



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

The 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23rd, FEBRUARY 2025

THIS WEEKEND

1Sam 26:2,7-9,
12-13,22-23;
1Cor 15:45-49;
Lk 6:27-38.

NEXT WEEK

Sirach 27:4-7;
1Cor 15:54-58;
Lk 6:39-45.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

PSALM.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins nor repays us according to our faults.

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Marc Lucci, Giovanni Scapuzzi

Sick: Teresita Calma, Elizabeth San Martin, Manuel Paneda, Lottie Constantino, Helen Mc Kinnery, Peter Coffey
John Long, Maria Hau

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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 (5 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 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C



Dear Friends in Christ Jesus, our readings for this Sunday challenge us to embrace God's mercy and love in our daily lives, even when faced with difficulties.

In the first reading from the 1st book of Samuel, King David has an opportunity to kill King Saul, who is pursuing him unjustly. Yet, David chooses mercy over revenge, recognizing that Saul is the Lord's anointed. This reading teaches us that true strength lies not in retaliation but in showing restraint and respect for the dignity of others, even when the wrong us.

In the second reading from the 1st letter of St Paul to Corinthians 15:45-49 reminds us that we are called to reflect the image of Christ, the new Adam. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly Adam - prone to sin and weakness, we are now invited to bear the image of the heavenly Christ, filled with grace and love. This means striving each day to live in holiness, letting our words and actions reflect Christ's presence in us.

In the Gospel (Luke 6:27-39), Jesus gives one of His most radical teachings: *"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."* This is not easy! But Jesus calls us beyond ordinary human standards. If we only love those who love us, we are no different from the world. True discipleship is about loving without expecting anything in return, forgiving without seeking revenge, and giving generously.

Applying God's Word to our Daily Life:

1. **Practice Mercy:** Like David, choose forgiveness over retaliation when faced with conflict.
2. **Live as Christ's Image:** Strive to reflect Jesus' love and grace in all that you do.
3. **Love Radically:** Extend kindness to those who may not deserve it, trusting that God sees and rewards acts of love.
4. **Pray for Others:** Instead of resenting those who hurt you, lift them up in prayer, asking God to bless and transform their hearts.

By embracing these lessons, we allow God's love to transform our hearts and make His mercy visible in the world. Let us ask for the grace to follow Christ's example of selfless love each day. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P. P.

ROSTERS 1st and 2nd March

Mass Time	Reader / Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Counters
5.30pm	N. Nugent D. Whyley	T. Garcia W. Fernando P. Cosgrove	G & R Mee
8.00am	C. Love V. Dalla—Vecchia	A. Dalla-Vecchia J. Fellowes K. Keating	Supervisor M. Jones
10.00am	C. Manabat J. Venturini	P. Gill Sr Sue W. Mc Eleney	



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.

St. Damian's Parish Lenten Program 2025

As we prepare for the Lenten season, which begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 5**, we are invited to deepen our spiritual journey by reflecting on the **Paschal Mystery—Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection**.



To help us embrace this sacred season, **The Faith Enrichment Group** is offering a special Lenten program: **"Walking with Mary to Jerusalem."** Location: Dunlop Room - **Thursdays at 7:30 PM** - Dates: February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3.

This program will follow **Mary's journey of faith** as she walks alongside her Son, Jesus, to Jerusalem. It includes an **engaging video series by Fr. Mark Touns (American priest)** and discussions on the Sunday Gospel readings. We warmly invite everyone to join us for this enriching Lenten experience. A light cuppa will be provided each evening.

We look forward to journeying with you. May God bless you and your family abundantly.

Fr. Joe Dong & The Faith Enrichment Team

SEEKING YOUR THOUGHTS ON CHANGES

Dear Parishioners,

I have been considering closing the Piety Shop and repurposing the space for other needs. Before making any decisions, I would like to seek your advice and suggestions.

One possibility is to convert the Piety Shop into a small kitchen and set up tables and chairs in the gathering space (church foyer). This would create a welcoming area where we can offer tea, coffee, or water when needed. However, due to financial constraints, this plan may take time, and we would need to save funds first.

Another option is to transform the Piety Shop into a dedicated space for young children to play when they become restless or cry during Mass.

To support this, I am considering reserving some pews near the Piety Shop for parents to sit with their young children during Mass.

As I continue to explore these possibilities, I sincerely welcome your thoughts and feedback. Please feel free to share your suggestions so we can make the best decision together.

You can send your thoughts via **parish email bundoora@cam.org.au** or call us at the Parish Office on **(03) 9467 2797**.

Thank you, and God bless.

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P

PIETY SHOP NO MORE ROSTERS

Dear Customers,

please note that there will be **NO ROSTER** for Piety Shop volunteers from now on. If you wish to purchase anything, please see **Fr. Joe Dong or the Sacristans**, who will be able to open the Piety Shop for you after each Mass. Thank you for your understanding. **God bless.**

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Thankyou to our current sponsors who have featured on the back page of our newsletter in 2024, Ray White Bundoora, Triple M Marine, Anthony's Solicitors. Your support has assisted the Parish in reducing the cost of our newsletter paper in 2024.

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DUNLOP ROOM FOR HIRE

If you are looking for a room to celebrate a Baptism, family gathering, or Community Group the Dunlop Room is available for hire.

The room can hold around 50 people.

The Dunlop Room also has a small kitchen with oven and fridge and dishwasher.

If you would like any further information or would like to view the room.

Please contact the Parish Office on 9467 2797.

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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