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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

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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

3rd Sunday of Lent 3rd March , 2024

READING

Ex 20:1-17

1 Cor 1:22-25

Jn 2:13-25

NEXT WEEK

2 Chrom 36:14-16, 19-23

Eph 2:4-10

Jn 3:14-21

PSALM

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Recent Deaths:

Giuseppe Peroni

Anniversaries:

Giuseppe Varalla, Vittorio Gizzi, Irma Gizzi, Anna Camilli

Sick:

Iris Bonello

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...)*

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.



Gospel Reflection for 3rd Sunday of Lent – Year B



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

As we continue our journey this season, on this third Sunday of Lent, we celebrate Christ the fullness of the Law and the wisdom of God. Today, the church calls us to re-dedicate ourselves to Christ. This is because He is the fulfillment of God's commandment.

In our first reading from Exodus, God gave the Law to Moses for Israel. The Law was given to Israel to help them become wiser. It was also given to them in order to strengthen their relationship with God and to help them organize their social and religious life.

The commandments of God are meant to form us into a sacred community. That is, a community rooted in the genuine worship of God. A community that lives in justice and peace with one another. Therefore, we are to live as neighbours, respecting one another. The ultimate and remote purpose of this, is also to know, respect and worship God our creator.

In our second reading, St Paul reminds us that Christ is: "The fullness of God's wisdom." According to Paul, Christ is the fullness of the law and the wisdom of God. So, whoever finds and receives him, will be filled with wisdom, and will never walk in ignorance. "Whoever receives him will never walk in darkness again". Darkness is opposed to wisdom. So, whoever has not received Christ the fullness of wisdom, even though, he walks according to the wisdom of this world, lives in darkness.

In today's gospel, St John narrates Jesus' encounter with those profaning God's Sanctuary. His action simply demonstrates that He is actually God's wisdom and the fullness of the Law. His zeal distinguished Him, from the authorities. Instead of representing God's interest, they represented their selfish economic and social interests. It also, distinguishes Him from temple pilgrims who simply visited the temple without real devotion to God.

What do we learn from today's gospel? First, we are not supposed keep quiet or remain indifferent while things go wrong. This is especially in the house of God, our homes, offices or any place at all. Furthermore, we must not allow our personal destroy the sanity of our church, family, state, or country. The Church is the house of God and a place of worship. We must keep it holy and respect it. Also, it reminds us that our body, and the body of Christ is the Temple of God. So, we must not defile it.

Finally, Christ prophesied about his own death and resurrection: "Destroy this temple and I will raise it up in three days." This prophecy will be fulfilled during the paschal mystery. Therefore, today's gospel keeps the events of this season in perspective. It reminds us of where we are heading to this season, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

So, as we march forward this season, let us continue to abide by the commandments of God fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the perfect wisdom. Let us acclaim Christ: "You, Lord, have the message of eternal life!" Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Rosters: for 9th & 10th March 2024

Mass Time	Reader / Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety	Counters	Readers/ Responders
5.30pm	C. Fitzgerald M. Joyce	D. Whyley E. Taylor M. Spiteri	D. Stubbs	N & K Nugent M. Thompson	Eucharist / Welcomers, .. Please gather together in the Sacristy about minutes prior to Mass.
8.00am	Sr. Nelia V. Smith	Sr Candida M. Beverley J. Fellowes	C. Love	Supervisor	Eucharist
10.00am	J. Sobey J. Venturini	N. Cardamone L. Careri C. Manabat	J. Venturini	M. Sweetman	Ministers— please remember that you are also welcoming parishioners & visitors & handing out the newsletter.
					

St Damians Parish

Reconciliation

Salvation of Our Sins

Friday 8th March 2024

7.00pm

Fr. Phuong Vu

Fr. Phuong Vu is an experienced spiritual director and giving retreat.

He missioned in China and chaplain to La Trobe University.

He is an assistance priest at St Francis Xavier Church Box Hill.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6th March : Lenten Prayer Service after the 9.15am Mass

8th March: Stations of the Cross, each Friday straight after 9.15am Mass

Sun 10th Mar: 10.00am : 2nd Scrutiny for our Catechumen

Sun 17th Mar: 10.00am : 3rd Scrutiny for our

BAPTISM This weekend we welcome into the family of St Damian's James Viavattene White who is being baptised. May God keep his families always in his love.



Important Update: Change in Wednesday Evening Mass Time

Dear Friends,

I hope this message finds you all in good health and spirits. I am writing to share some exciting news with you. Recently, Archbishop Peter Comensoli has graciously invited me to pursue further studies, and I am honoured to have accepted this opportunity. Alongside nine other priests from the Melbourne Archdiocese, I will be embarking on this journey throughout the 2024 calendar year.

The course will commence on Wednesday, March 20th, with sessions running from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. In light of this commitment, I need to make adjustments to our parish schedule. Effective immediately, **our Wednesday evening Mass, previously held at 7:00pm, will be moved to 9:15am this coming week.**

I understand that this change may impact some of your schedules, and I sincerely appreciate your understanding and flexibility during this time. Your support means a great deal to me, and I am grateful for your continued prayers and encouragement as I pursue further studies to better serve our parish community.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this schedule change, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Thank you once again for your understanding and cooperation.

Blessings to you all,

SUPPORT NEEDED: CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE

Dear St. Damian Parishioners,
I trust this message finds each of you in good health and high spirits. I write to you today regarding an important matter concerning the functionality of our church's sound system. Many of you may have observed that our current sound system is not performing up to the standards we desire for our worship experience. Therefore, I am reaching out to you to kindly request your support in resetting the system for improved performance.

After consulting with several sound system experts, it has been determined that the following upgrades are necessary:

- 2 large Bose Speakers F1-812 at \$3,598
- 2 Brackets for the Bose Speakers at \$678
- 2 small JBL EON710 Speakers at \$1,580
- 2 Brackets for the JBL EON710 Speakers at \$458

These enhancements will significantly enhance the sound quality within our church, with one small speaker designated for the choir area and the other for the sanctuary.

The total cost for this project amounts to \$6,314. I am grateful to share that there will be no additional labour costs, as friends of mine have generously volunteered to assist with the installation.

If you can contribute towards this special project, I kindly ask you to contact either Dianne, our Parish Secretary, or myself, Fr. Joe Dong. Your support, whether through financial contribution or spreading the word about this initiative, is deeply appreciated and will be instrumental in achieving our goal of enhancing our parish community's worship experience.

Thank you for your ongoing support of St. Damian's Parish. May God continue to bless you and your loved ones abundantly.

Warm regards,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P

RCIA TEAM

"The RCIA team would like to introduce our Catechumen, Patty, who is preparing for her Baptism, Confirmation & First Eucharist and our Candidates Adam, Fale, Amanda and David who are preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Please welcome and pray for them during this very exciting and special time.
Thank you."

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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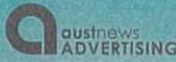
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