



St Damian's Catholic Church

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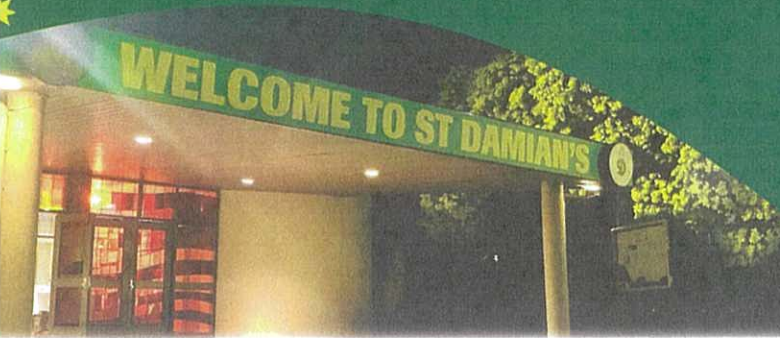
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WEEKENDS

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

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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

The Nativity of Our Lord December 25th, 2024

Christmas Eve Mass Readings

Isaiah 9:1-7

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14

PSALM FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord for he comes, he comes to rule the earth.

With justice he will rule the world, he will judge the peoples with his truth.



Christmas Day Mass Readings

Isaiah 52:7-10

Hebrews 1:1-6

John 1:1-18

PSALM FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations.

He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR
CHRISTMAS EVE

Alleluia! alleluia!
Good News and great joy to all the
world: today is born our Saviour, Christ
the Lord.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR
CHRISTMAS DAY

Alleluia! alleluia!
A holy day has dawned upon us. Come
you nations and adore the Lord. Today a
great light has come upon the earth
Alleluia!



*Wishing you all a Merry Christmas
and Blessings for the New Year.*



From Father Joe Dong and staff

NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

TUESDAY 31ST DECEMBER : 9.15AM & 10.00PM — NEW YEARS EVE

WEDNESDAY 1ST JANUARY: 9.15 AM & 7.00 PM — MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

WISHING YOU PEACE, JOY, & EVERY CHRISTMAS BLESSING!

Dear St. Damian's parishioners and visitors,

As I sit down to write these words, I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude for everything that has taken place this year, 2024 – the good and the not-so-good. Why include the not-so-good? Because, as St. Paul reminds us, *"For all things, give thanks to God"* (1 Thess 5:18). For this reason, I am deeply thankful for so much, but perhaps most of all, I am grateful for the way God continues to move in the hearts of our parishioners who say "Yes" to His will and to Jesus' presence in their lives.

One of my favourite Scriptures now comes from Psalm 92:13-14, where the psalmist sings:
*"Planted in the house of the Lord; they will flourish in the courts of our God.
Still bearing fruit when they are old; still full of sap, still green."*

Did you know that 65% of our worshipping congregation are aged 65 years or older? For some, that statistic might bring concern, but I see great opportunity. These faithful servants, *"still full of sap, still green,"* are the foundation of our parish community. They are the prolific givers, the dedicated ministers, and the builders of our parish family. On behalf of everyone, I extend my deepest thanks to our seniors for their unwavering faith, hope, support, and service.

This year, we placed the *Sign of Welcome* in front of our church to emphasize that welcoming is a central part of our parish identity – an invitation to rediscover our purpose as a community of faith, hope, and love. I firmly believe God is calling us to say "yes" to a deeper openness – to invite others to journey in faith with us. Without that "yes," we risk decline. As we move into 2024-2025, we will embark on a **Year of Jubilee – Year of Hope**. This year will be an opportunity to go beyond ourselves and welcome others to share in this journey of hope.

A concrete example of this mission is the work of our **Faith Enrichment Group**, which has been instrumental in fostering a welcoming spirit. Through programs like *When You Pray* and the *Advent Program*, they create opportunities for scripture sharing, light cuppas, friendship, and open discussions. These simple yet powerful gatherings offer a chance to encounter Jesus. If we truly believe that Jesus' love and peace are the answers to the world's challenges, let us extend this invitation to those we love, starting with our families, workplaces, and wider community.

Finally, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering commitment to St. Damian's Parish throughout 2024. Your dedication of time, talent, and resources has borne abundant fruit in God's kingdom. Special thanks to those who have prepared our beautiful Christmas celebrations and maintained the sacredness of our liturgies throughout the year. I am particularly grateful to:

- Parish Pastoral Council
- Parish Finance Committee
- Parish Cleaning Group and Lawn Mowing Team
- Child Safety Team
- Our Choirs: St. Damian's Youth Choir, Sunrise Choir, Saturday Community Choir, & Couples for Christ Choir
- St. Vinnies Team
- Piety Shopkeeper Team
- Floral Team
- Accounting Team
- Liturgical Coordinator - Carmel FitzGerald
- Special Ministers of the Eucharist and Readers
- RCIA Team
- Sacristans
- Parish Secretary, Bookkeeper, Accountant
- Faith Enrichment Group
- And all those working tirelessly behind the scenes.



our faithful service keeps our parish alive and thriving.

May the grace, peace, joy, and love of Christmas be abundantly present in your families and in our parish community.

Ours in Christ,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran
Parish Priest, St. Damian's Parish

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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