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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

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 24th September 2023

READING

Is 55:6-9

Phil 1:20-24, 27

Mt 20:1-16

NEXT WEEK

Ezek 18:25-28

Phil 2:1-11

Mt 21:28-32

PSALM

The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever.

the Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

The Lord is near to all who call him.

FEAST DAY DURING THE WEEK

Tues 26th September: St Damian's

Wed 27th September: St Vincent de Paul

Fri 28th September: Sts Michael

Sat 30th September: Sts Jerome

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths :

Anniversaries : Elisabetta Napoleone, Cleon & Mahes, Santos Mercuri, Phero Nghia

Sick: Anita Gentile, Paul Long, Louisa, Virginia, Michael Mac Manus, Samuel Sughihto

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...)*

DINNER DANCE MESSAGE OF THANK BY FR. JOE DONG

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good..." _ Ps 136

Dear St Damian Family & Visitors,

It is my great joy to thank you for your support of our 2023 Feast of St Damian celebrations with Masses and Dinner Dance at Loyola Companions Hall. It was a wonderful success and witness to the faith of our parish community. The proceeds of our feast day celebrations will be used for the Solar Panell System in the short future.

On behalf of St Damian's Community, I would like to express my gratitude to those who donated: Cash donations by parishioners & Visitors - **Gift Certificate:** Rejuvenate by Loida & Michael Kanniah – **Gift Vouchers:** Bakers Delight Bundoora, Café Lucio, Bundoora Fine Fruits, High Tea Parliament House, Bundoora Florist, KFC -Bundoora, Bundoora Hotel, Paddy's Meats, Burgertory Bundoora, Smokin's Joe's – **Gift Cards:** Bunnings Thomastown, Maney's Dumplings, Coles Bundoora Square, Olivia Andrew Leon, Coles Uni Hill, Woolworths Polaris & Bundoora – **Gift bags:** Bundoora News Agency, Priceline Bundoora, Canon Wireless Printer from Officeworks Bundoora - **Other prizes:** Laurie & Lynette O'shea, Trinh Lanh, Mrs Chi & Edwin Shareen -Various Battles of Wine, Frozen Dessert Maker, & Canon Pixma Wireless Printer.

Thanks to our special guest performers: The Smooth Rhythm & The Highflier Bands. Also, I would like to express my deepest thanks to our Dinner Dance Team: Jenny & Joven Mercado, Paul Bezzina, Carlos & Carmelita Manabat, Marie-Jones, Loida & Michael Kanniah, and Dianne Stubbs (Parish Secretary) & also thank to Michael Mackowiah and John Borg who aided for the Parking Attendants, Loida & her team had provided a photo booth; Joven Mercado had provided the Power-Point at the Hall Decoration; Shay & Loida – The Photographers for the night & created the PowerPoint for this weekend.

Last But Not Least. To all parishioners, visitors, & friends who participated to set up for Dinner Dance & volunteered and all those who aided behind the scenes to make our St Damian's Feast Day truly a celebration.

I'd like to take this opportunity encouraging you all to continue to support our parish with your presence, prayers, and financial support. Our unity and coming together as one community and as family of God is to reflect of what God calls us to be. We are a vibrant community of faith, empowered to serve God and grow together as missionary disciples. I would like to present to you our feast day fundraising results:

Total Income: \$ 27, 979

Total Expenses: \$ 12, 758

May the Lord reward you with His bountiful blessings for your generosity!

St. Damian, pray for us!

Fr Joe Dong Tran PP

Rosters for 30th Sept & 1st October

Mass Time	Reader/Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety Shop	Counters	Readers/ Responders Eucharist / Welcomers, . . .
5.30pm	M. Joyce J. Granagan	J. Mercado M. Spiteri E. Taylor	D. Whyley	G. Mee R. Mee	Please gather
8.00am	M. Thavarajah C. Love	K. Keating V. Smith I. Thavarajah	S. Watson	Supervisor M. Sweetman	together in the
10.00am	J. Sobey B. Walter	N. Cardamone L. Careri P. Del Popolo	K. Vandenhven		Sacristy about 15 Minutes prior to Mass. Eucharist Ministers— please remember that you are also

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.

VIEW OUR NEWSLETTER EACH WEEK ON OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.MELBCATHOLIC.ORG/S/BUNDOORA

Gospel Reflection for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

On this 25th Sunday, we reflect on the unimaginable ways and love of God. This love is incalculable by any human standard. All the readings of today have one thing in common, God's Love for us.

In the first reading, Isaiah invites us to *"Seek the Lord while he is still to be found; call to him while he is still near, and let the wicked man abandon his way..."* We see a God who expresses his love for his people and continues to search for us. A God, who cares and is ready to welcome us.

St. Paul, in the second reading, expresses the love that he has for God and for the Gospel. He longed to be with Christ. However, he also wanted to live, because of his love for his brothers and children in faith. Hence, Paul's answer to life's most profound dilemma is, *"to live, is Christ, and to die, is gain."* Love for Christ, the good news, and for our brethren must motivate all our actions. It must be the source of our strength.

Through this, dying or living for God, or for our brethren will no longer be a tragedy for us. Rather, it would be a witness to the gospel. It would become an expression of our love for others.

And in today's Gospel, our Lord, Jesus Christ presents to us with a dilemma. How could the employer pay everyone the same amount? It was difficult for the first group of workers to understand just as it would be for most of us today. The key to understanding the action of the owner of the vineyard in this parable, is in the first reading of today. God reminds us that: *"My thoughts are not your thought, and my ways are not your ways."*

What we see in today's gospel of action, is simply the justice of God. His justice is governed by his generosity and unconditional love for all. His action towards the last group of workers shows that he is not acting in accordance with strict justice, or economics.

Rather, he is motivated by love and generosity towards all that responds to his invitation. To all, he will pay the same wage because his love is unconditional. His reward does not depend on when he called anyone, but on his generous, and unimaginable love for all.

Finally, what matters is that the Lord is close to all who respond to his invitation. It does not matter how and when. His love is for all. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran PP

BAPTISM



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

COMBINED CATHOLIC RAFFLE 2023

Next weekend tickets will be available to purchase, For \$2.00 each. First Prize a CAR (KIA Picanto.) You can purchase after each Mass in the Church Foyer.

Have You Been Thinking About Becoming Catholic? Are you married to a Catholic? Are your children Catholic? Do you feel it is time to enquire further into the Catholic faith?

The Church welcomes all people who genuinely search for God. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is designed for people who feel a call to know more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith. The RCIA is a process for preparing adults for Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist (Holy Communion). It is also for those who have been baptized (in any Christian faith) who wish to complete their Initiation into the Catholic Church.

It involves a series of sessions learning about the life of Jesus through the Gospels, to discuss what His message means for us in everyday life and to enlighten, inform and discuss Catholic beliefs and practices. Please feel free to contact the Parish Office on 9467 2797 for any further information

ANointing MASS:

St. James 5:14-15 in his letter says: *"Is any among you sick? Let him call for the presbyters of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."*

I write to inviting you if you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick and it will be held in **our St. Damian's Church on Tuesday September 26 at 9:15am Mass, followed by a light cuppa in Dunlop Room afterward.**

This sacrament has a powerful effect upon the sick person (CCC 1520-21):

- Strengthening, peace and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness or the frailty of old age".
- "Healing of the soul, but also of the body if such is God's will.
- Forgiveness of sin.
- "Union with the passion of Christ." One's suffering becomes "a participation in the saving work of Jesus."
- Allows the sick person, by their suffering, to "contribute to the good of the People of God," building up the holiness of the Church and all people.
- "A preparation for the final journey."

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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