



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

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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, 14TH APRIL 2024

THIS WEEKEND

Acts 3:13-15

1 Jn 2:1-5

Lk: 24:35-48

NEXT WEEK

Acts 4: 8 -12

1 Jn 3:1-2

Jn 10 11 -18

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

LORD JESUS, MAKE YOUR WORD
PLAIN TO US: MAKE OUR HEARTS
BURN WITH LOVE WHEN YOU
SPEAK.

Alleluia, alleluia!

PSALM

Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God, of justice; for anguish
you released me, have mercy and hear me!

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

What can bring us happiness? Many say. Lift up the light
of your face on us, O Lord.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once for your
alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Lord, let your face shine on us.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Henry Wlodar (2nd Anniversary), Helena & Stefan, and Lucena Omega

Sick: Dianne Stubbs, Iris Bonello, Carlos, Peter Oei, and Edilberto Boy Omega

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, 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.



A SHORT REFLECTION FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear Brethren,

On the 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year B, our readings invite us to reflect on themes of repentance, forgiveness, and the transformative power of encountering the risen Christ.

In the first reading from the Book of Acts (3:13-19), we hear Peter's powerful proclamation to the people, urging them to repent and turn to God for forgiveness. This passage reminds us that no matter how far we may have strayed from God's path, His mercy is always available to us when we sincerely repent and seek reconciliation.

The responsorial psalm (Psalm 4:2-9) echoes this theme of seeking God's mercy and finding refuge in His love. It encourages us to trust in the Lord and offers a prayer for deliverance from distress. This psalm reminds us that God is our ultimate source of comfort and strength, especially in times of trouble.

In the second reading from the First Letter of John (2:1-5), we are reassured of Christ's role as our advocate and the atoning sacrifice for our sins. John emphasizes the importance of keeping God's commandments as a sign of our love for Him. This passage challenges us to live lives of holiness and obedience, grounded in our love for God and one another.

Finally, in the Gospel according to Luke (24:35-48), we witness the disciples' encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus appears to them, offering them peace and opening their minds to understand the Scriptures. He commissions them to proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. This passage reminds us that the resurrection of Christ is not merely a historical event but a present reality that transforms our lives and sends us forth as witnesses to His love and mercy.

Overall, the readings for the 3rd Sunday of Easter invite us to reflect on the transformative power of encountering the risen Christ, to seek God's mercy through repentance and forgiveness, and to respond to His love by living lives of obedience and faithful witness. Amen!

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P

Rosters for 20th & 21st April 2024

Mass Time	Reader / Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety	Counters	Readers/ Responders Eucharist / Welcomers Please gather together in the Sacristy about minutes prior to Mass. Eucharist Ministers— please remember that you are also welcoming pa- rishioners & visi- tors & handing
5.30pm	J. Mercado N. Nugent	P. Cosgrave M. Kanniah S. Goonerratne		M & L Watson	
8.00am	V. Smith C. Love	N. Cardamone L. Careri C. Manabat		Supervisor	
10.00am	J. Venturini B. Walter	W. Mc Eleney P. Del Popolo R. Sacco		T. Frazer M. Jones	
				 Ministries	

RENEWAL OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMEBERSHIP

Dear Parishioners,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying a blessed Easter break.

As we enter into this season of renewal and resurrection, I am writing to inform you about the renewal of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) in accordance with Canon Law. The current term of the PPC members has come to an end, and it is time for us to invite new members to join this vital ministry in our parish community.

Firstly, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the outgoing PPC members for their dedicated service and commitment to our parish. Your contributions have been invaluable, and we are deeply grateful for your tireless efforts in supporting and guiding our parish community.

Now, I invite all parishioners who are interested in serving on the Parish Pastoral Council to come forward and let us know of your willingness to join. Your involvement in the PPC provides an opportunity to actively participate in the pastoral life of our parish, sharing your gifts, talents, and perspectives for the benefit of our community. Additionally, for those current PPC members who wish to renew your term and continue serving on the council, please inform us of your intention to do so. Your continued leadership and experience are invaluable assets to our parish, and we would be honoured to have you continue in your role.

Lastly, if you would like to nominate someone else whom you believe would make a valuable addition to the PPC, please don't hesitate to contact me or the parish office with your nomination.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and willingness to aid the parish community through your participation in the Parish Pastoral Council. May God bless each of us as we discern and fulfill our roles in building up His kingdom here on earth.

Wishing you all a joyful and blessed Easter season.

Warm regards,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: CHILDREN LITURGY & ALTAR SERVERS

Dear Friends,

I am excited to seek volunteers to assist with the establishment of a "CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM" as well as to serve as "ALTAR SERVERS."

For the Children's Liturgy program, we are looking for individuals who have a passion for working with children and are willing to help create a welcoming and engaging environment where our young ones can learn about the faith in a way that is accessible and meaningful to them.

Additionally, we are in need of Altar Servers who are willing to serve during Masses and assist the priests in various liturgical roles. This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to actively participate in the celebration of the Mass and grow in their faith.

If you are interested in volunteering for either of these roles, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or the parish office. Your support and dedication to our parish community are greatly appreciated, and your involvement will play a crucial role in nurturing the spiritual growth of our children.

Furthermore, I would like to extend a special invitation to all parents to consider bringing your children to Sunday Mass. Our children are the future of our Church and society, and their active participation in the liturgy is vital for their spiritual development and formation.

God bless you all.

Warm regards,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran

FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY



NOVENA OF DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Dear Friends,

I'm writing to inform you about an exciting update to our parish prayer schedule in response to the positive feedback we received from our Divine Mercy celebration last Sunday.

Many parishioners expressed a desire to continue praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet regularly, and I am pleased to announce that we will now be offering the **Novena of Divine Mercy Chaplet once a week on Thursdays after the 9:15 AM Mass.**

I invite all of you to join us in prayer as we come together to lift up our intentions and seek God's mercy and grace. Let us support one another in our spiritual journey and grow closer to God through our communal prayer. God bless you abundantly.

WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE - FREE EVENT!

You know that prayer is important but may still find it challenging.

Perhaps it's hard to find time, or you're unsure what to do when you pray. Or, maybe you feel discouraged by your weaknesses and your inability to overcome them. If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Many of the saints struggled in prayer.

They were like us. But each time they fell, they got up again and learned to rely more on God's grace.

What God did in the lives of countless saints, he wants to do in the lives of ordinary people like us. And that's what this study is about: the journey of prayer God wants to take us on.

Join us for When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God at **St Damian's in the Dunlop Room** beginning 19th June, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, and continuing every following Weds for total 7 weeks.

For more information contact Maria by email at han_maria@hotmail.com or indicate your interest on the form located in the Church foyer.

Maria Han.

Have you been thinking about coming a catholic? Or, Have you even been thinking to invite other to be a catholic? IF YES!

Please feel free to contact the Parish Office on 9467 2797 for any further information.

Ellen Macmanus

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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