

St Damian's Catholic Church

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WELCOME TO ST DAMIAN'S

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

Saturdays 5.00pm and First Friday 10.00am

BAPTISMS

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

Preparation 1st Wednesday each month at

6.30pm 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

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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

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT, 15TH MARCH 2026

THIS WEEKEND

1 Sam 16:1,6-7, 10-13

Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41

NEXT WEEK

Ezek 37:12-14

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45

PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give
me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my
life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SRI LANKAN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues 17th March: St Patrick

Thur : 19th March : St Joseph

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! !

Recent Deaths: Rocco Gentile, Maria, Shane

Anniversaries: Elda Cantatore, Marcolina Lucci

Sick : Diana Whyllay, Helen Mc Kinery,

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...) *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*

God sees the blind man

In the Gospel, a man is blind from birth. Every day he sits by the roadside, depending on others, living in darkness since the day he was born. Many people pass by him. Some pity him, others judge him. They wonder whose sin has caused his blindness.

In many ways, people who can see, become blind because of social barriers. These are the barriers that divide people—the poor and the rich, the disabled and the capable, the foolish and the intelligent. Many often fail to see others as they truly are. Instead, they see others through the filters of their expectations, their assumptions, and their judgments.

But when Jesus sees him, he does not see a problem that needs to be explained. Jesus does not see a case that needs to be fixed. He sees a person through whom God's grace could be revealed.

In the Gospel, Jesus sees a man born blind. Yet he does not stop at the man's poor appearance or the social shame he carries. Beyond the wounds and burdens that society has placed upon him, Jesus sees the man at the depth of his being—the beloved son in whom the glory of God will shine.

Seeing Life Through the Eyes of Jesus:

The disciples see a problem.

The neighbors see a beggar.

The Pharisees see a violation of the Sabbath.

But Jesus sees something entirely different. He sees a person in whom God's glory will shine.

The blind man's life, which seemed like a story of limitation and darkness, becomes the very special story where God reveals light. What others see as failure, Jesus sees as possibility. What others see as weakness, Jesus sees as a doorway for grace.

At the end of the Gospel, a deeper transformation takes place. When Jesus heals the blind man, the miracle is not only about restored eyesight. Something far greater happens.

The man who was first seen by God now gradually comes to see God through the face of Jesus. Step by step, his eyes—and his heart—are opened to see the living God. This is the moment when God's light begins to shine into every corner of his soul.

Deacon Huy Huynh, CSsR.

ROSTER: 21st & 22nd March 2026

Time	READERS	EUCCHARIST
5.30pm	J. Favrin P. Cosgrove	L. Gooneratne W. Fernando D. Mash
8.00am	L. Starvaggi O. Carvalho	A. Dalla- Vecchia V. Dalla- Vecchia J. North
10.00am	P. Gill J. Mercado	C. Manabat P. Del Popolo R. Sacco

COUNTERS

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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.

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. 

WELCOME LOYOLA COLLEGE STAFF & STUDENTS: Friends, this weekend we warmly welcome students, staff and families from Loyola College to our 10am Mass. Morning tea will follow in the Dunlop Room. All are welcome!

A SAD NEWS: Friends, many of you will know **Rocco Gentile**, who passed away last Monday at 4:42am at Estia Health Diamond Creek. His funeral will be held in our church on **Wednesday 18 March**, beginning with viewing at **11:30am**, followed by the **Rosary and Funeral Mass**. Our heartfelt condolences to Rocco's family. **May he rest in peace.**

CHRISM MASS: This year, Peter Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne, will celebrate the **Chrism Mass** on **Tuesday 31 March at 10:00am** at St Patrick's Cathedral. Please note that **there will be no morning Mass in our parish on this day**. Thank you for your understanding.

BAPTISM: This weekend, our community warmly welcomes **Thomas Juric, Emaya Sanduli Fernando** and their families as they receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Let us keep Thomas in our prayers.



RECONCILIATION PRESENTATION

March 21, 5:30pm -

Presentation of 1st Reconciliation Children

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: This weekend, we warmly welcome **Zac**, who will celebrate the **Second Scrutiny**, a key step in his journey toward **Baptism at the Easter Vigil**. Let us keep him in our prayers.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

The **Sacrament of Confession** is one of the most important ways we prepare our hearts to celebrate the mystery of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Through this sacrament, God's mercy cleanses us from our daily sins and renews our spiritual lives so that we may welcome Christ with a pure and joyful heart as we approach **Good Friday** and **Easter Sunday**.

