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READING

Is 63:16-17
1 Cor 1:3-9
Mk 13:33-37

NEXT WEEK

Is 40:1-5, 9-11
2 Pet 3:8-14
Mk 1:1-8

PSALM

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help.

FEAST DAY DURING THE WEEK

Thur 7th Dec: St Ambrose

Fri 8th Dec: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.

GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again: give us Life that we may call upon your name.

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Recent Deaths :

Anniversaries : Giuseppina Garra, Vittorio Gizzi, Irma Gizzi, Jason Howard

Sick:: Dennis Carter, Joven, Anita Gentile, Paul Long , Louisa, Virginia, Samuel Sughihto, Emman Paneda

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

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, phones, etc...) and double check before leaving your seat, even briefly during Communion.

Safeguarding of children and vulnerable young people

INVITATION TO ST. DAMIAN’S ADVENT RETREAT

PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR CHRISTMAS



Dear St. Damian’s Parishioners and Visitors,

Today is the first Sunday of Advent and of a new liturgical calendar, year B. Remarkably, as we begin a new liturgical year today, we move from the gospel according to St. Matthew’s to the gospel according to St. Mark, the shortest of the four canonical Gospels.

Advent is a season of hope and a period during which as Christians we await the fulfillment of the promise of God through his prophets. In addition to being a season of hope, it is equally, a season of patience and prayer. During these four weeks, what are we expected to do? We are expected to prepare for the birth of the Messiah, the Son of God. It suffices to note that while we prepare physically, the most important must be the spiritual preparation.

This Advent season provides us with a beautiful opportunity to prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus, the embodiment of God’s love, who desires to be with us - Emmanuel: “God is with us.” To aid us in this preparation, our parish has collaborated with the Melbourne Archdiocesan Proclaim Office to facilitate a day of spiritual rejuvenation.

The Full Day Advent Retreat will be held on Saturday, December 9th, commencing at 10:00 AM and concluding at 4:00 PM. A nourishing lunch and tea will be provided for all participants.

I warmly invite each one of you to join me for this inspired and meaningful event. It promises to be a time of deep reflection, prayerful contemplation, and spiritual growth. Whether you can attend the entire day or only part of it, your presence will undoubtedly add to the richness of our retreat experience.

Furthermore, I encourage you to bring your families and friends along. The more hearts we unite in this retreat, the more profound its impact will be.

Let’s embark on this journey together, preparing our hearts to welcome the love and light of Christ into our lives this Advent season.

With anticipation and joy,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran
Parish

Priest

Parish Priest

Rosters for 9th & 10th December 2023

Mass Time	Reader/Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety Shop	Counters	Ministries
5.30pm	S. Gooneratne J. Noonan	N. Nugent M. Spiteri E. Taylor	E. Macmanus C. Fitzgerald	E. Manalansan N. Manlansan	
8.00am	J. North C. Love	V. Smith Sr Candida M. Sweetman	S. O’Cpnnor	Supervisor T. Frazer	
10.00am	J.Sobey J. Venturini	L. Careri W. Mc Eleney R. Sacco			

Readers/
Responders
Eucharist /
Welcomers,,
Please gather
together in the
Sacristy about
15 Minutes
prior to
Mass.
Eucharist
Ministers—
please
remember that
you are also
welcoming
parishioners &
visitors &
handing out the
newsletters

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

BAPTISMS



and we welcome into the family of
St Damian's Annette Bain who is being baptised.
May God keep her family always in His Love

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 6th 13th , 20th December

Advent Gospel Reflection: Meeting, Every Wednesday
after evening Mass from 7.00pm— 8.30pm

Thursday 7th December

Healing Mass at 9.15am Mass with morning tea in the
Dunlop Room.

Friday the 8th December

Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers

Friday 8th December at 7.00 pm, followed by supper
in the hall.

Saturday 9th December

Advent Retreat led by the Proclaim Office
10.00am to 4.00pm, Venue St Damian's Parish

Friday 15th December @ 7.00pm

3rd Rite & Individual Confession if you wish.

Saturday 16th December

Christmas Preparation Working Bee at 9.00 to
11.30am

Friday 22nd December

Christmas Carols Prayer Service @ 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Sunday 24th December

Christmas Eve Mass , Carols at 6.00pm Mass at
6.30pm

Christmas Eve Mass, Carols at 9.00pm Mass at
9.30pm

Monday 25th December, Christmas Day

8.00am & 10.00 am Christmas Mass

Saturday 30th December

Feast of the Holy Family, 5.30pm

Sunday 31st December

Feast of the Holy Family 8.00am & 10.00am

Monday 1st January 2024

Mary, the Holy Mother of God, 7.00pm Mass

During January normal weekday and weekend Masses
Program..

THE PIETY SHOP

Many beautiful Nativities are now available as are
a variety of Christmas ornaments and cards in
packets of five, eight or ten. Also in stock is the
2024 Columban Calendar at only \$10.00. The
calendar would make an excellent gift for family
and friends, and helps to support the missionaries.
Thank you.

