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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
Email: principal@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au

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

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, 11TH JUNE 2023

READING

Deut 8:2-3, 14-16
1 Cor 10: 16-17
Jn 6:51-58

NEXT WEEK

Ex 19:2-6
Rom 5:6-11
Mt 9:36-10.8

PSALM

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
He has blessed the children within you.

He has established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command.

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees.
Praise the Lord, Jerusalem

FEAST DAY DURING THE WEEK

Tues 13th June: St Anthony of Padua
Fri 16th June: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat 17th June: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths : Neil Robinson

Willie Wijesinghe

Anniversaries: Chau Dinh Ngo ,

Piefro Chiodo ,

Antonio Chiodo,

Sibbie Fernandez

Teresa

Dominico

Sick: Anita Gentile ,

Joven Mercado,

Paul Long

Eladio Collaga

What's on at St. Damian's Parish & beyond. . .

CONDOLENCES TO ANN, HELEN & LOUIS' FAMILY

Dear St. Damian's family,

It's so very sad to inform you all that Neil Robinson, a good and faithful parishioner of St Damian's who has died last Sunday. Many of you know Neil who was very much involved and served our parish community for many years on many committees, mainly the Conductor for St. Damian's choir that sings always at 10am on Sunday Mass. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank him for who he is and what he's done for St. Damian's parish community. My heartfelt sympathies are extended to the whole family. I'd like to offer this weekend Masses to pray for Neil's soul. May the Almighty God bring comfort, consolation, and healing to the family during this very hard and sad time. May Neil Robinson Rest In Peace. So, if you'd like to attend the funeral for Neil that will be held at St. Damian's Church on Tuesday 20th June at 11.00am.

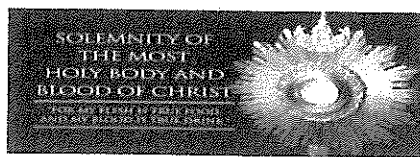
IN OUR PARISH

Dear St. Damian's Parishioners,

I'd like to let you know that I'll go for Clergy Conference from Monday to Friday, and I have asked Fr. Terry Burgin – the Retired Priest, who'll assist me for weekday Mass.

12 th June	Monday	No Mass
13 th June	Tuesday	9.15am Mass
14 th June	Wednesday	9. 15am Communion Service – No Novena & Benediction
15 th June	Thursday	9.15am Mass
16 th June	Friday	9.15am Mass

NOVENA FOR THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI



Dear parishioners and visitors,

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1324-1327), states that, "The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life." And, the holy mother church celebrates the Solemnity of this feast of Corpus Christ -Body and Blood of Christ, next weekend. I'm writing to inform you that our St. Damian's community will provide the Novena for this Feast and it'll be held immediately after 5:30pm Mass. All is invited to attend this event.

Aid to the Church in Need

Together we can keep the faith alive - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith?

Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction. This weekend we welcome to our parish an ACN speaker who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.

Eucharist and Readers Rosters for Collection

Eucharist and Readers Rosters are available to be collected this weekend at the back of the Church. We thank Carmel for all her work with the rosters. If you have any questions please contact Carmel: carmelpatriciafitzgearld@gmail.com or should you wish, you can contact Dianne Stubbs at the parish office and she will pass the information onto Carmel.

Confirmation Presentation

Presentation of Confirmation Candidates on 24th June at 5.30pm Mass.

St DAMIAN'S RCIA 26 YEAR REUNION

Everyone are cordially invited to join us for this magnificent milestone in the life of our St Damian's Parish.

Who? All past and present who have been involved in any way with the R.C.I.A program.

When: Sunday 16th July 2023, starting with a special Mass @10.00am followed by refreshments.

Where? St Damian's Catholic Church
5 Settlement Road Bundoora.

