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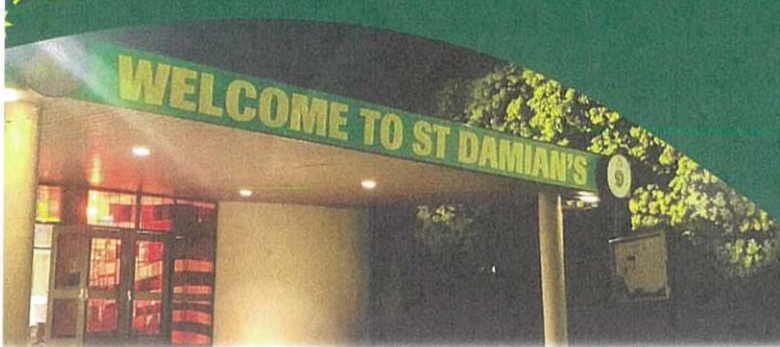
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WEEKENDS

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

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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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 6th APRIL, 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Is 43:16-21;

Phil 3:8-14;

Jn 8:1-11.

NEXT WEEK

Is 50:4-7;

Phil 2:6-11;

LK 22:14-23:56.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday 13th April : Palm Sunday

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

PSALM

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

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Recent Deaths: Velia Dintinosant, Kevin James Mc Cormick

Anniversaries: Terresita Calma, Nunzia Mastropaolo, Giuseppe D' Agostino, Grazielli D'Agostino, Anna Rita Maria Parrilli- Peduto, Vittorio Gizzi, Irma Gizzi

Sick: Elizabeth San Martin, Manuel Paneda, Lottie Constantino, Helen Mc Kinnery ,

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The 5th Sunday of Lent Year C invites us to reflect on God's promises, our journey in faith, and the call to forgiveness and change. The readings from Isaiah, Philippians, and the Gospel of John guide us to new beginnings, perseverance, and mercy. These reflections help us understand and apply these lessons in our daily lives.

A New Beginning

The 5th Sunday of Lent Year C highlights God's promise of new beginnings. In the first reading, God speaks through Isaiah, telling His people that He will do something new. He asks them to forget the past and look forward to what He is going to do.

God's message is clear: He is making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. This means that even in our hardest times, God is working to bring us hope and renewal. He wants us to trust that He can create new paths and provide for us in unexpected ways.

On the 5th Sunday of Lent Year C, we are reminded to let go of our past mistakes and failures. We should not dwell on what we cannot change. Instead, we should focus on the new opportunities God is giving us. By trusting in His promise, we can move forward with hope and confidence in His plans for us.

Pressing Toward the Goal

On the 5th Sunday of Lent Year C, Paul reminds us to press on toward our goal in Christ. In the second reading, he speaks about counting everything as loss compared to the greatness of knowing Jesus. Paul shows us that nothing else matters as much as our relationship with Christ.

Paul also tells us that he has not yet reached his goal but keeps striving. This teaches us that our faith journey is ongoing. We must always work to grow closer to Jesus, never feeling we have arrived.

The 5th Sunday of Lent Year C encourages us to forget what is behind and strain toward what is ahead. By focusing on our goal in Christ, we can overcome obstacles and continue to grow in our faith. This reading challenges us to keep moving forward, always seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Forgiveness and Change

The 5th Sunday of Lent Year C calls us to change our hearts. Sometimes, we think our righteousness and the law of God give us the right to judge others. But in the gospel, Jesus shows us another way. Jesus teaches that the life of a sinner is more important than the law.

The woman caught in adultery broke the rules, and there's no denial of that. But Jesus believes in giving second chances, even when the law does not. The woman in the story remains silent. She does not admit her mistake or apologize. Her silence can be seen in many ways, but it shows she does not make excuses either.

Both the crowd and the woman have strayed from God's heart and law. We do the same. Like the woman, we might ignore God's commands and do as we please. Or like the crowd, we might use the law to separate "us" from "them," wanting punishment for those who fail.

Jesus also shows trust in the crowd. He seems to know that no one will throw a stone. He believes that their goodness will shine through when challenged. We can learn from this in our society.

A good mantra for this gospel is "Forgive her. Change me." It reminds us to show mercy and seek personal change. The 5th Sunday of Lent Year C encourages us to embrace this lesson.

As we reflect on this gospel, let's ask God to help us forgive others. Let us also seek change in our own hearts. This way, we follow Jesus' example on the 5th Sunday of Lent Year C.

As we meditate on the 5th Sunday of Lent Year C, we are called to embrace new beginnings, press toward our spiritual goals, and show mercy to others.

These reflections remind us to trust in God's promises, strive for a closer relationship with Jesus, and offer forgiveness. By doing so, we grow in faith and follow the example of Christ.

Prayer

Lord, help us embrace new beginnings, strive toward our goals in Christ, and show mercy to others. Guide us to trust in Your promises and grow in our faith. Amen.

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.

ST DAMIAN'S LENTEN RETREAT

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we received a visit from the Proclaim Team who attended and ran our Lenten Retreat. It was lovely to see parishioners and visitors who attended our Retreat.

We appreciate all the time and effort, the Proclaim team have given to St Damian's Parish to organise this retreat. We thank Judeline Wadhvani and Mary Ryan for all their work to make this a memorable & spiritual day.

Thank you to Fr Sam Kono, who also attended our Lenten Retreat and started the morning with Mass and then after lunch Adoration, Reconciliation and Benediction in the afternoon.

On behalf of the Parish Office, I would like to thank everyone involved and those who assisted to set up the Church and Dunlop room a great team effort.

Thank you Parish Office

BAPTISM :

This weekend we welcome into the family of St Damian's Otis & Marnus Johnston, Eli Ticarat who are being baptised.



WELCOME FROM THE RCIA TEAM

The RCIA team would like to introduce our Candidates Evie and Kobe who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist this Easter. Please welcome and pray for them during this very exciting and special time. Thank you.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son Jesus Christ, our brother and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of the Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May these seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of new heaven and new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen

2025 LENTEN TIMETABLE

***STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday morning after 9:15am Mass. Followed by Individual/ confession.



***GOOD FRIDAY:** 18th April
Passion of the Lord at 3.00pm Bishop Rene Ramirez RCJ – Auxiliary Bishop for the Northern Region.

***SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**
1ST & 2ND RITE: Friday 11th April at 7:30pm

Rosters 12th & 13th April

TIME	READERS	Eucharist / Welcome
5.30pm	Palm Sunday	Palm Sunday
8.00am	Palm Sunday	Palm Sunday
10.00am	Palm Sunday	Palm Sunday

Counters

G. Love
A. Schuck

Supervisor

M. Sweetman



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.

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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