1st Collection: Thanksgiving Offering To support:

Parish running costs , Parish pastoral initiatives
Diocesan and various services.

BSB: 083347 Account: 660192933

When making a donation please add your Envelope number in
the narrative if you have one. We appreciate all donations.
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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 

Combined Catholic Raffle
Drawn This Weekend

Thank you to everyone who has purchased
Raffle tickets this year and supported St
Damian's
Parish. Good Luck



ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

For our Christmas offering we are
requesting any of the following.

The school children of St Damian's
have been so generous that we have
enough presents for small children .but
we we would love to receive Retail
Store Gift Vouchers for teenagers, this
would be much appreciated.

Donations by cash and credit card
would also be greatly received. All
donations can be delivered to a
container beside the Christmas tree in
the Church. The gifts will be
distributed among the need in the
Parish whose parents cannot afford to
buy presents.

There are many families doing it tough
at present, so help would be much
appreciated.

We celebrated a successful lunch on 21st November.
The many ladies who attended enjoyed a nice meal and
lots of chatter. Thank you to all who came and hope to see
you again next year.

Our 2024 dates are 3rd Tuesday of...February (20th) ,
May (21st) 20 August , November (19th).

Thanks to Everyone Sarita

RSVP: For Catering Purposes

Please

Contact Dianne:

9467 2797 or bundoor@cam.org.au

2nd Collection Presbytery Offering To support:

Fr. Dong Tran, Sick and retired priests ,
Priests in needy parishes Archbishop & auxiliary
bishops . **BSB: 083347 Account: 661001801**
When making a donation please add your
Envelope number in the narrative if you have one.
We appreciate all donations.



FROM THE
OFFICE

Attention Counters & Supervisors



Please pick up your copy of the new roster in the box located in the foyer.



Attention: Readers & Eucharist Ministers.
Please pick up your copy of the new roster in the box located in the foyer.



LENT

Congratulations to the children from our parish as they

receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Mass this Sunday at 5.30pm and 10.00am

Welcome Cuppa after 10am Mass next week



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Welcome Sunday Confirmation



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Fasten's Day



Attention: Readers & Eucharist Ministers.
New rosters are being prepared for July to December. If you have any changes, please contact the Parish Office by Tuesday 14th June.

ITALIAN MASS

will be held this Monday
7th March

Welcome Cuppa after 10am Mass next week

COMBINED CATHOLIC RAFFLE TICKETS TO BE RETURNED

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



Parish Special Collection. This weekend we will be conducting the Annual Collection for the Holy Father Please support this appeal.



For the new giving period are available for collection at the Church. A reminder to those who pledge by contributions — your statement of giving is in the basket for collection also. Thank you for your continued pledges always welcome.



LADY OF FATIMA STATUE

If anyone would like to have Our Lady's Statue at home, please call the Parish Office.



LEAVING COLLECTION: This weekend we are having leaving collection for Catholic Deaf. Thank you for your generosity!

CONGRATULATIONS



Priest Retirement Foundation

Thank you for contributing \$1,428 to the Father's Day appeal.



Join our Christian Life Program (CLP)

Program is available for married couples, (single adults age 21 and above are also welcome)

Starting on 14 Mar. 2010, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM, St. Damian's Parish Church, Dunlop Room



We welcome children from our parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

We, the parishioners of St. Damian's, pray for these children as they prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We pray, that we may be good examples of forgiveness and healing in the way we live our lives. May God bless these children as they continue on their faith journey.



Presentation of Reconciliation Children

This weekend we welcome all the Children who are attending

Mass for their Presentation of Reconciliation to the St. Damian's Parish. May God keep their families always in His Love.

First Eucharist at St Damian's
Congratulations to the children from our Parish as they receive the sacrament of Eucharist on Saturday at the 5.30pm Mass .

St Vincent De Paul Appeal

Thank you for contributing \$989.80 to the appeal last weekend. Your generosity is appreciated.



Mother's Day

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

Attention all ladies in the parish. Our next meeting is Monday May 2nd, 10.30am in the Dunlop Room.



Australian Catholics Magazine

Copies of the Summer 2011 Edition are now available in the Church foyer for you to take home



St Vincent de Paul Society

Ladies

Dinner on Tuesday 6.30pm at Green R.S.L.. All ladies are welcome to Enquiries and Sarita on 9467



Project Compassion Boxes
available in the Church Foyer



THANK YOU Envelopes

We would like to thank a parishioner for her donation towards flowers in the Church. It is wonderful to have beautiful flowers and we appreciate her generosity.



BAPTISMS

This weekend we welcome into the family of St Damian's Olivia Lucia Vescio and Noah Lucas Walsh who are being baptised. May God keep their families always in His Love



Please let us know if you would like the parish to pray for you. CatholicCare would like to thank St Damian's Parish Community for contributing \$865.95 to their **Annual Church Appeal**. Your generosity is appreciated.



