



St Damian's Catholic Church

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WELCOME TO ST DAMIAN'S

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

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4th AUGUST 2024

THIS WEEKEND

EX 16:2-4, 12-15

Eph 4:17, 20-24

Jn 6:24-35

NEXT WEEK

1 kg 19:4-8

Eph: 4:30-52

Jn 6:41-51

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Tue 6th Aug: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Thur 8th Aug: St Mary of the Cross

Sat 10th Aug: St Lawrence

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

PSALM

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might.

He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven.

He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven.

Mere men ate the bread of angels.

He sent them abundance of food.

He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won.

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Recent Deaths: Angelo Basile

Anniversaries: Kevin John Mc Grath, Maria Aloj, Domenico Aloj, Joseph, Anna, Teresa, Vittorio Gizzi, Aleyamma Vaskey (1st Anniversary)

Sick: Alexander, Felipe, Anne, Judy Cousins, Jon Walker

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.

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, a promote the wellbeing of children and young people, and protect them from harm or abuse. Therefore while 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: go to toilet or car, etc...)*

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 for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - B

Dear Friends, our readings for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) invite us to reflect on God's providence and the transformative power of faith in our lives.

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15, we find the Israelites grumbling against Moses and Aaron because they are hungry in the desert. In response, God promises to rain down bread from heaven.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24, St. Paul urges the community to leave behind their old ways of living and to be renewed in the spirit of their minds. Paul calls for a radical transformation, encouraging the faithful to put on the new self, created in God's image, in righteousness and holiness. This transformation is an ongoing journey of becoming more Christ-like, shedding the ways of the world, and embracing a life of virtue.

Gospel: John 6:24-35, Jesus declares Himself to be the "bread of life." This passage follows the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand, where Jesus provided physical nourishment. Now, Jesus invites the crowd to seek something deeper and more lasting - the spiritual nourishment that comes from faith in Him. Jesus teaches that whoever comes to Him will never hunger and whoever believes in Him will never thirst, pointing to the deeper fulfillment found in a relationship with Him.

So, dear sisters and brothers,

These readings call us to recognize the true source of our sustenance and fulfillment. Just as God provided manna for the Israelites, He continues to provide for us, often in ways we do not immediately recognize. Our challenge is to trust in His provision and to seek the spiritual nourishment that only He can give.

As we reflect on these passages, let us ask ourselves: What are the areas in our lives where we need to trust more in God's providence? How can we allow our faith to transform us more fully into the image of Christ? May we seek the bread of life that Jesus offers and be renewed in our journey of faith. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P. P

ROSTER: 11th & 12th August 2024

Mass Time	Reader / Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety	Counters	Readers/ Responders Eucharist / Welcomers
5.30pm	J. Borg P. Cosgrove	L. Robiunson B. Joyce N. Nugent	J. Noonan	B. Keating T. Garcia	Please gather together in the Sacristy about 5 minutes prior to Mass. Eucharist Ministers—please remember that you are also welcoming parishioners & visitors & handing out the newsletter.
8.00am	C. Love T. Shebual	V. Dalla-Vecchia M. Sweetman K. Keating	A. Brammer	Supervisor G. Spiteri	
10.00am	P. Gill M. Han	J. Venturini J. Tonkin P. Del Popolo	R. Sacco		

SAVE THE DATE

Sat 10th August: Volunteer Day for Eucharistic and Reading Ministers.

Friday 25th October: Feast Dinner Dance at Casa D' Abruzzo Club Epping 6.00pm to 11.00 pm. Tickets are now able to be purchased in the Parish office on 9467 2797.

GOOD QUALITY PRIZES FOR THE RAFFLE

Dear Parishioners,

As mentioned in the parish news last weekend, we will be celebrating our Parish Feast Dinner on Friday, October 25th. During the night, we will also draw our raffle tickets, with funds supporting our Parish Solar Battery project.

We kindly request donations of good quality prizes for the raffle, such as vouchers or high-quality gifts. Your generous support will greatly contribute to the success of our event and our fundraising efforts. Thank you for your support.

Parish Feast Dinner Team

ROSTERS for READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

All rosters are available for collection in the church foyer. Copies have also been emailed to volunteers who have supplied their email addresses. A reminder - If you would like support or training to perform your rostered role or have any questions re the roster, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would like to welcome Natasha Mathews, Katrina Mangubat, Janet Tonkin, Paras Gill, Tony Shebual and Sr Sue Barker to our team of Readers and Eucharistic Ministers. Thank you for volunteering your services. It is much appreciated by us all. On behalf of the parish community, I would like to thank Brian Walter, Violet Smith, Joan Noonan, Sr Nelia and Sr Candida who are retiring from our roster. Thank you for your contributions to our parish masses over the years.

Carmel Fitzgerald
Roster Co—Ordinator
(carmelpatriciafitzgerald@gmail.com)

LADIES LUNCH

We are gathering at Watsonia RSL at 12 noon on Tuesday, 20th August. All are welcome. Maybe you are new to St Damian's Parish and would like to meet some new friends. You are especially invited to join our friendly group.

Contact Sarita for any enquires or to book.
0434 581 948. or 9467 2531

BAPTISM : This weekend we welcome into the family of St Damian's, Destiny & Kiara Martin who are being baptised this weekend.



2024 Archbishop's Campaign

This year we are streamlining our approach to fundraising in parishes across the Archdiocese.

The Archbishop's Campaign will begin next weekend. I know that times are tough at the moment, but I encourage you to think about what the future of a vital and vibrant faith community means for you and your family and consider making a personal gift to support the vital ministries that serve all in our Archdiocese.

These are critically important to the future of the Church and our faith Community, and I invite you to contribute to creating that. From next week you will notice posters and campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards around the Church, a banner on our website and images supporting the campaign on our social media accounts.

More information about this campaign is coming; in the meantime, I encourage you to prayerfully begin discerning your gift.

Please send any questions to the dedicated campaign email address for enquiries

archbishopsfund@cam.org.au

Formation Day for All Volunteers

Dear Eucharistic and Reading Ministers,

We would like to invite you to a Formation Session this Saturday, 10th of August, from 10:30 to 11:30 am in the church, followed by a light cuppa in the Dunlop Room. There are some very important notices we would like to ask you to pay attention to; therefore, I strongly suggest everyone **MUST** come for this session.

We also need you to sign the **Code of Conduct** and deliver your **Working With Children Check**. The formation session will be led by Carmel, Daniela, and Fr. Joe Dong. With thanks,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran

Word of Thanks to the Lawn Mowing Team

Last Saturday morning, we witnessed a beautiful reflection of the message of unity and harmony through the efforts of the St. Damian's Lawn Mowing Team. They came together to cut the grass around the church, remove three large trees in the memorial garden, and add mulch to fertilize the roses.

A Special Thanks to Our Team: Ben Sacco; Paul Bezzina; Tony Shabuel; Klaus Nagel & Lawrie O'Shea - Together with two helpers: Vic Zappa & Raymond Brammer

Your dedication and hard work have not only beautified our church grounds but also strengthened our community spirit. Thank you for your commitment and generosity.

If anyone would like to join us, please contact our office at 9467 2797.

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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