



St Damian's Catholic Church

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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

Saturday 5.00pm

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday at 11.30am after Mass.

Preparation 1st Wednesday each month at 5.30pm 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

Email: principal@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au

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

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 4TH OCTOBER 2026

THIS WEEKEND

Is 5:1-7

Phil 4:6-9

Mt 21:33-43

NEXT WEEK

Is 25:6-10

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Mt 22:1-14

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 7th October: Our Lady of the Rosary

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

PSALM

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

Then why have you broken down its walls?

It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.

And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

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Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Marc Lucci, Francesco Montalto, Vittorio Gizzi, Irma Gizzi

Sick: Diana Whylley, Susie, Moding Ilanto, Vlad, Marie Lazatin, Gloria Franco, Zoe Delahunty, Clarissa Garcia

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Reflection on the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Today, Jesus gives us a powerful image: the vineyard. The vineyard belongs to God. He plants it, protects it, and cares for it. He gives it everything it needs to produce good fruit.

That vineyard is not only the Church. It is also our family, our parish, our community, and our own heart.

God has entrusted us with many gifts: life, family, faith, time, talents, and people to love. And He asks us: "Produce good fruit."

What fruit does God want? Love, patience, forgiveness, kindness, compassion, faithfulness, and generosity. And this begins at home. Sometimes we are kind to strangers but impatient with our own family. We smile outside but speak harshly at home. We forgive others but keep old wounds in our hearts.

So, this week, let us produce simple fruit: Speak kindly. Listen patiently. Forgive quickly. Say "thank you." Say "I am sorry." Make time for someone who is lonely. Pray together.

Our parish and community are also God's vineyard. Instead of asking, "What is the parish doing for me?" let us ask: "What am I doing for God's vineyard?" Do I welcome someone who is new? Do I notice someone who is lonely? Do I visit the sick? Do I offer my time, my gifts, or a helping hand?

Friends, we do not all have the same gifts, but everyone can produce good fruit. The tenants in today's Gospel forgot one important truth: The vineyard was entrusted to them, but it did not belong to them. The same is true for us. Our life, family, possessions, and talents are gifts from God. We are not owners; we are stewards. So, the question is not, "How much do I have?" It is: "What am I doing with what God has given me?"

Whatever we cultivate will produce fruit. If we cultivate anger, we produce conflict. If we cultivate resentment, we produce division. But if we cultivate love, we produce peace. If we cultivate forgiveness, we produce healing.

So, remember three things: At home - forgive someone. In the parish - help someone. In the community - encourage someone.

And, asking yourself: "What fruit did I give today?"

May God find in our lives a vineyard full of love, mercy, forgiveness, and faith. May our families, our parish, and our community become places where God's love grows, bears fruit, and gives life to others. Amen.

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

ROSTER 10th & 11th October 2026

Time	READERS	EUCHARIST
5.30pm	P. Cosgrove A. Dass	A. Karuppiah E. Taylor W. Fernando
8.00am	L. Starvaggi O. Carvalho	M. Harrison M. Sweetman S. Aldridge
10.00am	C. Manabat E. Jones	J. Mercado L. Careri P. Del Popolo

COUNTERS

W. Fernando
E. Mana Lansan

SUPERVISOR

M. Jones



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.

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.



We congratulate Andy Bui & Thuy Thi Tran Who celebrated their Wedding at St Damian's Parish this weekend.

DATES TO REMEMBER



**EVERY THURSDAY
DIVINE MERCY**
AFTER MORNING MASS.



**FIRST FRIDAY
NOVENA OF SACRED HEART**
AFTER MORNING MASS.



1ST SATURDAY
• PRAYERS AT 8:15AM
• MASS 9:15AM



SRI LANKAN SINHALESE MASS
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• ROSARY 6:30PM
• FOLLOWED BY MASS.
ENQUIRIES: WINIFRED 0425880611



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IN DUNLOP ROOM



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ONCE TWO MONTHS.**
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Many hands make light work. Thank you!

RCIA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY just a genuine desire to share the joy of your faith with others who are seeking to become Catholic. The RCIA team is in urgent need of volunteers to join this invaluable ministry.

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Date: Monday 19 October 2026
Time: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm AEDT

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Words of Thanks from the Parish Priest

Dear friends in Christ Jesus, as we look back on the 60th Anniversary Celebration of St Damian's Parish, my heart is filled with deep gratitude and sincere thanks to everyone who helped make this celebration so beautiful and memorable.

To everyone who gave their time, talents, energy, generosity and support, I say from the bottom of my heart.

Many people were seen on the night, but many more worked quietly behind the scenes. You prepared, organised, cooked, served, welcomed, decorated, sang, sold tickets, set up, cleaned and packed away.

Some gave their time. Some gave their skills. Some gave financial support. Some simply asked, "What can I do to help?" Every contribution mattered. Every person mattered.

Special Thanks: My special and heartfelt thanks to:

Carlos and Carmelita - thank you for your generosity and for helping to collect, wrap and prepare all the raffle prizes.

Dianne Stubbs, our Parish Secretary - thank you for your dedication and tireless help with the bookings and all the details behind the celebration.

Shay - thank you for creating, printing and donating the bookmarks, tickets and programs. Your generosity was appreciated.

Loida and Michael Kanniah - thank you for your generous \$900 contribution towards the DJ.

My sincere thanks also to our MC on the night, choirs, hospitality team, Photo Booth team, ticket sellers and every volunteer who gave their time, energy and talents.

Our Fundraising: Thanks to the wonderful support of our parish community, approximately \$2,700 was raised from ticket sales alone. This amount will be placed into the Church Supply Account to support our Parish Master Plan.

For clarity, some people have asked about the **\$70 prize money** and how much was taken from it. The answer is: **nothing**.

One Parish Family: To everyone who helped, whether in front of the crowd or quietly behind the scenes, please know how deeply grateful I am. Your generosity, time and willingness to help made our 60th Anniversary Celebration a wonderful celebration for the whole parish.

With my deepest appreciation and gratitude

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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