



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: 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

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 5th November 2023

READING

Mal 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10
1 Thess 2:7-9, 13
Mt 23:1-12

NEXT WEEK

Wis 6:12-16
1 Thess 4:13-18
Mt 25:1-13

PSALM

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me.

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul.

O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever.

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

FEAST DAY DURING THE WEEK

Wed 8th Nov: No Mass—Communion Service & Novena 7.00pm
Fri 10th Nov: St Leo the Great
Sat 11th Nov: St Martin of Tours

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION!

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Recent Deaths :

Anniversaries : Anna and Benedict Silvapulle, Anastasia and Christopher Silva, Rosa and Phillip Peries
Annette Wijesinghe, Catherine Langelaan, Vittorio Gizzi, Irma Gizzi, Spencer

Sick:: Joven, Anita Gentile, Paul Long, Louisa, Virginia, Samuel Sughihto, Gloria Franco, Luisa Valente
Rosa Diez

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 the 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 for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This Sunday the church enjoins us to hold firm to the message of eternal life. This is what safeguards our faith. Through the message of eternal life, God will continue to strengthen us in our daily struggles.

In our first reading, God warns us about the dangers of straying from the right path. He equally warns us of the danger of misleading and oppressing others in His name: *"...And now priests, this is a warning for you...you have strayed from the way, and you have caused many to stumble by your teaching, you have destroyed the covenant of Levi...."* Most importantly, it is a call to glorify God through our various calls.

Our second reading, with gratitude, St. Paul recounts how they faithfully transmitted the good news to the church of Thessalonica. They did it with total devotion and dedication: *"...We felt so devoted towards you...We were eager to hand over to you, not only the good news, but our whole lives while we were bringing the good news to you."* Thessalonians accepted it with an open heart and mind: *"...As soon as you heard the message we brought, you accepted it as God's message and not something human."* So, this was a cause of joy for Paul and his companions. This is what happens when we faithfully discharge our duties as pastors of souls. We see God's people flourish like the tree planted by the river side. God blesses us and makes us joyful, through this.

And in today's Gospel, Jesus warns us of the hypocrisy of the Pharisees. They represent all the bad pastors of souls. That is, all the "men and women of God" of our time, who occupy exalted positions, but show bad examples. They are very eloquent and tall in their preaching but are dwarfs in their actions. They twist the message of eternal life for their own gain. Thus, they lead many astray. When we live this way, we act like the Pharisees.

Today, Jesus denounces religious show off, which is opposed to the message of eternal life. However, His message about calling anyone "Rabbi" or "Father" must not be misunderstood. One must be true to his calling and duty, and not occupy a position just for the pride of being called father, sister, pastor, evangelist, minister etc.

So, what Jesus is denouncing here is earthly pride. He wants us to be true to our Christian calling. It must not make us proud and arrogant. Also, He wants us to be true to the message of eternal life. It must rule our lives, and must not be employed to exploit, oppress, or mislead others. Rather, it must bring them peace and joy, while giving glory to God. Amen

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P.

Rosters for 11th & 12th November 2023

Mass Time	Reader/Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety Shop	Counters	Readers/ Responders Eucharist / Welcomers, . . . Please gather together in the Sacristy about 15 Minutes prior to Mass. Eucharist Ministers— please remember that you are also
5.30pm	P. Bezzina J. Noonan	N. Nugent P. Cosgrove W. Fernando	M. Thompson	G. Love A. Schuck	
8.00am	Sr Nella C. Love	V. Smith C. Fitzgerald K. Keating	A. Sharkey	Supervisor T. Frazer	
10.00am	B. Walter J. Capuana	R. Sacco C. Manabat W. Mc Eleney	K. Vandenhoven	 Ministries	

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SAVE THE DATE

1. Wednesday 22nd November: Annual Remembrance Mass – for those who have died this year at 7:00pm & followed by a light cuppa in the Dunlop Room.
2. Friday 8th December: Thanksgiving Mass for All Volunteers, 7:00pm. Please RSVP Parish Office if you are attending the refreshments after Mass for catering purposes.

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASS & PRAYER FOR DEPARTED

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

As we find ourselves in the month of November, it is a time for us to remember and pray for our loved ones who have passed away before us. In the spirit of remembrance, we have set up the MEMORIAL BOOK on your right-hand side of the church. This book is made available for you to write down the names of your departed loved ones. Throughout this entire month of November, the book will be in place for this purpose.

During the celebration of Holy Mass, the priest will offer prayers for all the souls whose names have been written in the Memorial Book. This collective remembrance and prayer are a heartfelt way to honour those who have left us.

You may also have noticed the yellow envelopes that we have placed on the table. These envelopes are provided for those who wish to request a private Mass for their loved ones. If you would like the priest to offer a private Mass in memory of someone, please write down the name(s) on the envelope and either give it to the priest directly or leave it in the designated box on the table.

We thank you for your participation and for helping us remember and pray for our dearly departed. May this month of November be a time of reflection and spiritual connection as we hold our loved ones in our hearts and prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Fr. Joe Dong Tran

BUNDOORA RETIREMENT VILLAGE FETE

Come and join us for our Fete on the 12th November 2023

Time: 9.30am to 1.30pm

Address: 100 Janefield drive Bundoora

We will have Cakes, Books & Crafts to enjoy on the day.

Ladies Lunch

All Ladies of St Damian's are warmly invited to our lunch get together.

When Tue 21st Nov 2023.

Where: Watsonia Rsl

Time: 12.00pm Noon

Contact Sarita: 9467 2531 or 0434581948 to book or for any enquiries

BAPTISM



This weekend, we welcome into the family of St Damian's, Ivy Pittonet is being baptised. May God keep her family always in his love.

Hiring of the Briglia or Dunlop Room

As some of you have been asking me in regarding to hire the Parish Dunlop and Briglia Rooms. I'd like to inform you that the availability of our Parish Dunlop and Briglia Rooms can be rented for special occasions and events. If you have any upcoming gatherings or events in mind, these rooms provide a suitable and convenient space.

To inquire about renting these rooms, please feel free to contact our parish office at 94672797 or email us at bundoora@cam.org.au. We are here to assist you and provide the necessary information to make your event a success.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or requests related to the rental of these rooms. We are here to support you in creating a memorable and enjoyable experience for your special occasions. Thank you, and we look forward to assisting you with your event planning.

Warmest regards,

Fr. Joe Tran P.P.

COMBINED CATHOLIC RAFFLE TICKETS TO BE RETURNED

We would like to thank everyone who has purchased raffle tickets this year.

It's now time to return any raffle books you may still have at home to the Parish Office by the 8th November.

The Raffle will be Drawn on 2nd December 2023

Wishing you all good luck in the raffle.

Please contact the Parish Office with any enquiries on 9467 2797.

St Luke's Parish, 1A David St, Lalor, invites you
to a

NIGHT OF EVANGELIZATION WITH RON HUNTLEY -

Intentional Parish Renewal

Please join us in the St Luke's church on

Wednesday, 15th November, at 7.00pm
for this FREE event

Be inspired by this world-renowned speaker and author on his mission to help create fruitful parishes around the world.

For further information, please contact St Luke's Parish, (03)94652180, lalor@cam.org.au

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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