



St Damian's Catholic Church

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WEEKENDS

Saturday Evening: 5.30pm

Sunday Morning: 8.00am & 10.00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday: no Mass

Tuesday: 9.15am

Wednesday: 9.15am

Thursday: 9.15am & Divine Mercy

Friday: 9.15am

First Saturday: 9.15am Mass & Divine Mercy

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.00pm

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday at 11.30am after Mass.

Preparation 1st Wednesday each month at 5.30pm in the Dunlop Room. Parents must 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, 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

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, 9th November 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12
1 Cor3:9-11,16-17
John 2:13-22

NEXT WEEK

Malachi 3:19-20
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Luke 21:5-19

SRI LANKEN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :
Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.
Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 10th Nov—St Leo the Great
Tues 11th Nov— St Martin of Tours
Wed 12th Nov—St Josaphat

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house,
says the Lord, that my name may remain in
it for all time.

Alleluia!

PSALM

The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

God is for us a refuge and strength, a helper close at hand, in time of distress, so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea.

The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within, it cannot be shaken; God will help it at the dawning of the day.

The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come, consider the works of the Lord, the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth.

The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

Recent Deaths: Beverley Kerr

Anniversaries: Catharina Langelaan, Christofer and Anasthasia Silva Pulle; Anna & Benedict Silva Pulle; Rosa & Philip Peris. Giuseppe Favrin (Snr), Luigi Vigilante

Sick : Angelo Trinidad, Norma Frendo, Teresa Munoz, E. Cruz, B. Cruz, Lottie Constantino

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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.



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...) *Children should never be alone in the car park or playground. *Please keep valuable personal belongings with you (purses, glasses, phones, etc...) and double check before leaving your seat, even briefly during Communion*

REFLECTION – DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Dear friends in Christ,

Usually, we think of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome as the Pope's cathedral, but today's feast reminds us that the true cathedral of the Bishop of Rome is the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, dedicated in 324 by Pope Sylvester I. Known as *"Mother and Head of all Churches in Rome and in the World,"* it stands as a sign of unity between the local and universal Church. Throughout history, this basilica has endured earthquakes, fires, wars, and even corruption, yet it still stands, strong and renewed. In that way, it mirrors the Church herself: wounded, purified, yet sustained by the Spirit of Christ.

The first reading from Ezekiel (47:1-2, 8-9,12) offers a powerful image: water flowing from the Temple, bringing life wherever it goes. This river is a symbol of God's grace that flows through the Church into the world. Wherever the Spirit of Christ is welcomed, there is healing, fruitfulness, and renewal. The Lateran Basilica, like every parish church, is meant to be that place where the living water of God's mercy flows into human hearts.

St. Paul in 1 *Corinthians* 3:9-11,16-17 reminds us that *we ourselves are God's building, God's temple,* and that Christ alone is the foundation. Every believer is a living stone in this spiritual temple, called to holiness and to reflect God's glory. The feast today, therefore, is not only about bricks and marble, but about us, the baptized who together form the Body of Christ. Like any structure, we sometimes need repair and rebuilding. This happens through conversion, prayer, forgiveness, and charity.

In the Gospel of St John 2:13-22, Jesus cleanses the Temple, revealing his zeal for the Father's house and pointing to the true Temple, his own Body which would be destroyed and raised up in three days. The Risen Christ now dwells not in stone buildings but in hearts renewed by his Spirit. Every time we receive the Eucharist, listen to his Word, or experience reconciliation, the Lord rebuilds and strengthens the temple of our soul.

As we celebrate this feast, let us thank God for the visible temples where we worship, but above all, let us allow Christ to purify and renew the inner temple of our hearts, so that the living water of his Spirit may flow through us, bringing life and hope to the world. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Roster 15th & 16th November 2025

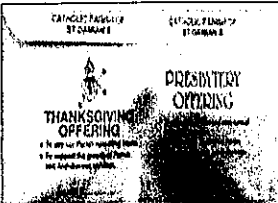
Time	Readers	Eucharist/ Welcome	Counters
5.30pm	J. Mercado J. Borg	T. Garcia W. Fernando E. Taylor	B. Keating T. Garcia
8.00am	T. Shebaul Sr. Nelia	C. Love M. Sweeman S. Aldridge	Supervisor
10.00am	J. Venturini P. Bezzina	R. Sacco P. Gill E. Jones	M. Jones  Ministries

Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers

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.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORTING OF OUR PARISH

Dear Parishioners and Donors,

As we have now completed our Offertory Thanksgiving Envelopes Program, I would like, as your parish priest, to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your ongoing support of St. Damian's Parish community.

