



St Damian's Catholic Church

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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
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

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 3rd November 2024

THIS WEEKEND

Deut 6:2-6
Heb 7:23-28
Mk 12:28-34

NEXT WEEK

1Kg 17:10-16;
Heb 9:24-28;
Mk 12:38-44.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon 4th Nov: St Charles Borromeo
Sat 9th Nov: The dedication of the Lateran Basilica.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them, and we will
come to them.

Alleluia!

PSALM

I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Andrea Faustina, Kenneth Bartlett, Annette Wijesinghe, Roland Don Paul, Shoukry Succar
Elias Taouk (1 year Anniversary), Sonia Taouk Khoury

Sick: Judy Cousins, Jon Walker,

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.



Reflection for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

Dear friends in Christ, we are on the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time today, our readings invite us to focus on the essence of faith: love for God and love for others.

In the first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses calls the people to love the Lord with their whole heart, soul, and strength, encouraging them to let this love guide every part of their lives. This isn't just a command but a reminder that our relationship with God should be at the core of who we are.

The Psalm echoes this, as the psalmist finds strength and protection in God, whose love is faithful and unshakeable. By turning to God with trust, we allow His love to shape us, bringing peace and guidance in our lives.

In the letter of St Paul to Hebrews, we see Jesus as our eternal high priest, the one who intercedes for us with an unending love. His sacrifice on the cross reflects the ultimate act of love, drawing us closer to God and inviting us to live lives marked by compassion and sacrifice.

Finally, in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus reaffirms that the greatest commandments are to love God with all our being and to love our neighbour as ourselves. These two loves are deeply connected - true love for God transforms us, helping us to extend that love to those around us.

Together, these readings remind us that the heart of faith is love. This week, may we strive to love God fully and let that love overflow into kindness, forgiveness, and compassion toward others. In doing so, we live out the greatest commandment, becoming reflections of God's love in the world. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Roster: 9th & 10th November 2024

Mass Time	Reader / Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety	Counters	Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers
5.30pm	N. Nugent D. Whyley	T. Garcia W. Fernando P. Cosgrove	J. Barone	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	J. North C. Fitzgerald	S. Aldridge M. Beverley J. Fellowes	M. Kmita	Supervisor T. Frazer	
10.00am	M. Han C. Manabat	R. Sacco J. Venturini J. Tonkin	K. Vandenhoven		

Sacrament of Eucharist Parish Presentation

Saturday 9th November 5:30 pm

Sunday 10th November 10.00 am.

Advent- season of Hope & Expectation:

Don't let the busyness of end-of-year and Christmas rob you of the beautiful season of Advent! Come along to our St Damian's Faith Enrichment Group three- week Advent Program: Scriptural reflection & sharing, Advent music, poetry & prayer.

Attend the three week sequence if you can.

Date: Thursday 28th November,

Date: Thursday 5th & 12th December

Time: 7.30 pm to 9.00pm in the Dunlop Room

St Damian's Parish .

Facilitator: Sr Sue Barker sgs

The Piety Shop

The 2025 Columban Calendar is now available @ \$11.00 the calendar would make an excellent gift for family and friends, it also helps to support the Columban Missionaries.

COMBINED CATHOLIC RAFFLE

RETURNING TICKETS

Thank you to everyone who has purchased raffle tickets this year .

If you have any raffle tickets still at home either sold or unsold can you please return to the Parish Office asap. Ph: 9467 2797

Good Luck Everyone.

Ladies' Lunch.

We are gathering at Watsonia RSL at 12 noon on Tuesday, 20th August. All are welcome. Maybe you are new to St Damian's Parish and would like to meet some new friends. You are especially invited to join our friendly group. Contact Sarita for any enquires or to book. 0434 581 948. or 9467 2531

HOLY SPIRIT PILGRIMAGE

(2025): Join **Fr.Emmanuel-tv** and his group of Pilgrims on a 26 Days of **"SAINTS AND MARIAN PILGRIMAGE"**

to Portugal(Lisbon, Fatima); Spain(Coimbrea, Santiago de Compostela, Oviedo, Avila, Garabandal); France(Lourdes, Avignon, Nice, La Sallete, Ars, Nevers, Paris); and Monaco; plus (+) Medjugorje Extension from 15.09.2025-11.10.2025.

Contact Us ASAP for details: **Fr.Emmanuel-tv** (0417999553,(08)93423079;**Dax** (0420643949), **Didith** (0473246029). **Email:** fremmanueltv@gmail.com; holyspiritp@gmail.com;

WORD OF THANKS FROM FR. JOE DONG

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good."

Dear Friends in Christ,

What a blessed and joyful evening we shared last Friday at our parish feast dinner dance celebration at Casa D'Abruzzo Club in Epping! It was heart-warming to see so many of you, from near and far, coming together in a spirit of celebration and community. I am truly grateful to each of you for making this gathering so memorable.

This special evening was made possible through the dedication and hard work of many. I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to some key contributors:

To the Parish Feast Dinner Team:

- Your commitment, hard work, and attention to detail made the night unforgettable. Thank you for your remarkable efforts.

• **To Couples for Christ Australia, led by Bing and the team:**

Your music filled our hearts with joy! Thank you for sharing your talents and blessing us with such a wonderful performance.

• **To Loida and her team for the Photo Booth:**

Your hours of preparation and dedication to setting up this feature allowed everyone to capture memories to cherish. Your talents and patience are deeply appreciated

A special thanks to our MCs, Paul and Shay, and to Jenny and Carlos & Carmelita for organizing the raffle, as well as to the staff at Casa D'Abruzzo Club and our ticket sellers. A warm mention also to Dianne, our Parish Secretary.

To our generous donors and everyone involved, whether in the spotlight or behind the scenes, I thank you for your invaluable support for me and the St. Damian's community. Thanks to your generosity, our fundraising raised \$26,000, with expenses of \$16,940, resulting in \$9,060 for our parish fund. These contributions will help us continue building a brighter future for our community.

Once again, thank you, everyone, for your ongoing support and love. May God bless you and hold you and your families in His love.

With gratitude,

Fr Joe Dong Tran

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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