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WEEKENDS

Saturday Evening: 5.30pm

Sunday Morning: 8am & 10am

WEEKDAYS

Monday: no Mass

Tuesday: 9.15am

Wednesday: 7.00pm Mass & Novena

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

Email: principal@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au

HOLY HOUR

One hour of Novena and Benediction after morning Mass on 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

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 27th August 2023

READING

Is 22:19-23

Rom: 11:33-36

Mt 16:13-20

NEXT WEEK

Jer 20:7-9

Rom 12:1-2

Mt 16:21-27

PSALM

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth.

Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

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FEAST DAY DURING THE WEEK

Mon 28th Aug: St Augustine

Tue 29th Aug: The Passion of St John the Baptist

1st Friday Sep: 9.15 am, followed Novena & Benediction

1st Saturday 8.15 am Prayers & followed Mass 9.15am

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION!

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Recent Deaths : Jesus Soriano, Gina Panteria Roxas, Joseph Hoang

Anniversaries: Ortenscia Perez, Horicao Perez, Raffaeta & Guglielmo Piraino, Yolette & Marino Pereira, Daisy & Stanley Jones, Anthony Toscano, Estela Panteria Garcia

Sick: Anita Gentile, Joven Mercado, Paul Long, Dennis Razal, Louisa, Virginia, Michael Mac Manus

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 WURUNDJERI People of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.



Gospel Reflection for 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

‘You are the Christ,’ St. Peter said, ‘the son of the living God!’

Very good weekend to you, brethren. This Sunday is 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time. The Mother Church enjoins us to recognize and reverence Christ. It is only when we recognize who Christ is, as Peter did, that we can appreciate his greatness.

Our first reading of today, God manifested his power as the sovereign Lord. Eliakim prefigures Christ, the Messiah: He who has the key of David, He who opens, and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens.” Through his humility, the God gave him all authority both in heaven and on earth. In turn, through His solemn declaration, Christ delegated the same authority to St. Peter over his church as we see in today’s Gospel.

In the second reading, St. Paul exalts the greatness of God. He contemplates: “How rich are the depths of God, how impossible to penetrate his motive or understand his methods, who could ever know the mind of God?” Surely, as humans, we can’t fathom the wisdom and greatness of God. However, God reveals himself to those who love him, and to whomever he chooses to reveal himself to.

Today’s Gospel begins in a very dramatic and interesting way. Jesus was aware of the confusion about his personality and mission. So, he decided to know what his disciples think about him: “Who do you the Son of Man is?... but you, who do you say I am?” From the response of some of them, it was obvious that they had no clear idea of who Christ was.

St. Peter, on behalf of the others, spoke up: “You are the Christ, he said, the son of the living God!”. How did Peter know this? Simple! God himself revealed it to him through the Holy Spirit as Jesus affirmed. “Simon son of Jonah, ...it’s not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.”

However, the response of Peter has provoked a very important declaration from Christ. The key was given to Peter as a sign of his apostolic and ministerial authority over the entire church of Christ. This became possible because he recognized Christ. So, Christ was not wrong by making him the head of his earthly church. This is the position he occupies till today through the apostolic succession of the Popes.

Friends, if Christ was to ask us the same question today, “who do you say I am”? What would be our response? We can’t comprehend who Christ is unless we have an intimate relationship with him. And we can’t respond fully to this question unless we are docile to the Holy Spirit who reveals the depth of God’s mind to us.

Finally, only believers who recognize who Christ is, have a special place in him. Therefore, our greatest desire every day should be: “To know Christ and the power of his resurrection, and to share in his suffering, by becoming like him in his death” (Phil 3:10). Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran PP

Rosters for 2nd & 3rd September

Mass Time	Reader/Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety Shop	Counters	Readers/ Responders
5.30pm	P. Bezzina J. Borg	J. Mercado D. Whyley P. Cosgrove	E. Macmanus	E & N Mana lansan	Eucharist / Welcomers, . .
8.00am	V. Dalla Vecchia M. Thavarajah	A. Dalla-Vecchia C. Fitzgerald I. Thavarajah	C. Fitzgerald	Supervisor	Please gather together in the Sacristy about 15 Minutes prior to Mass.
10.00am	J. Capuana M. Han	C. Manabat W. Mc Eleney R. Sacco	L. Careri	D. Mash	Eucharist Ministers— please remember that you are also
					

PRESENTATIONS & MASSES FOR FIRST EUCHARIST

Parish – Catechist Class

*2nd September: Presentation Mass of the First Eucharist Children at 5:30pm

*9th September: First Eucharist Mass of Children at 5:30pm

School Students – Year 4 & 5

- Saturday 26th / 27th Sunday August: Presentation Mass for the First Eucharist Communicants at 5:30pm & 10am
 - 9th September: First Eucharist Mass for St Damian's Primary School at 2:00pm

PRESENTATION OF FIRST EUCHARIST COMMUNICANTS

Dear Parishioners, this weekend our congregation will warmly welcome the First Eucharist Communicants on the Vigil Mass at 5:30pm and 10:00am on Sunday. And as they will receive Jesus, the Bread of Life for the first time on Saturday 9th September 2023 at 2:00pm. In a special way, we're also very warm welcome to their families, relatives and friends who are present here today. Let us keep our children in your prayers and many thanks for ongoing support to them.

TO HONOURING THE FATHER'S DAY

"Every family needs a father who shares in his family's joy and pain, hands down wisdom to his children and offers them firm guidance and love" _ Pope Francis.

First of all, please don't forget to send us your father's photos. We want to create the slices and show it after Holy Communion for next each weekend Mass – The deadline will be on Wednesday August 31st. Thank you!

Secondly, in order to honour fathers, grandfathers, & all males on the Father's Day, I write to ask you all to join us for a Father's Day morning tea in Dunlop Room on Sunday, 3rd September after the 10.00am Mass. During morning tea we'll be drawn the RAFFLE'S TICKETS, so please bring them with you. We look forward to seeing you all. LET CELEBRATE TOGETHER. All are invited.

CATHOLICCARE THANKS YOU

MANY THANKS TO YOU ALL WHO DONATED LAST WEEKEND FOR CATHOLICCARE. WE RAISED \$415.75.

St DAMIAN'S PARISH 57TH YEAR FEAST DINNER DANCE

LOYOLA CAMPAIONS HALL
325 Grimshaw St, Watsonia VIC 3087

SATURDAY THE 16TH OF SEPTEMBER
2023
6.00PM – 11.00PM

A Vigil Mass at 5:00pm, instead of 5:30pm as usual – Only this weekend

*** MENU *** Buffet Style

*Carvery:

Roast Beef and Pork; Scallop Potato and Gravy;
Condiments; Bread and Butter; Steamed
Salmon, Prawns, Calamari, and baby octopus'
salad.

* Chafing Dishes:

Veal Tortellini chicken and mushroom and BBQ
Maryland fillet in apricot jus

*Asian Clay pots: X5

Beef Mongolian Chinese; Chicken Chop suey;
Beef Rendang Malaysian style; Fried Rice /
steamed rice, and Chow mien

*Salads: x3

Garden Salad; Waldorf Salad, and 5 bean mix
salad in coriander dressing

*Dessert x3

Tiramisu; Fresh fruit Salad, and Chocolate mud

*Drinks: Provide & Also, Bring Your Own
– BYO!

Music: 2 BANDS INVOLVED & DJ

RAFFLE'S TICKETS SELL ON THE NIGHT –
BRING COINS

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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