



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

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 3RD AUGUST 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Eccl 1:2,2:21-23;

Col 3:1-5,9-11;

Lk 12:13-21.

NEXT WEEK

Wis 18:6-9;

Heb 11:1-2,8-19;

Lk 12:32-48.

SRI LANKEN SINGHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Wed 6th—The Transfiguration of the Lord

Wed 6th—St Mary of the Cross

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

PSALM

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back to dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep men away like a dream, like the grass which springs up in the morning.

In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?

Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Frank Monagle, Kevin John Mc Grath, Antonio Peduto, Vittorio Gizzi, Irma Gizzi

Sick : Helen Mc Kinnery , John Long, Antonio Castro, Perpetuna Basada, Olivia Petrelli, Angelo Trinidad, Norma Frendo

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 with you (purses, glasses, phones, etc...) and double check before leaving your seat, even briefly during Communion*

REFLECTION FOR THE 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

“Where do you set your heart - on things that pass away, or on what lasts forever?”

“Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.” This quotation in our first reading today, the author looks at human life and sees how often we pour our strength into work, possessions, and achievements - yet in the end, everything fades.

- We work hard but cannot keep our wealth forever.
- Others inherit what we've built, sometimes without appreciating it.
- Life can feel empty if it's only about chasing material success.

Lesson: If we live only for the things of this world, we will end in frustration and emptiness.

In our Second Reading - “Seek the things that are above, where Christ is... Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” St. Paul invites us to live as people who already belong to Christ.

- Baptism has given us a new life; our real treasure is in heaven.
- We must put to death greed, selfishness, lust, anger, and dishonesty.
- Our identity is not built on nationality, race, or social status but on Christ living in us.

Lesson: True life is found in union with Christ, not in earthly status or possessions.

The parable of the rich fool from evangelist of St Luke speaks to us clearly that a man stores up wealth for himself, thinking he has secured his future. But God says to him: “Fool! This very night your life will be demanded of you. Then who will own what you have prepared?”

Jesus warns:

- Greed blinds us to God and to the needs of others.
- Life is not measured by how much we own, but by our relationship with God.
- Wealth can be useful, but if it becomes our master, it becomes a trap.

Lesson: A person is truly rich when they are rich towards God - generous, loving, faithful, ready to meet Him at any moment.

Practical Takeaway for this Week - Ask yourself:

1. Am I investing more in my bank account than in my soul?
2. If tonight were my last night, would I be ready to meet the Lord?
3. How can I be rich in God - perhaps by helping someone in need, forgiving someone, or deepening my prayer life?

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Rosters 9th & 10th August 2025

Time	Readers	Eucharist/ Welcome	Counters
5.30pm	S, Gooneratne P. Bezzina	T. Garcia L. Gooneratne D. Whyley	B. Keating T. Garcia
8.00am	C. Love V. Dalla– Vecchia	A. Dalla Vecchia Sr Nelia V. Smith	Supervisor
10.00am	J. Capuana J. Mercado	R. Sacco W. Mc Eleney P. Gill	M. Sweetman



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.

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. 

Who Am I to Judge?" – 8-Session Program

Thursday, 7th August at 7:00 PM

Continues: Every Thursday evening

Location: Dunlop Room

Explore how to respond to a relativistic culture with truth and love through this engaging series.

Everyone is welcome!



BAPTISM:

This weekend we welcome , Chiara Albisi, Noah & Louie Barsoum, Victoria Kolovas who are being baptised.



THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2025

ALL NEW KIA PICANTO TO BE WON!!!

Tickets are available to be purchased by contacting, Dianne in the Parish Office 9467 2797. Tickets are \$2.00 each and \$1.50 from each ticket goes directly to St Damian's Parish .

Raffle Drawn on the 6th December



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10C Bottles & Cans Instructions

The details below are the instructions on how to deposit your cans & bottles. A Print out of the form is in the Church Foyer.

The Closest Collection Station is Located on Cameron Parade Bundoora in the car park of the Lawn bowls.

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SAVE THE DATE: 70th YEAR CELEBRATION

OF ST MARY'S PARISH AND PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH 2025

HELP NEEDED – BRING HOLY COMMUNION

Dear Parishioners, I am reaching out to ask for your kind help in bringing Holy Communion to our elderly and sick brothers and sisters who are unable to attend Mass.

Your generous assistance will allow them to share in the grace of the Eucharist and remain closely connected to our parish family. If you feel called to serve in this way, please contact us via email at bundoora@cam.org.au.

Thank you sincerely for your prayerful consideration and willingness to help. Blessings in Christ,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran

WORD OF THANKS FROM PARISH PRIEST

Dear volunteers, on behalf of our parish team, and as your parish priest, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who attended the Formation Session for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers. Your presence, dedication, and willingness to serve are truly a blessing to me and to our parish community. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to this ministry. May God bless you abundantly!



FR. JOE DONG TRAN – 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Dear Parishioners and Visitor

We are delighted to announce that we will celebrate Fr. Joe Dong Tran's 10th Anniversary of Priesthood on Friday, 12 September 2025. The celebration will begin with a Thanksgiving Mass at 6:00 pm at St Damian's Church, followed by dinner and entertainment in the Parish and School Hall . We sincerely thank all those who have already expressed interest in joining the teams for cleaning, hall setup, and serving food during the event.

To make this celebration a joyful and shared experience, we kindly invite everyone to bring a plate to contribute to the dinner. Food donation rosters are now placed on the Noticeboard in the Church foyer - please write down what dish you are able to bring along with your contact details.

Please note: (1) No alcohol will be served on the day. However, you are welcome to bring your own, provided you take responsibility for it while on Church premises. (2) The food rosters will remain available until 31 August 2025. (3) If you prefer, financial donations toward the purchase of food and drinks are also welcome. As this event is open to all parishioners and visitors, we kindly ask you to register so that we can prepare and serve everyone well. Free tickets are available via Trybooking registration link or QR code published in this notice. Bookings are open now and will close on Sunday 24th August at 11.00pm . Please contact Dianne in the Parish Office for any enquiries or help to purchase Tickets.

We deeply appreciate your generosity and support, and we look forward to celebrating this special Milestone together!



Parish Pastoral Committee

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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