealed in the Crucified Christ, will remain faithful to the end. It will endure and always triumph.

Today, as we hold our palms and welcome our crucified King, let us remember: It is God's love in the Crucified Christ that saves the world.

Deacon Duy Ngoc Huy Huynh CSsR.

ROSTER: 4th & 5th April

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

COUNTERS **Tuesday 7th April**

W. Fernando
T. Garcia

SUPERVISOR

T. Frazer



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.

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.



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*

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



10C Bottles & Cans

Dear Parishioner, all donations of cans and bottles support our Parish. The closest Collection Station is Located on Cameron Parade Bundoora in the car park of the Lawn bowls. Below is the QR Code you can use when making your donation.

St Damian's Church Bundoora



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RCIA

The RCIA team would like to introduce our Elect, Zac, and our Candidate, Kate, who are in preparation for initiation into our Church. Please pray for, them both in their preparation 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.

Project Compassion 2026

Friends in Christ, as we enter the final month of Project Compassion 2026, we kindly invite you to return your boxes or envelopes with your generous donations. Your support brings hope and dignity to those in need.

On behalf of Caritas Australia, thank you sincerely for your kindness and compassion. May God bless you abundantly. Kind regards,

ORDINATION & THANKSGIVING MASS ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear parishioners and visitors, as you know, Deacon Anthony Huy has been serving our parish community over the past several months. He will conclude his time with us at the beginning of May as he prepares for his ordination on Saturday 23 May 2026 at Holy Eucharist Parish, St Albans South (1A Oleander Dr, St Albans South VIC 3021).

Fr Anthony Huy and Fr Joseph Vuong will return to celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass with our community on Saturday 30 May 2026 at 5:30pm (5 Settlement Road, Bundoora VIC 3083).

Please save these dates in your diary. Further details will follow. Kind regards,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P.

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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