



St Damian's Catholic Church

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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

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17th November 2024

THIS WEEKEND

Dan 12:1-3

Heb 10:11-14,18

Mk 13:24-32

NEXT WEEK

Dan 7:13-14;

Rev 1:5-8;

Jn 18:33-37.

PSALM

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Thurs 21st November:

The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary.

Fri 22nd November: St Cecilia

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Andrea Faustina, Catharina Langelaan, Adam Smith, John William Smith

Sick: Judy Cousins, Jon Walker, Teresita Calma

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 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 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

On this 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, our readings invite us into a deep reflection on hope and vigilance.

In the first reading from the Book of Daniel, we hear about a time of tribulation and challenge, yet Daniel offers us a vision of hope: "the wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky." In life's darkest moments, God's promise of light and grace remains. We are called to be those wise ones, to trust in God's plan of salvation and to reflect His light in the world, even amid hardship.

The Psalm echoes this with a prayerful plea, "Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope," reminding us that God is our anchor and our refuge.

St. Paul, in the letter to the Hebrews, we see the perfection of Christ's sacrifice - an offering of love that is once and for all. This complete sacrifice invites us to live with confidence, not in fear of punishment but with trust in God's boundless mercy and love. Because of Christ's offering, we are free to live our faith boldly, grounded in a love that empowers us to walk in hope and purpose.

Then, in the Gospel of St. Mark, Jesus speaks of the end times, urging us to stay awake and aware. He reminds us that while we do not know the day or hour, we should be vigilant, living each day with openness to God's presence and readiness to respond to His call. This call to vigilance is not meant to fill us with fear but with hope, as we trust in God's unwavering love and protection.

Together, these readings remind us that life is a journey of faith, hope, and attentiveness, one where we are constantly preparing our hearts to meet God. In times of uncertainty, we place our trust in Jesus, our constant guide and light, as we live each day with an open heart and faithful spirit. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Roster: 23rd & 24th November 2024

Mass Time	Reader / Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety	Counters	Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers
5.30pm	A. Groom J. Borg	L. Robinson B. Joyce C. Ho	E. Macmanus	B. Keating T. Garcia	Supervisor G. Spiteri
8.00am	T. Shebual C. Love	V. Della Vecchia M. Sweetman K. Keating	N. Manalansan		
10.00am	M. Han P. Gill	W. Mc Eleney C. Manabat	L. Careri		

Please gather together in the Church about 5 minutes before Mass.
Eucharistic Ministers Please remember you are also welcoming parishioners & visitors & handing out the newsletter.

BAPTISM :



This weekend we welcome into the family of St Damian's, Luca & Lace Cerminara, Leo Joseph Orsillo, Raffael Sanonetti Joseph Antonio San Martin, who are being baptised this weekend.

Ladies' Lunch.

The last lunch for the year will be on Tuesday, 19th November.

All ladies welcome to join us at Watsonia RSL at 12 o'clock.

Please contact Sarita on 9467 2531 or 0434 581 948 to book or for any information.

The Piety Shop

Many beautiful nativities both large and small are now available as are a variety of Christmas ornaments and cards. Also in stock is the 2025 Columban Calendar at only \$11.00 the

Calendar makes an excellent gift for family and Friends and helps support the missionaries.

There are also advent calendars.

- Anne- Marie-

COMBINED CATHOLIC RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone for purchasing tickets for the raffle this year.

If you still have any raffle books at home . Can you please return them back by Tuesday 19th November to the Parish office ?

Raffle will be drawn on the 7th December 2024.

We wish you all the best of luck.



1st Collection

BSB: 083347 Account: 660192933

Thanksgiving Offering To support:

1. Parish running costs
2. Parish pastoral initiatives
3. Diocesan and various services

We appreciate all donations, In the narrative please add your name and envelope number. Thank you

CANDLES LIGHT IN MEMORIAL SERVICE AT CHURCH



Dear Parishioners, Friends, and Visitors,

According to Church tradition, November is a month dedicated to remembering our loved ones who have passed before us. One meaningful way we honour their memory is through the lighting of candles during a memorial Mass, a tradition that brings comfort and reminds us of our enduring connection to them.

The Meaning Behind Candle Lighting:

- **Symbolism:** The candle flame represents the life and spirit of the departed, symbolizing their eternal soul. Lighting a candle is a universal act of remembrance.
- **Reflection:** Lighting a candle invites us to pause, reflect, and connect with our memories.
- **Community:** Coming together to light candles provides a shared experience of remembrance and support.
- **Comfort:** This act brings solace, allowing us to feel close to those we miss.

With this in mind, I warmly invite you to our **Memorial Candle Lighting Mass on Friday, December 29th, at 7:00 pm** in our Church.

If you would like to join us, please consider the following:

1. **Bring a Photo:** Feel free to bring a framed photo of your loved one.
2. **Family Candle Lighting:** After Mass, each family is invited to light a candle provided by the parish. If you wish for your family name to be announced aloud, please send it to us in advance, along with a confirmation of your attendance.

We look forward to gathering in prayer for our loved ones and honouring their memory. Following the Mass, you are warmly invited to join us for a cuppa in the Dunlop Room.

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Blessings to you all,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P

2nd Collection

BSB: 083347: Account: 661001801

Presbytery Offering To support:

1. Fr. Dong Tran
2. Sick and retired priests
3. Priests in needy parishes
4. Archbishop & auxiliary bishops

**ST DAMIAN'S 2025
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

24TH DECEMBER: TUESDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE

7.00pm Christmas Carols

7.30pm Family Mass

9:30pm Christmas Carols

10:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

**25TH DECEMBER: WEDNESDAY,
CHRISTMAS DAY**

8:00am & 10:00am



ST DAMIAN'S 2025 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

@. ADVENT: SEASON OF HOPE & EXPECTATION

THURSDAYS: 28th November – 5th & 12th December

Time: 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Venue: Dunlop Room, St Damian's Parish

Facilitator: Sr. Sue Barker SGS

@. ANNOINTING MASS FOR ALL

Wednesday 18th December at 9.15am, followed morning tea.

@. CANDLES LINGHTING IN MEMORIAL SERVICE AT CHURCH

Friday 29th December at 7:00pm, followed the cuppa.

@. THANKSGIVING MASS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Friday 6th December at 7:00pm & followed by Supper in the hall.

@. SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday 12th December at 7pm: 1st & 3rd Rites

@. CHRISTMAS PREPARATION WORKING BEES

Saturday, 14th December at 8:30 -11:30am

@. CHRISTMAS CAROLS PRAYER SERVICE

Saturday 21st December @ 7:30pm to 8.30pm

@. SATURDAY 28TH DECEMBER

Feast of The Holy Family at 5.30pm Vigil Mass

@. SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER

Feast of the Holy Family, 8.00am & 10.00am Masses

P/S: Christmas Eve Masses this year may be about 30 minutes later than usual, as Christmas falls on a weekday. I want to acknowledge the workers and their families, knowing that this adjustment will give them more time to gather and celebrate together. Thank you for your understanding, and may this Christmas bring blessings and joy to all.

(During January normal weekday and weekend Masses Program)

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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