A special word of thanks to Dianne, our Parish Secretary, and to Daniel Wise, Fundraising Officer from the Office of Development and Philanthropy, who have both worked diligently to organize the program using our PACEM System (Parish Administration and Engagement Management). This system, operated by the Archdiocesan IT Office, is secure and fully trustworthy. Access is strictly limited to the parish priest and the parish secretary. We are pleased to see that this program has shown a slight increase in participation and giving - a wonderful sign of your generosity and commitment.

I would also like to explain a small change in the envelopes you have recently received. This time, each Thanksgiving envelope includes two sections:

1. The green section is for supporting the Church. These contributions are recorded in our parish system.
2. The orange section is for supporting the priest. These offerings are not recorded and are considered a personal gift to the priest to assist with daily living expenses.
3. Every three months, the priest contributes 25% of this income to support the Archbishop, retired priests, and the Priests' Remuneration Fund.

If you have any questions or would like further clarification, please don't hesitate to contact Fr. Joe Dong at (03) 9467 2797. Once again, thank you all for your continued generosity and faith-filled support. May God bless you and your families abundantly.

With gratitude and prayers,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P. P

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2025

LAST WEEKEND TO PURCHASE TICKETS

Please return any sold or unsold tickets to the Parish office asap. All tickets are required to be sent back to the organiser by **Friday 14th November**.

So all tickets can be included in the Draw for the **6th December 2025**.

Get your tickets now for a chance to win amazing prizes while supporting our parish project to purchase a Christmas Nativity.

Prizes:

- @. 1st Prize: A brand-new **Kia Picanto**
- @. 2nd Prize: Gift card valued at **\$5,000**
- @. 3rd Prize: Gift card valued at **\$3,000**
- @. 4th & 5th Prizes: Gift cards valued at **\$1,000** each
- @. 6th & 7th Prizes: Gift cards valued at **\$500** each

1st PRIZE!!



Tickets: Only \$2.00 each from every ticket sold, \$1.50 goes directly to our parish project.

Draw Date: Saturday, 6th December 2025. Your generosity helps us bring the joy of Christmas alive with a new Nativity for our parish.

Thank you for your kind support!

St Damian's Ladies' Lunch.

The next lunch catch up is on Tuesday, 18th November at 12 o'clock at the Watsonia RSL.

All are welcome to come and join us. Ring or text Sarita (9467 2531 or 0434 581 948) to book or for any inquiries.



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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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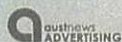
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MERCURY

ST DAMIAN'S CHURCH 2025 – YEAR A CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**MISA DE GALLO – SIMBANG GABI
9 DAYS NOVENA MASSES BEFORE CHRISTMAS!
16-24 December at 7:00PM**



24TH DEC: WEDNESDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE

6.30pm Christmas Carols

7.00pm Family Mass

Celebrant Bishop Rene Ramirez

9:30pm Christmas Carols

10:00pm Christmas Eve Mass



25TH DEC: THURSDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00am & 10:00am Christmas Masses

Email: Bundoora@cam.org.au

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✽ **MISA DE GALLO, 2025**

Simbang Gabi

**9 – DAY NOVENA MASSES ✽
BEFORE CHRISTMAS AT 7:00 PM.**



With Priest Celebrants

Tues 16 Dec: *Fr. Florentino* (Boy)

Wed 17 Dec: *Fr. Jan Szweda*

Thurs 18 Dec: *Mons. Joselito Cerna Asis*

Fri 19 Dec: *Fr. Jan Szweda*

Sat 20 Dec: *Fr. Robin Lomangkok*

Sun 21 Dec: *Fr. Joe Dong P.P*

Mon 22 Dec: *Fr. Florentino* (Boy)

Tue 23 Dec: *Fr. Simeon Anthony*

Wed 24 Dec 7:00 PM - Celebrant Bishop Rene Ramirez

St Damian's Church - Please bring a plate to share after the Mass

PLEASE NOTE: NO 9:15AM MASS FROM 16-24 DECEMBER

ANOINTING MASS:

1st Saturday 6th December: 9:15am Mass & Sacrament of the Anointing.

Followed with light morning tea in the Dunlop Room.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:

Thursday 11th December: 1st Rite & 2nd Rite at 7:30pm

THANKSGIVING MASS & DINNER:

Friday 12th December: Thanksgiving Mass - 7:00pm, followed dinner in the hall.

Volunteers & their families are warmly invited.

ADVENT PRAYER MEETINGS:

Praying the Scriptures in Advent with Priest and Deacon

7.30pm - 8.30pm at Dunlop Room

Wednesdays: 3rd and 10th December!