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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, 12TH APRIL 2026

THIS WEEKEND

Acts 2:42-47

1 Pet 1:3-9

Jn 20:19-31

NEXT WEEK

Acts 2:14,22-33

1 Pet 1:17-21

Lk 24:13-35

PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'

I was thrust down, thrust down and falling, but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting. . .

SRI LANKAN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths: Maria Naccari.

Anniversaries: Rocco Gentile, Vittorio Gizzi, Irma Gizzi,

Sick : Diana Whyllay, John Long, Susie, Moding Ilanto

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.



Doubting Thomas and the moment of recognition

After Christ had risen, many things unfolded among the circle of his disciples. Thomas had not been part of this. Later he entered the room where they were gathered, he was filled with wonder at what had happened. For some reasons, he held back and set his own conditions for belief: "Unless I see the holes ... and can put my finger into the holes ... unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe."

For Thomas, the stone still sealed the tomb. His trust in Jesus was still wrapped in the burial cloths. The dark reality of death continued to weigh upon his heart. Like Mary Magdalene, he clung to the Jesus whom he had known, unable yet to grasp the new reality of the Risen Lord.

Thomas represents all of us whenever we insist that the Risen Christ must fit into our limited understanding, rather than allowing ourselves to be drawn into his greater reality.

Now, a week later, the disciples are again gathered behind closed doors, and this time Thomas is with them. Jesus comes. He stands among them and greets them with peace. Then, in gentle compassion for Thomas's doubts and struggles, Jesus invites him to meet the very conditions he had set: "Put your finger here, ... put it into my side."

Jesus calls Thomas beyond his doubt: "Doubt no longer but believe."

In that moment, all of Thomas's resistance falls away. In a profound moment of recognition, Thomas lets go of the conditions he placed on God. The stone is now rolled away from his heart; the wrappings of death are now loosened. For now, the tomb is now truly empty.

That moment, like every moment in liturgy when we gather today, is filled with the presence of the Crucified and Risen Lord. In the ecstasy of faith, Thomas goes beyond the world of his own calculations to enter the universe of God's overwhelming love and unbounded grace. In that moment, he simply cries out: 'My Lord and my God!'

That is the moment of recognition. Thomas encounters the eternal Word—the One who was "in the beginning," who was "with God" and who "was God." In the Crucified and Risen Christ, he sees the God of love revealed. All that Thomas had heard from Jesus now comes to light: "The Father and I are one."

At last, he comes to understand that the Father is in Jesus, and Jesus is in the Father. In him, Thomas finds no words but this, 'My Lord and my God!'

Thomas carried the weight of our human hesitation. Yet the ever-present Risen Lord continues to invite us into the moment of recognition. Let us allow ourselves to hear his words: "Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Deacon Duy Ngoc Huy Huynh, CSsR.

ROSTER: 18th & 19th April 2026

Time	READERS	EUCCHARIST
5.30pm	D. Whyley A. Groom	T. Garcia L. Gooneratne Sr. F. Hardy
8.00am	V. Dalla– Vecchia C. Fitzgerald	A. Dalla– Vecchia W. Fernando M. Harrison
10.00am	K. Mangubat J. Venturini	P. Del Popolo W. Mc Eleney R. Sacco

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before Mass.

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& handing out the
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MESSAGE FROM PARISH PRIEST

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Once again, I wish you and your loved ones a very blessed and fruitful Easter. I hope you have all had a wonderful time celebrating with your families and friends. I, too, had a very joyful time.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to all our volunteers for your dedication and service during the past two weeks, especially throughout the Paschal Triduum, Holy Week, and Easter celebrations in our St Damian's community. I believe the liturgies were prayerful, meaningful, and well celebrated.

Looking ahead, I would like to draw your attention to a few important upcoming events in our community:

1. **Divine Mercy Sunday (this weekend)** Beginning at 1:00pm with Exposition, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary, and other prayers. Confession will also be available for those who wish to receive it. The Solemn Mass will be celebrated at 3:15pm, led by Rev. Fr. Florentino (Fr. Boy).
2. **St Damian's Alpha Program** Running from 11 June to 20 August 2026. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore the meaning of faith, hope, and love in Christ, and to grow in relationship with God and with one another. I warmly encourage you to participate and to invite others. For more information, please contact Paul Bezzina: Phone: 0413 981 312 Email: paulbezzina1@outlook.com
3. **Ordination of Deacon Anthony Huy & Thanksgiving Mass** The Ordination to the Priesthood will take place at Holy Eucharist Parish (1A Oleander Dr, St Albans VIC 3021) at 10:00am on Saturday, 23 May. He will then return to St Damian's, together with Fr. Joseph Vuong, to celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass and pray for our community on Saturday, 30 May at 5:30pm, followed by dinner.

Please kindly note these important dates in your diary.

Thank you, and may God bless you all.

Project Compassion 2026

Friends in Christ, as we enter the final month of Project Compassion 2026, we kindly invite you to return your boxes or envelopes with your generous donations. Your support brings hope and dignity to those in need.

On behalf of Caritas Australia, thank you sincerely for your kindness and compassion. May God bless you abundantly. Kind regards,

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We are currently looking for volunteers to help in our Thomastown shop. If you are interested please contact us on: 8199 4233

St Damian's Church Bundoora



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The Secret of the Holy Face - Australian Tour

Sun, 26 Apr, 6:30pm - 7:45pm
St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall

Join us for a special event exploring the powerful **Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus**, a devotion that is experiencing a renewed interest in our time. This event, sponsored by

Heartfelt Community and in collaboration with **Parousia Media**, will feature **Fr Lawrence Carney**, author of **The Secret of the Holy Face**, who has dedicated many years to promoting and teaching this powerful devotion.

Fr Carney will share the history, meaning, and spiritual significance of the Holy Face devotion and how simple daily prayers can become a profound act of reparation and renewal in our world. Heartfelt Community is devoted to walking alongside those in grief. Through creating spaces of connection, reflection, and being in a community of faith, Heartfelt supports individuals in bringing their sorrow before Christ — allowing grief to be held with compassion and gently transformed into hope.

We would be grateful if you could make a donation at the end of the talk.

Parking available on site

St Francis of Assisi

290 Childs Road, Mill Park 3082

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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