



St Damian's Catholic Church

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WELCOME TO ST DAMIAN'S

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 13th APRIL, 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Is 50:4-7;

Phil 2:6-11;

LK 22:14-23:56.

NEXT WEEK

Act 10: 34, 37-43;

Col 3:1-4;

Jn 20:1-9.

PSALM

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.'

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ !

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Henry Wlodarczyk, Stefan & Helena Wlodarczyk, Nazzareno In Galulea (1st Year Anniversary)
Edeward Orfali, Catherine Nahas, Kalil Azal, Antonia Russo

Sick : Elizabeth San Martin, Manuel Paneda, Lottie Constantino, Helen Mc Kinnery , John Long, Antonio Castro

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.

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.

REFLECTION FOR THE PALM SUNDAY – YEAR C, 2025

"He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death." (Phil 2:8)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today, we begin Holy Week, the most sacred time in our liturgical year. Palm Sunday is a day of contrast it begins with joyful hosannas and ends in solemn silence as we hear the Passion of our Lord. The liturgy draw us deeply into the mystery of Christ's suffering, death, and love.

- The prophet Isaiah speaks of the Suffering Servant, one who listens

***A Word That Sustains the Weary (Isaiah 50:4-7)** closely to God and accepts suffering without turning back. "I gave my back to those who struck me... I did not hide my face from insult and spitting." This challenges us to become servants who listen, especially in suffering. When we face trials, do we close our hearts in resentment, or open our ears to hear God's voice in the pain? Like the Suffering Servant, we are called to be strong not because we avoid hardship, but because we trust that "The Lord God helps me."

***God with Us in Abandonment (Psalm 22)** - Jesus prayed this Psalm on the Cross: "My God, my God why have you abandoned me?"

It's a raw, honest cry and one that resonates with every person who's ever felt alone or forsaken. And yet, in this psalm, trust breaks through the anguish: "You who fear the Lord, give him praise."

Even in our darkest hour, God does not abandon us. He enters our pain and walks with us through it. In our own

moments of fear, failure, or grief, we can cry out to God with honesty and with hope.

***The Humility of God (Philippians 2:6-11)** - St. Paul reminds us that Jesus, though God, "emptied Himself" - He chose the path of humility, obedience, and self-giving love. This is the heart of our faith: God stoops down to lift us up.

How can we imitate this humility? By letting go of pride, seeking forgiveness, serving others, and choosing love even when it costs us something. The cross shows us the true power of love, not domination, but sacrifice.

***The Passion: A Story of Love and Betrayal (Luke 22:14-56)** - St. Luke's Passion paints a vivid picture of Jesus' final hours. We see the betrayal of Judas, the denial of Peter, the cruelty of the crowds and yet, Jesus remains faithful and forgiving.

He prays for Peter even before his fall. He heals the ear of the high priest's servant. He turns to the thief on the cross and promises paradise. Jesus responds to hatred not with vengeance, but with mercy and compassion.

This is our invitation: to walk with Christ through His Passion—not just as spectators, but as disciples willing to share in His way of the cross, trusting that it leads to resurrection.

What can we do this Holy Week?

1. Enter into the story. Don't rush through the Passion. Take time to read, pray, and reflect.
2. Accompany someone in their suffering. Be like Simon of Cyrene - help carry someone's cross this week.
3. Practice humility. Let go of ego. Serve quietly, forgive generously.
4. Make time for silence. Be with Jesus in Gethsemane. Watch and pray.

As we wave our palms today, let them be more than symbols. Let them be a sign that we welcome Jesus, not just into Jerusalem, but into our hearts, homes, and daily lives. May this Holy Week transform us, as we follow Christ from the cross to the empty tomb. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Rosters 19th & 20th April

TIME	READERS	Eucharist / Welcome	Counters	Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers
5.30pm	Easter Roster	Easter Roster	G. Love A. Schuck	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.
8.00am	Easter Roster	Easter Roster	Supervisor	
10.00am	Easter Roster	Easter Roster	D. Mash	
			 Ministries	

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.*

**ST. DAMIAN'S CHURCH, BUNDOORA
2025 HOLY WEEK SERVICE TIMES**

HOLY THURSDAY, 17TH APRIL



**7:30 PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
& FOLLOWED BY THE ADORATION**

GOOD FRIDAY, 18TH APRIL

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



**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PAS-
SION**

**WITH BISHOP RENE RAMIREZ RCJ
3:00 PM AT ST. DAMIAN'S CHURCH**

HOLY SATURDAY, 19TH APRIL

6:30 PM EASTER VIGIL

**EASTER SUNDAY, 20TH APRIL
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM MASSES**

NO MASS ON 15TH APRIL 2025

Please Note:

There will be NO TUESDAY morning
Mass this week.

Fr. Joe Dong will be attending the Chrism
Mass at the Cathedral at 10:00 AM.

Everyone is welcome to join if you'd like to
attend.

**WORDS OF THANKS FROM
PARISH PRIEST**

Dear St Damian's Parishioners,

Wishing you all a very blessed and peaceful
Holy Week.

As many of you know, I have recently returned
from Vietnam, where I spent several weeks to
be with and care for my dear mother. With
God's providence and in His loving hands, my
beloved mother passed away peacefully on the
25th of March 2025 at 2:00 PM (Vietnam time).

During this time of loss, I feel a deep sense of
comfort and consolation, knowing that I was
able to do everything I could for my mother.
I am at peace, trusting that she is now in the
eternal embrace of our loving God.

I sincerely thank all of you for your kind
condolences through emails, text messages,
phone calls, and especially your prayers.
Your support has meant so much to me and my
family.

I would also like to take this opportunity to
express my heartfelt gratitude to all the
volunteers and those who worked quietly behind
the scenes during my absence. Your generosity,
dedication, and love for our parish community
have been a true blessing.

In particular, I wish to thank Carlos & Carmelita,
Paul, Nicky, Dianne, Michael, Loida, Joe, and
Shay for their dedicated assistance.

Your help has lightened my burden and ensured
the smooth continuation of parish life.

Once again, thank you all from the bottom of my
heart.

May God bless you and your loved ones
abundantly during this Holy Week and always.
In Christ,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran, P.P.

ATTENTION COUNTERS

On Sunday 20th April, there will be no counting on that
day as it's Easter Sunday.

Could all counters who are rostered for 20th April
please come to the Parish Office after Mass on
Tuesday 22nd April.

Thanks Marie

1st Collection : BSB: 083347 Account: 660192933

Thanksgiving Offering To support Church

2nd Collection :BSB: 083347: Account: 661001801

Presbytery Offering To support: Priest.

Thankyou for all donations, In the narrative please put
your name and envelope number.

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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