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WEEKENDS

Saturday Evening: 5.30pm
Sunday Morning: 8am & 10am

WEEKDAYS

Monday: no Mass
Tuesday: 9.15am
Wednesday: 7.00pm Mass & Novena
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
Email: principal@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au

HOLY HOUR

One hour of Novena and Benediction after
morning Mass on 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

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 20th August 2023

READING

Is 56:1,6-7
Rom 11:13-15,29-32
Mt 15:21-28

NEXT WEEK

Is 22:19-23
Rom: 11:33-36
Mt 16:13-20

PSALM

O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face
shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth and all
nations learn your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the
world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the
nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the
peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing till the ends
of the earth revere him.

O God, let all the nations praise you!

FEAST DAY DURING THE WEEK

Monday 21st August: St Pius X
Tue 22nd August: The Queenship of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Recent Deaths : Bob Brown

Anniversaries: Josephine Barbara ,
Maryse Abraham,

Sick: Anita Gentile, Joven Mercado,
Virginia Michael Mac Manus

Alexkuty Varkey

Vincenzo D' Atri,
Lise Assarapin

Paul Long ,
Gina Roxas

Mary Henwood,

Dennis Razal,

Louisa,

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 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 the land.



Sunday Gospel Reflection for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time- year A

Mercy is the very heart of God _ Pope Francis

Brethren, we are on this twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time the Church draws our attention to God's invitation and mercy to entire humanity.

Our first reading today, God promises to bring all nations together. This is the expansion, and extension of His project of salvation towards all nations of the earth. First, this project began with, and was for Israel, God's first born. Now, out of his mercy, God extends it to all others nations of the earth.

This is a demonstration of his mercy for all nations, who through faith will respond to his invitation. So, God promises that He will bring even foreigners to his house: These, I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house. However, this promise is based on one condition. They have attached themselves to the Lord, in order to love him, and to serve him.

In the second reading, St. Paul also strikes on the same chord as Isaiah did. It suffices to note that when Paul says, mercy to all, he is not saying that God will save everyone. Rather, that His mercy is available to all those who will respond accordingly to his invitation. For, "Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved". So, St. Paul demonstrates his confidence in God's mercy. He insists that, although, some have rejected God as Israel did, God himself has not rejected or forgotten them. This is because, God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. He is true and faithful to his word and promise.

Today's Gospel goes further to illustrate the universality of God's mercy. However, that Jesus was initially hesitant to listen to the woman, perhaps could have been to test her faith. In other words, in spite of the fact that God is ready to show us mercy, he requires something from us: *"faith as small as the mustard seed"* (Mt 17: 20). A very important requirement for receiving this mercy is the amount of faith we demonstrate in Jesus Christ.

The woman demonstrated her faith in Christ. Of course, Christ showed her mercy by healing her daughter. In spite of all odds, and what looked like Jesus' refusal to answer her, she did not give up. So, like this Canaanite woman, each and every one is in need of God's mercy. All we need to do, is to demonstrate our faith in Christ and, he will show us his mercy.

Today, Jesus is close to us. So, like this woman, we must cry out to Him: *"Son of David, take pity on me."* Therefore, we also need to take pity on one another. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran PP

Rosters for 26th & 27th August 2023

Mass Time	Reader/Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety Shop	Counters	Readers/ Responders Eucharist / Welcomers... Please gather together in the Sacristy about 15 Minutes prior to Mass. Eucharist Ministers— please remember that you are also
5.30pm	A. Favrin A. Groom	N.Nugent M. Spiteri E. Taylor	P. Cosgrove	E & N Mana Lansan	
8.00am	J. North O. Carvalho	Sr Nelia Sr Candida J. Fellowes	G. Cappadona	Supervisor	
10.00am	B. Walter J. Venturini	N. Cardamone L. Careri P. Del Popolo	J.Venturini	M. Sweetman	
				 Ministries	

PRESENTATION OF FIRST EUCHARIST COMMUNICANTS

Dear Parishioners,

The weekend on 26th / 27th of August in the Vigil Mass at 5:30pm and 10:00am on Sunday. Our congregation will warmly welcome the First Eucharist Communicants, together with their parents, grandparents and siblings. Let us keep them in our prayers.

MANY THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to the volunteers who'd had turned up for a short training session on Saturday morning (10:30 -11:15am). It'd been a great to meet, share and spend time with one another after meeting in the Dunlop Room. Furthermore, I'd like to take this chance to give a big thank to Carmel FitzGerald (Liturgy Co-ordinator) who has been aiding me with all her works. To each and every one of Volunteer, thank you for ongoing support me and the community. Much appreciated.

Parish Retreat 2023

St Francis of Assisi Parish Retreat to be held on Saturday, 26th August, 8.30 am - 3.00 pm at Loyola College.

This year's Retreat will be presented by Fr Anthony Girolami on 'Listening - to God and to each other'. Cost is \$5. If you have any requirements, please contact Ruth: 9407 6700 or Email: Ruth.Lees@cam.org.au

PARKING ON BASKETBALL COURTS

St Damian's Primary are about to start some renovations. For this reason the top basketball court cannot be used for parking as Portable Class Rooms are now being used by the children. For this reason and the safety of the children please don't park next to them.

We Thank you for your assistance.

BAPTISM



This weekend , we welcome into the family of St Damian's , Elio Gerada who is being baptised. May God keep his family always in his love.

Catholic Care Appeal This Weekend (19th & 20th August)

This weekend is the Catholic Care Victoria Sunday Appeal. As our parish community's social service agency, Catholic Care Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help Catholic Care Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full.

Please donate to the Catholic Care Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. Thank you!

FATHER'S DAY COLLAGE

To honour our fathers and grandfathers, both past and present, near and far, we request our parishioners to send in Photos of your fathers and grandfathers which will be included in a Photo Collage and projected after Communion at Masses on Father's Day (03/04 September). All photos sent in will be deleted after use in the Photo Collage.

Please email your photos to

bundoora@cam.org.au or,

dong.tran@cam.org.au by Tuesday 29 August.

Due to the time required to prepare the presentation, Photos will be unable to be included after this date. The first 60 photos sent will be include in the Collage so please send your photos in early for conclusion. Thank you!

Piety Shop

The Piety Shop is open after each weekend Masses - via the church foyer. We have a various selection of stock with gifts suitable for COMMUNION, BAPTISM, ROSARY, and Inspirational items, including bookmarks, pins, and plaques are also available. We also have items suitable doe seasonal prayer or devotional use including medals prayer cards featuring popular Saints and Novena Booklets. You're all inviting to pop in. Thanks!

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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