



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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, 22nd FEBRUARY

THIS WEEKEND

Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Rom 5:12-19

Mt 4:1-11

NEXT WEEK

Gen 12:1-4

2 Tim 1:8-10

Mt 17:1-9

SRI LANKEN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word
that comes from the mouth of God.

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endless glory!**

PSALM

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from
my sin.

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me
Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I
have done.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit
within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your
holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain
me, O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your
praise.

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Recent Deaths: Mdm Neo Cheok Neo

Anniversaries: Teresita Calma, Anna Mastropaolo, Paul Bernard Murphy

Sick : Estellita Steven, Diana Whyllie, Helen Mc Kinery,

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A nourishing desert

Vast, bare and silent, the desert is a place of spare and rugged beauty. It is also very confronting: an arid, barren environment with extreme temperatures, searing heat by day and freezing cold by night.

The desert may serve as a metaphor for our experiences of desolation, when we are stripped bare of our confidence and must face our most vulnerable selves. Even though Jesus was the Son of God, there were no doubt moments when he was led into the desert when he experienced desolation, when he thought that God was absent or silent

When faced with grief, loss, or hardship, we may find it difficult to persist in faith. Even waiting for God may seem like an added – even an unbearable – burden. But, as Simone Weil, in *Waiting for God*, reminds us: “we cannot take a step toward the heavens;” instead, we find that, in God’s immense love for our frail humanity, “God crosses the universe and comes to us.” God comes to us!

The three temptations faced by Jesus present examples of situations where we in our own lives may be tempted to rely on ourselves to overcome some very basic human challenges: the need to fill our hunger, the desire to be powerful or influential, and the need to feel safe and secure.

In his responses, Jesus teaches us not to succumb to the temptation to compensate for our human weaknesses by focusing on satisfying our desires. Instead, he invites us to lean ever more closely on God and to let God begin to work within us with great love and tenderness and fashion us every more closely in God’s image.

Jesus shows us that, even at our lowest ebb, God fills every hunger and quenches every thirst. He reminds us that any influence we may wield comes not from being powerful but by walking with others in humility, solidarity and love. He reminds us to remain steadfast; for we can rest secure in the trust that God embraces our every vulnerability.

Through God’s transforming presence, we can begin to experience the desert not as a place of despair or desolation, but as a place of deep encounter with God and transformation. Stripped bare of everything superfluous to our needs, and utterly dependent on God, we become open to a profound conversion of heart and real growth.

When Anthony, one of the early Desert Fathers, emerged twenty years after his time in the desert, his brothers were surprised to see that he was not haggard, but instead looked well and was radiant with inner peace.

Amidst the suffering of any desert into which we are led, let us pray for the grace to respond as Jesus did – to open ourselves utterly to God. Let us awaken to the divine within and around us and respond to him, to the beauty of his creation, and to each other in an entirely new, grace-filled and life-giving way.

Sophie Clements

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ROSTER: 28th Feb & 1st March 2026

Time	READERS	EUCCHARIST	COUNTERS	Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers
5.30pm	D. Whyley J. Borg	W. Fernando P. Cosgrove T. Garcia	G. Mees A. Doukakis	Please gather together in the Church about 5 minutes before Mass.
8.00am	C. Love V. Dalla– Vecchia	A. Dalla– Vecchia A. Brammer J. Fellowes	SUPERVISOR	Eucharistic Ministers
10.00am	P. Bezzina C. Manabat	J. Venturini W. Mc Eleney R. Sacco	M. Jones	Please remember you are also welcoming Parishioners & visitors & handing out the newsletter.
			 Ministries	

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RCIA INTRODUCTION

The RCIA team would like to introduce our Catechumen, Zac, and Candidate, Kate, who are traveling to St Patrick's Cathedral and being presented to the Archbishop at the Rite of Election this weekend as part of their journey towards full communion with our Catholic Church.

Welcome and pray for them during this very exciting and special time.

Thank you.

Ellen Mac Manus (RCIA Co-Ordinator)

PASCHAL TRIDUUM MASSES

Journeying with Christ through Love, the Cross, and Hope

Day 1: Wednesday, 25 March : 7.00pm

Celebrant: Fr Shiran CSsR

Theme: The Day of Love and Service
Reflecting on Christ's Gift of love and our call to serve one another.

Day 2: Thursday, 26 March : 7.00pm

Celebrant: Fr EkaTanaya SJ

Theme: The Day of the Cross and Silence
Entering into the mystery of Christ's suffering and saving sacrifice

Day 3: Friday, 27 March: 7.00pm

Celebrant: Fr Robin CSsR

Theme: The Day of Waiting and Hope
Learning to wait with Faith, Trusting in God's promise of new life.

Noted: Please bring your own plate and join us for a shared dinner after Mass in the Dunlop and Briglia Rooms.

- Station of the Cross: Every Friday morning after 9.15am Mass
- Sacrament of Confession: 1st & 2nd Rite: Friday 20th March at 7.30pm

PROJECT COMPASSION



Hello Parishioners,

This weekend Project Compassion envelopes will be available at the end of your pew or Church Foyer.

There is a single Project Compassion donation envelope – rather than the six weekly envelopes used in previous years or you can use the QR Code in this article to donate.

This change was made to reduce waste and support our shared commitment to caring for our common home.

You can still give weekly by taking several envelopes at once or simply make your offering when you're ready. Thank you for *Uniting Against Poverty* with us this Lent.

Thank you



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ST DAMIAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL 2026

OPEN DAYS
REGISTER NOW!

TUESDAY 3 MARCH

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH

9:30-10.45AM & 6.00-7.15PM

15 MINUTE INFORMATION SESSION
FOLLOWED BY SCHOOL TOUR



St Damian's Church Bundoora



Zone ID: C2000010970

Tours available at 9.30am
every 2nd Thursday
in Term 1 & 2

Any enquiries please
Contact the office
9467 8566

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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