COUPLES FOR CHRIST

St Anthony of Padua Feast Day

Presented by the Italian Committee

Sunday 13th June 2.30pm

St. Damian's Church

Mass will be celebrated with Fr. Vito

Pegolo. We pray that You continue to guide and support our

the Bread, Blessing of the children and

St. Anthony Stall. Refreshments in the

Dunlop Room afterwards. Everyone Welcome!



Archbishop's Pentecost letter for Youth 2011

Please take a copy of the Archbishop Denis Hart Pentecost Letter, "Planted and Built Up in Jesus Christ—Firm in the Faith (Col 2:7)" which are available in the Church foyer



ST DAMIAN'S PLAYGROUP have places available for this year. The Playgroup runs on Fridays at 9.30am to 11.30am. If you are interested please pick up an enrolment form from the Parish Office between 10.00am -3.00pm Tuesday to Friday.



Holy Week
Look kindly on all Candidates for Confirmation. They listen to Your voice. They follow Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the that You have begun in them.

As we think of our Candidate make us an instrument of Your love. To see what is holy in others and to be p help us to pass on faith as we lead by



Communion to the Sick Group. This Group administers the Eucharist and visits patients at Bundoora Extended Care and Vasey House. Some of our members also visit Parishioners in their homes. Anyone who would like to join our Ministry please contact the Parish Office on 9467 2797.

Congratulations On Your Confirmation

Congratulations to the Children today as they receive the sacrament of Confirmation this weekend on Saturday at 2.00 pm .



Thank You

We would like to thank the St Damian's Italian Committee for their donation of \$4,000 towards a new organ for the Church.



Congratulations to the children from our parish as they receive the Sacrament of Eucharist this weekend at 10.00am Mass



CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

Attention all ladies in the parish. Our next meeting is Monday August 29th, 10.30am in the Dunlop Room.



Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable

People at St Damian's Parish

The emotional, physical and spiritual safety, wellbeing and dignity of children is an integral part of the teachings and values of the Catholic Church. St Damian's Parish is committed to ensuring the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, and acknowledges its important legal, moral and spiritual responsibility to create a safe and nurturing environment for those children.

Happy Fathers Day !!!

St Damian's Parish Safeguarding Committee has very clear expectations in matters relating to child protection and expects children will be protected from all forms of harm including sexual, physical and psychological harm, ill treatment and neglect.

Please Collect your Envelopes

Envelopes for the new giving period are available for collection at the back of the Church. Thank you for your St Damian's Safeguarding Committee can be contacted via the Parish Office. Bundoora@cam.org.au or 9467 2797 or you access more information:

Catholic Mission

Thank you for contributing \$1,278.10 to the Annual World Mission Day Appeal

BAPTISM

This weekend, we welcome into the family of St Damian's, Akira Bui, Cora Baude are being baptised. May God keep their families always in his love.



ST DAMIAN'S 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.

Let our God deepen our love and strengthen our faith. Jesus,

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Amen



TRIVIA NIGHT—SATURDAY 22nd October

A Trivia Night will be held in the Parish/School Hall on Saturday 22nd October from 7.00pm. Join us for a great night of entertainment and fun with fabulous prizes to be won. Tickets are \$10 per person (tables of 10)

Flyers available in Church Foyer
Hope you can join us, to make this a Parish event.

2011 Carols by Candlelight Committee

ST DAMIAN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS DINNER DANCE

Presented by the Italian committee

A NIGHT OF FINE FOOD & DANCING

Saturday 19th November

6.00 pm –12.00am

Greenville Reception

13 Green Street, Thomastown

Cost \$40.00 for adults, \$22 for child

\$8.00 for children 7 yrs and under.

5 course meal with wine, beer and soft drinks.

ALL WELCOME

For further information or bookings call Anita
9467 4131, Lucia 9467 2242 or Rosa 9404 4388

PICK UP A FLYER IN THE CHURCH FOYER



Wedding

tions to Laurence Roche and Vy Tran on
ge at St Damian's last weekend. May God
Bless them always.



St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

This week we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent and it's the time to remember to pick up your "hamper item card" from under the tree. We ask that you return your contributions by the weekend of Dec. 10/11th, as we shall be putting the hampers together during the week following. We look forward to your usual generosity in supporting our Christmas Appeal.

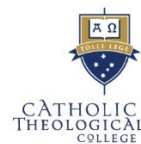


ST DAMIAN'S PARISH WORKING BEE

Saturday 10th December . 9.00am—11.00am.

We need you to help clean up Parish grounds Please come along and help clean and bring your own gardening gloves and equipment.





Join us to
celebrate 50 years of theological education at the

Sung Celebration of Evening Prayer

Guest Speaker **Dr Graeme Blackman AO**
Chancellor of University of Divinity

Date: **Sunday 5th March 2023 at 3.30pm**
Location: **St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne**

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