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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 HOLY FAMILY OF Jesus, Mary and Joseph 29th December 2024

THIS WEEKEND

Sam 1:20-22, 24-28

Jn 3:1-2, 21-2

Lk 2:41-52

NEXT WEEK

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Wed 1st January:

Mary, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD

Thurs 2nd January: Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

PSALM

How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God.

They are happy, who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength.

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed.

How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Recent Deaths: Iris Bonello

Anniversaries: Anna Camilli, Vittorio Gizzi, Irma Gizzi

Sick: Judy Cousins, Jon Walker, Teresita Calma

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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 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...)*

REFLECTION FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY – YEAR C

WISHES YOU VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR, 2025



Dear sisters and brothers,

Today, we honour the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This feast invites us to reflect on the sacredness of family life and the lessons we can draw from our readings.

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 - A Family Rooted in Faith

Hannah's story highlights the role of faith in family life. She prays fervently for a child, and when God answers her prayer, she dedicates her son, Samuel, to the Lord. Her gratitude and trust in God remind us that our children are gifts from Him. Families thrive when they are centred on faith, prayer, and a recognition of God's blessings.

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 - Love as the Core of Family

John reminds us of our identity as God's children: "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God."

This divine love is the foundation for human love within families. Families are called to embody God's love by showing kindness, forgiveness, and selflessness. As God's children, we are called to reflect His love not only in our homes but also in the broader human family.

Luke 2:41-52 - Growing Together in Faith

The Gospel recounts the story of the boy Jesus in the Temple. While His parents are initially distressed by His absence, the encounter reveals their deep relationship with God. Mary and Joseph's willingness to search for Jesus and their openness to the mystery of His mission reflect the patience and adaptability needed in family life. Families, like the Holy Family, experience challenges and misunderstandings. But through trust in God and mutual understanding, they grow stronger together.

Lessons for Our Lives

- 1. Faith at the Centre:** Like Hannah, Mary, and Joseph, we are called to ground our families in prayer and trust in God.
- 1. Love in Action:** As God's children, we are invited to make love the centre of our family relationships, reflecting God's unconditional love.
- 3. Patience and Growth:** Families grow through challenges. Like Mary and Joseph, we need patience, trust, and openness to God's plan in every stage of life.

On this feast, let us pray for our families, that they may be places of faith, love, and growth. May we, like the Holy Family, trust in God, love one another deeply, and grow together in holiness. Amen.

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P. P

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.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Dear St. Damian's Parishioners and Contributors,

As we prepare for the next series of Thanksgiving Envelopes starting in February, I would kindly ask you to consider the following:

1. **Current Contributors:** If you would like to make any changes to your contributions, please let us know.

2. **New Contributors:** If you are interested in joining the Thanksgiving Program, please contact us. We can provide instructions on how to contribute via Thanksgiving Envelopes, credit card, or online payments.

Additional Options: You can also make donations using the **QUEST machine** located on the left-hand side as you enter the main church door.

Should you require any assistance or further information, please feel free to contact our Parish Office at:

☐ 9467 2797

☐ Bundoora@cam.org.au

Thank you so much for your ongoing support and generosity. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and truly help our parish thrive.

With gratitude,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P. P

UP COMING ST DAMIAN'S PARISH MASS

JANUARY 2025

TUESDAY 31ST DECEMBER

9:15AM - 10.00PM MASS - NEW YEAR
EVE

1ST WEDNESDAY JANUARY

9:15AM MASS – 7:00PM MASS – MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

NOTICE TO VOLUNTEERS:

Minister Roasters for January -

No formal rosters for the holiday season.

Please see Fr. Joe Dong

or Sacristans prior to Mass to Volunteer.

Thank you!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS DURING JANUARY

Hello Parishioners,

We would like to inform you, Dianne will be starting her Annual leave from Tuesday 31st December 2024 and the Parish Office will closed until she returns on Tuesday the 14th January 2025.

All emails to bundoora@cam.org.au will be actioned when Dianne returns from her annual leave.

If you need to speak to Fr Dong for anything urgent during this time please phone Parish office on 9467 2797.

**1st Collection : BSB: 083347 Account:
660192933**

Thanksgiving Offering To support Church

**2nd Collection :BSB: 083347: Account:
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Presbytery Offering To support: Priest.



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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