



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

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 1st FEBRUARY 2026

THIS WEEKEND

Zeph 2:3, 3: 12-13

1 Cor 1:26-31

Mt 5:1-12

NEXT WEEK

Is 58:7-10

1 Cor 2:1

Mt 5:1-12

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 2nd February: The Presentation of the Lord

Thurs 5th February: St Agatha

Fri 6th February: St Paul Miki

SRI LANKEN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

PSALM

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

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Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: John & Emilia Cisak, Jozef Cisak, Roland Don Paul, Vittorio Gizzi, Irma Gizzi, Maria Valente, Franca Gima

Sick : Teresa Munoz, Lottie Constantino, Estellita Steven, Diana Whyllie, Helen Mc Kinery,

SHORT REFLECTION – 4TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A



What makes a life truly successful? In a world that measures success by power, wealth, and recognition, today's readings invite us to see life through God's eyes. They remind us that God chooses the humble, calls the weak blessed, and shows a very different path to true fulfilment.

The first reading from the prophet Zephaniah speaks to a people drifting from God. Though outwardly faithful, their hearts were filled with pride and injustice. Zephaniah warns of the coming "Day of the Lord," yet he also offers hope for those who sincerely return to God: "Seek the Lord, seek righteousness, seek humility." To seek the Lord is more than performing religious duties. It is turning our hearts toward God with honesty and trust. Righteousness calls us to live justly and care for others, while humility reminds us that we depend on God, not on our own strength. God's promise is that those who trust Him, who live justly and humbly, will find peace and protection.

St. Paul, in the second reading, reminds the Corinthians and us that God's way of choosing is very different from the world. The world values power, intelligence, and status, but God looks at the heart. He chooses the weak, the lowly, and the foolish to reveal His wisdom and love. Salvation is a gift of grace, not something we earn. Even in our ordinary, unnoticed, or imperfect lives, God can work powerfully through us. Paul invites us to humility, gratitude, and trust in God's surprising ways.

Jesus' words in the Beatitudes give this vision of life concrete form. He calls the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the peacemakers blessed. These qualities may seem weak by worldly standards, yet they are the hallmarks of a life truly lived in God. The reward Jesus promises points beyond this life, yet the Beatitudes also guide us here and now. They show that a Christian is someone who trusts God, shows mercy, seeks peace, and remains faithful even in suffering.

A young man once spent a Sunday serving at a home for the aged. Nothing extraordinary happened. No applause, no recognition. Yet he left with a deep sense of peace and fulfilment. This is the kind of success Jesus promises: quiet joy, rooted not in what the world applauds, but in living God's way.

This week, let us try to live at least one Beatitude consciously, trusting that in humility, mercy, and faithfulness, we are already part of God's kingdom. May God bless us all. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

ROSTER: 7th & 8th February 2026

Time	READERS	EUCCHARIST	COUNTERS	Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers
5.30pm	P. Bezzina M. Joyce	P. Cosgrove M. Jones D. Whyley	E: Mana Lansan N. Mana Lansan	Please gather together in the Church about 5 minutes before Mass.
8.00am	Sr. Nelia C. Love	A. Brammer J. Fellowes W. Fernando	SUPERVISOR	Eucharistic Ministers Please remember you are also welcoming Parishioners & visitors & handing out the newsletter.
10.00am	J. Capuana E. Jones	J. Tonkin W. Mc Eleney R. Sacco	D: Mash	
			 Ministries	

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...)* **Children should never be alone in the car park or playground. *Please keep valuable personal belongings*

GOOD NEWS – SOLAR PANELS, BATERRIES AND LIGHTS

Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to share with you some good news for our parish.

We have now installed an additional **17 solar panels and a 30kW battery system** for the presbytery, parish office, Dunlop Room, and Briglia Room. After using the system for just one month, we can already see a significant decrease in our electricity bill.

The total cost for the **17 solar panels and 30kW batteries was only \$4,000**. In addition, we have replaced most of the lighting in the church with **LED lights**, at a total cost of **\$1,500**, including **five new exterior lights** that now illuminate the church grounds at night. All of these expenses have been carefully managed and remain **within our parish budget**.

These improvements will help our parish save money in the long term and also care for God's creation by using cleaner and more sustainable energy.

Once again, thank you for your kind and generous support. Let us continue to work together for the **glory of God**.

With gratitude and prayers,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 12th Feb: Opening School Mass @ 9.15am
Whole School.

Wed 18th Feb: @ 9.15am Ash Wednesday, Whole
School.

SACRAMENT ENROLEMENT AT ST DAMIAN'S PARISH 2026

All Catholic children from other schools who haven't received Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation, are invited to participate in the Preparation Program which will begin February 2026.

Please call the Parish Office and speak to Andrea Groom for more information on 9467 2797.

Sacraments Program 2026

February 5-March 26 : Reconciliation Classes

March 21: **Parish Presentation Mass, 5:30pm**

March 28: **Reconciliation Ceremony, 4:45pm**

April 23-June 18: First Eucharist Classes

June 13 **Parish Presentation Mass, 5:30pm**

June 20: **First Eucharist Celebration Mass, 5:30pm**

July 16-Sept 10: Confirmation Classes

Sept 5: **Parish Presentation Mass, 5:30pm**

Sept 12: **Confirmation Day/Mass, 5:30pm**

All classes are held on a Thursday, 4:00-5pm
in the Dunlop Room.

Thank you, Andrea Groom (Sacrament Co-Ordinator)

EUCCHARISTIC & READERS ROSTERS

TO BE COLLECTED

Dear Readers and Eucharistic Ministers.
Thank you so much for volunteering and contributing to our vibrant liturgy at St Damian's Parish.

Our new rosters will be available this weekend for collection in the Church foyer.

If you are able to collect a roster for a friend or family member this would be very much appreciated. If you have any questions please email me or phone the parish office to assist
Phone: 9467 2797

Email: carmelpatriciafitzgerald@gmail.com>

Thankyou , Carmel Fitzgerald

Roster Co- Ordinator



Ladies' Lunch.

Our first lunch for 2026 is at 12 o'clock at Watsonia RSL on Tuesday, 17th February.

If you are new to St Damian's or have been unable to join us before you are most welcome to come along for lunch and a chat.

Our future dates for 2026 are Tuesdays, 19th May, 18th August and 17th November.

Contact Sarita to book or for any enquires.
0434 581 948.

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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