



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

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 22nd SEPTEMBER 2024

THIS WEEKEND

Wis 2:12, 17-20

James 3:16-4:3

Mk 9:30-37

NEXT WEEK

Num 11:25-29

James 5:1-6

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon 23rd September: St Pius of Pietrelcina

Fri 27th September: St Vincent de Paul

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

PSALM

The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth.

For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God.

But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good.

The Lord upholds my life.

Recent Deaths: Edilberta Samson

Anniversaries:

Sick: Sharon Barber, Jass Russel, Judy Cousins, Jon Walker

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.



Reflection on the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

We are on the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, our readings this week invite us to reflect on themes of jealousy, ambition, humility, and true greatness.

Book of Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 – The Righteous Are a Challenge: In the first reading, the wicked plot against the righteous, finding them inconvenient and challenging to their way of life. The righteous person, who trusts in God, becomes a target for persecution simply because they live a life that exposes the wickedness of others. This reading calls us to reflect on how we live as Christians in a world that may oppose our values. Sometimes, standing up for what is right means facing criticism or opposition.

James 3:16-4:3 - The Root of Conflicts: Selfish Ambition: St. James speaks of the destructive power of jealousy, selfishness, and ambition. Where these are present, disorder and evil flourish. Instead, James encourages us to seek wisdom from above, which is pure, peaceful, gentle, and full of mercy. He also warns us that the root of our conflicts often lies in selfish desires.

Mark 9:30-37 - True Greatness in Humility: In the Gospel, Jesus predicts His Passion, but the disciples are distracted, arguing over who among them is the greatest. Jesus corrects them by teaching that true greatness comes from being the servant of all. He uses the example of a child, a symbol of humility, to illustrate the kind of attitude His followers should have.

So dear friends, these readings challenge us to reflect on our motives, ambitions, and how we live out our faith. Are we driven by selfish desires, or are we striving to serve others with humility? Let us embrace the wisdom of God and follow the example of Christ, who showed us that true greatness is found in service and love for others. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Roster: 28th & 29th September 2024

Mass Time	Reader / Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety	Counters	Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers
5.30pm	D. Whyley M. Joyce	M. Jones W. Fernando P. Cosgrove	E. Macmanus	G. Mee R. Mee	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.
8.00am	J. North C. Fitzgerald	S. Aldridge M. Beverley J. Fellowes	A. Sharkey	Supervisor M. Sweetman	
10.00am	J. Sobey N. Matthews	S. Gooneratne P. Del Popolo L. Careri	K. Vandenhoven	Ministries	

ST DAMIAN'S PARISH FEAST DINNER DANCE

Dear Parishioners, as all of you have seen in our Parish News over the last several months, our **Parish Feast Dinner Dance** will be held on **Friday, October 25**, at **Casa D'Abruzzo, Epping**.

I understand that some parishioners may wish to attend but are unable to drive at night. If you would like to **car pool**, please kindly let us know, and we can help organize transportation for you.

Please Contact the Parish Office on 9467 2797.

Since most of you are already familiar with the details, I won't repeat them here. However, please remember that the **due date to purchase tickets is Monday, September 30**. Thank you so much for your ongoing support and care for our St. Damian community. St. Damian, pray for us.

Parish Team

ST DAMIAN'S YOUTH CHOIR

Dear Young Friends,

I'm reaching out to invite you to join the St. Damian's Youth Choir. We truly need your voices and energy! Don't hesitate - if you're ready to be part of something special, simply fill out your details on the form available in the Parish Foyer. Thank you, and we look forward to having you with us!

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value of @ \$500 each**

RAFFLE DRAWN 7th December 2024

Tickets \$ 2.00 Each

Ticket sales close Monday

7th November 2024

To purchase tickets please contact Parish Office.

Tue - Thurs 10.00am to 3.00pm

& Friday 10.00 am to 1pm

Bundoora@cam.org.au or Phone 9467-2797

Thank you for your support

**\$1.50 of each ticket sold goes directly
to St Damian's Parish**

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Please save the date for **Friday, 27th September**, as we will be celebrating the **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** during our **9:15 am Morning Mass**. I warmly invite you to bring your loved ones, friends, and anyone in need of healing and prayer to join us for this special occasion. After the Mass, we will gather for morning tea in the Dunlop Room. I look forward to seeing you all there. God bless!

FEAST DAY OF ST DAMIAN

Dear Parishioners,

Our parish will officially celebrate the Feast Day of St. Damian on 26th September. Since it falls on a weekday, we will observe the Feast during our weekend Masses on 28th-29th September, focusing primarily on the liturgy.

Additionally, we look forward to celebrating together at our Parish Feast Dinner Dance on 25th October at Casa D'Abruzzo. May St. Damian, our Patron Saint, continue to intercede for us and our loved ones

ELECTION OCTOBER 2024

As Safeguarding Coordinator at St Damian's Parish, I am excited to announce my candidacy for Councillor in the City of Whittlesea Bundoora Ward this October.

I would be honoured to have your vote.

As a passionate advocate for family values and children's safety, I promise to make issues my top priority at Council.

I am committed to creating a safe and supportive community where families can thrive.

I appreciate your support and look forward to serving our community. God bless.



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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