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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
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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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 14th, 2024

READINGS

1 Sam 3: 3-10

1 Cor 6: 13-15, 17-20

Jn 1: 35-42

NEXT WEEK

Jonah: 3: 1-5

1 Cor 7: 29-31

Mk 1: 14-20

PSALM

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I.

In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart.

Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

* Wed 17th Jan—St Anthony, abbot

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah: Jesus
Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths

Rev. Monsignor Gerald James Diamond, Veronica
Amsing, Maria Bolzonello

Anniversaries

Peter Tran Chau Phe & Anna Tran Chau Lan



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the Land on which we stand, the WURUNDJERI people of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respect to them for their care of the Land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.

Gospel Reflection on 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B – John 1:35-42

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, as we delve into the Word of God, we are presented with narratives that underscore the profound nature of God's call and our response to it. The passages from 1 Samuel, the Psalms, Corinthians, and John's Gospel offer us a mosaic of insights into our relationship with the divine and our purpose in responding to His call.

The story of young Samuel, portrayed in 1 Samuel, illustrates a beautiful dialogue between a seeking God and a receptive heart. In the quiet of the night, as Samuel lay asleep, God persistently called out to him. It took Samuel some time to recognize the voice, but when he did, he responded with a simple yet profound phrase, "Speak, for your servant is listening." How often do we heed God's call amidst the distractions of our lives? Are we attuned to His voice, patiently awaiting His guidance?

The Psalmist's words echo the sentiment of openness and attentiveness to God's will. "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will," resonates with a readiness to align our actions with God's purpose for us.

Paul's message to the Corinthians implores us to honor our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit. Our very being is sacred, deserving of reverence and respect. As recipients of God's grace, we're called to glorify Him in all facets of our lives, even in the seemingly mundane.

Finally, in John's Gospel, we witness the encounter between Jesus and his soon-to-be disciples. When asked what they were seeking, they responded, "Rabbi, where are you staying?" Their inquiry wasn't just about physical dwelling but a profound desire to dwell in the presence of the Teacher. Jesus' simple invitation, "Come and see," holds a universal invitation for us all to experience and know Him more deeply.

As we reflect on these passages, let's ponder: Are we attentive to God's calling in our lives? Are we willing to listen, to respond, to follow wherever He leads? Like Samuel, are we saying, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening"?

Let us heed the call to seek, to discern, and to abide in God's presence. Let us respond with open hearts, ready to journey where He leads us, trusting in His guidance and grace.

May this week grant us the wisdom and courage to be attentive to God's voice and respond with whole-hearted dedication. Amen.

Fr. Joe Dong

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 well-being 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.*

Minister Rosters for January

There is no formal rosters for the holiday season. Please see Fr Joe Dong prior to Mass to volunteer.

New Rosters for Readers and Eucharist Ministers are coming soon

Friends,

An international speaker Dan and Stephanie Burke Melbourne Visit Wed 17th January. Dan was head of EWTN international News, founded the Avila Institute, He will be giving talk in the evening on fostering a deeper prayer life. And, Stephanie is co-host of Divine Intimacy Radio and will lead a teacher retreat during the day drawing on her experience as a catholic principal and leadership in Catholic Spirituality. For more information, please contact—
au@myavilla.com or on 0449172083. Cheers.

Readers/ Responders Eucharist / Welcomes,

Please gather together in the Sacristy about 10 minutes prior to Mass.

Eucharist Ministers— please remember that you are also welcoming parishioners & visitors & handing out the newsletter.

A NOTICE FOR EUCHARISTIC & READING MINISTERS

Dear Volunteers,

I extend my deepest gratitude to each of you for your generous commitment of time, effort, and talent as volunteers for our weekend Masses and special occasions. Your dedication is truly appreciated and invaluable to our parish community.



As we prepare for the upcoming roster for the next several months, we've observed that some volunteers prefer not to have their private details, such as email addresses or phone numbers, displayed on the roster. If this applies to you, we kindly request that you reach out to our parish office to let us know. Your privacy is important to us, and we want to ensure that your preferences are respected.

Thank you once again for your continuous support and willingness to serve our parish. Your contributions are a vital part of our community, and we are grateful for your commitment. Thanks you!

VICTORIA'S CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

I trust this message finds you well. Recently, some thoughtful parishioners have suggested the idea of participating in Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme (CDS), which provides a 10-cent refund for eligible drink containers, with the proceeds supporting our parish.



I am writing to seek your valuable advice on the best approach to set up this initiative. Your insights and recommendations are highly appreciated as we consider the most effective way to implement the program.

Moreover, should we decide to move forward, I will need your support in actively collecting eligible bottles, cans, cartons, and the like. Together, we can make a meaningful contribution to our parish through this initiative.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration and support. I look forward to hearing your suggestions and, if all goes well, working together to make this endeavor a success. Thank you!

Fr. Joe Dong

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.

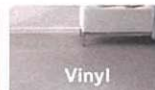
Lord, our God, deepen our love and strengthen our faith.
Jesus, nourish us with your Word and Eucharist.
Holy Spirit, direct us in all we do and help us to say always:

"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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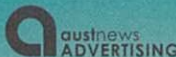
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