Why: To Celebrate
Spread the Word

RSVP: Dianne in the Parish Office:
9467- 2797 or bundoora@cam.org.au

Piety Shop

The Piety Shop is open after each weekend, Mass .via the Church foyer.. We have a wide selection of stock with gifts suitable for Confirmation, various rosaries and inspirational items, including bookmarks, pins and plaques, are also available . We have items suitable for seasonal prayer or devotional use including medals prayer cards featuring popular Saints & Novena booklets.

CHURCH GROUNDS CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Dear Gentlemen.

I'm writing to ask you to consider joining with Parish Maintenance Team (PMT) that will give advices to the parish priest on safety of the church ground care and maintenance matters relating to the parish.

If you think you can help me and community, please contact Michael Mackowiak: 0423626368 or our Parish Office – 94672797 or Email: B_uudoora@cam.org.au Many thanks for your considerations.



St Thomas the Apostle

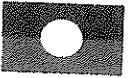
A Charismatic Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 15th June at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 251 Diamond Ck Rd, Nth Greensborough. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with Praise & Worship, followed by Mass and supper. All welcome. For further details, please contact Emilia 0418 120 902 or Rose 0411 650 339.



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.



Gospel Reflection on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, the holy mother church celebrates the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ or "*Corpus Christi*". It originated in France in the mid thirteenth century and was extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264. This feast focuses on two manifestations. **First**, on the Holy Eucharist as the body of Christ. **Second**, on the Church as the body of Christ.

Our first reading today from the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses reminded his brethren of how God took good care of them by nourishing and sustaining them in the desert: "*He humbled you...He fed you with manna...Do not forget the Lord your God, who in this waterless place brought you water and fed you with manna*" Through this, God demonstrated his love and ability to sustain His chosen people physically and spiritually. In our time, God has given us the Eucharist for our spiritual nourishment.

In the second reading from the first letter to Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us of the unity of the church through sharing in the one Body and Blood of Christ. During the Eucharistic celebration, people, communities, races, and nations are united as they share in the Body and Blood of Christ. Hence, at every Mass our attention is called to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

And in today's Gospel from St. John, Christ proclaimed: "*I am the living bread. The bread that I shall give is my flesh...if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood; you will not have life in you.*" As Christ said, His body is true food and his blood true wine. Though it is the Manna that the Israelites eat in the desert, it is different because as Christ says: "Whoever eats the body and drinks the blood of the Son of Man will never die."

Hence, the Eucharist sustains our spiritual life, while our human food, and the Manna that the Israelites eat, sustain our physical and mortal life. It gives us the grace to feel forgiven and to be ready to forgive others. We attend holy Mass, not because we are worthy. Rather, because we are always in need of God's love and mercy. These come through the Eucharist.

The Eucharist affects the life of our Christian communities (St. Damian's community). It is from it that we receive our identity and mission as a church. Providentially, God made it available to us to nourish us on our spiritual journey. Hence, when administered to the sick, the elderly people etc. Through it, God continues to abide with us.

Finally, the secondary focus of this solemnity is on the Body of Christ as it is present in the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with his disciples. Christ expressed this unity by using the metaphor of a body, in which Himself is the head. This image helps to keep in focus both the unity and the diversity of the Church. So, during any Eucharistic celebration, Christ makes himself available to us, draws us closer to himself, and unites us with one another. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran PP

Rosters for 17th & 18th June 2023

Mass Time	Reader/Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety Shop	Counters	Readers/ Responders Eucharist / Welcomers...
5.30pm	D. Whyley A. Groom	B. Joyce M. Kanniah D. Mash	M. Thompson	G. Mee R. Mee	Please gather together in the
8.00am	J. North C. Fitzgerald	S. Aldrildge K. Keating C. Love	A. Sharkey	Supervisor	Sacristy about
10.00am	J. Venturini Volunteer	J. Venturini N. Cardamone L. Careri	Volunteer	M. Jones	15 Minutes prior to Mass.
					Eucharist Ministers—
					please remember that you are also welcoming



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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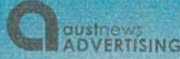
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