As your parish priest, I warmly invite everyone to participate in our **Confession Night on Friday, 20 March at 7:30 PM** at **St Damian's Church**. To make this opportunity more accessible, I will invite two additional priests to help hearing confessions.

You may choose the form that is most comfortable for you:

- **First Rite:** Individual confession, face to face with the priest.
- **Second Rite:** Communal celebration, where you come forward as you would for Holy Communion, briefly confess your sins, and receive absolution.

All are warmly invited to experience God's forgiveness and peace.

Fr. Joe Dong Tran PP 

PASCHAL TRIDUUM MASSES AT ST DAMIAN'S PARISH

In the Catholic tradition, the **Paschal Triduum** is the most sacred time of the Church's year. The word **Paschal** comes from the Jewish Passover (*Pascha*), and **Triduum** means "three days." These days celebrate the central mystery of the Christian faith: the **Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ**. Although celebrated over three days, they form **one single saving event**. Through prayer, Scripture, and liturgy, the Church enters into the mystery of Christ who suffered, died, and rose again for the life of the world.

Our parish community at **St Damian's Church** will gather for three evenings of reflection and prayer, each focusing on a different aspect of this mystery.

Day 1 – Love & Service - Wednesday, 25 March at 7:00 PM

This evening reflects on the love of Jesus expressed through humble service. In the **Gospel of John** (John 13), Jesus washes the feet of His disciples, showing that true love means serving others. He also gives the new commandment: *"Love one another as I have loved you."* This night reminds us that the Passion of Christ begins with love.

Day 2 – The Cross & Silence - Thursday, 26 March at 7:00 PM

The second evening focuses on the Cross, the centre of our faith. On the Cross, Jesus reveals the depth of God's love. What appeared to be defeat became the moment of salvation. In the silence of suffering and sacrifice, we learn to trust God even in darkness.

Day 3 – Waiting & Hope - Friday, 27 March at 7:00 PM

The final evening reflects on the time between death and resurrection. Though the disciples experienced sorrow and fear, God was preparing new life. This reminds us that hope is born in waiting and that God's love is stronger than death.

Please bring a plate and join us for a shared dinner after each Mass in the Dunlop Room.

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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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MERCURY

ST. DAMIAN'S CHURCH, BUNDOORA

2026 HOLY WEEK SERVICE TIMES

HOLY THURSDAY, 2ND APRIL

7:30 PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
WITH BISHOP THINH NGUYEN &
FOLLOWED BY THE ADORATION



GOOD FRIDAY, 3RD APRIL

10:00AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS & MORNING
TEA IN THE DUNLOP ROOM

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

3:00 PM AT ST. DAMIAN'S CHURCH

HOLY SATURDAY, 4TH APRIL

6:30 PM EASTER VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY, 5TH APRIL

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM MASSES





With thanksgiving to God,
the Redemptorist Province of Oceania
joyfully announces
the Ordination to the Priesthood
of
Anthony Duy Ngoc Huy Huynh CSsR
Joseph Vuong Van Nguyen CSsR
And
the Ordination to the Diaconate
of
Joseph Duc Trung Vu CSsR
Fransiskus Lagadua Atamuking CSsR
Handrianus Sanga Raang CSsR
Venansius Geroda Sogen CSsR
through the Invocation of the Holy Spirit
and the Laying on of Hands
by **Bishop Paul Bird CSsR**

Date and Place of Ordination

10am / SATURDAY/ 23 MAY 2026
Holy Eucharist Parish
1A Oleander Dr, St Albans Vic 3021

Mass of Thanksgiving

Solemnity of Pentecost
10am / SUNDAY/ 24 MAY 2026
Holy Eucharist Parish
1A Oleander Dr, St Albans Vic 3021



We warmly invite you to celebrate
with us and join us for refreshments
that will follow.

RSVP: Mary-Lucy Atonio,
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Mass of Thanksgiving

of

Fr Anthony Duy Ngoc Huy Huynh CSsR
Fr Joseph Vuong Van Nguyen CSsR

7pm / SATURDAY/ 30 MAY 2026
St Damian's Catholic Parish
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join us for refreshments.



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