



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

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24th AUGUST 2025

THIS WEEKEND

IS 66:18-21

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

LK 13:22-30

NEXT WEEK

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29;

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24;

Lk 14:1, 7-14.

SRI LANKEN SINHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Wed 27th Aug — St Monica

Thurs 28th Aug—St Augustine

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the
Lord; no one comes to the Father,

except through me.

Alleluia!

PSALM

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples!

Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Recent Deaths: Franca Villanova

Anniversaries: Anthony Toscano, Robert Chamoun, Angelo Taranto, Maryse Abraham, Lise Assarapin, Haydee Bastien
Daisy & Stanley Jones, Yolette & Marino Pereira, Percy Perera, Roland Don Paul

Sick : 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*

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.

SUNDAY REFLECTION FOR THE 21ST SUNDAY – YEAR C

Our readings this Sunday invite us to think seriously about our journey toward salvation.

In the first reading (Isaiah 66:18-21), God promises to gather people from every nation and tongue. Salvation is not limited to one group but is a universal call. Everyone is invited to share in God's glory. This tells us that our faith cannot be narrow or exclusive we are called to welcome, to share, and to witness to God's love for all.

In the second reading (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13), we are reminded that God treats us as beloved children. His discipline is not punishment, but love. Just as an athlete train with effort and sacrifice, so too God trains us through trials so that we may grow in faith and perseverance. The "peaceful fruit of righteousness" is the reward for those who endure with trust in Him.

In the Gospel (Luke 13:22-30), Jesus teaches that the way to salvation is through the "narrow door." It is not enough to simply know about Him or be close in name only. Faith must be lived in action, in daily commitment, in striving for holiness. The narrow door means choosing the harder path of humility, service, forgiveness, and love. It means not relying on privilege or appearances, but on a genuine relationship with Christ.

What we can learn

1. God's invitation is universal: His love extends to all nations, all peoples.
2. Discipleship requires discipline: Trials and struggles can help us grow if we see them as God's way of shaping us.
3. The path is narrow: Salvation is not automatic; it demands effort, daily choices, and true conversion of heart.
4. Faith is lived, not just professed: It is not enough to say, "I know Jesus." We must live as His disciples in love and fidelity.

Dear Friend, God wants everyone to be saved, but each of us must make the personal effort to walk through the narrow door. This means taking our faith seriously - not as a label, but as a way of life. It means allowing God's discipline to purify us and responding to His call with humility and perseverance.

The door may be narrow, but it leads to life and God's grace is always there to help us pass through. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Rosters 30th & 31st August 2025

Time	Readers	Eucharist/ Welcome	Counters
5.30pm	A. Favrin D. Whyley	L. Robinson B. Joyce M. Jones	N & K Nugent M. Thompson
8.00am	O. Carvalho L. Starvaggi	V. Smith M. Sweetman S. Aldridge	Supervisor
10.00am	C. Fitzgerald N. Mathews	R. Sacco E. Jones P. Gill	T. Frazer



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 Vincent de Paul Collection

This weekend, St Vincent de Paul will conduct a special collection at all Masses to support the poor and the needy in our area.

St Vincent De Paul will also have envelopes available in the Church foyer for people wishing to have receipts for Taxation Purposes.

All donations are greatly appreciated. New volunteers are always welcomed to join the Society which meets every first Tuesday of the month, anyone interested can contact Godfrey Spiteri on 0417314729



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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



1st PRIZE!!

All New 2025 Kia Picanto S Auto valued @ \$22,340 Drive Away
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4th Prize & 5th Prize - Gift Card to the value of \$1000
6th & 7th Prizes - Gift Cards to the value of @ \$500 each

RAISING FATHERS

FATHERING FROM THE FRONT LINE

Wednesday, 3rd September 7.00pm to 8.00pm
 Loyola College: 325 Grimshaw Street Watsonia.



ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend the Archbishop Campaign will start and continue until the 31st August. If you would like to make a donation over these weekends envelopes and pencils will be available on the end of each pew or you can donate

melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign

Thankyou



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!

<https://www.trybooking.com/DCWHB>

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.

St Damian's Church Bundoora



Zone ID: C2000010970

1. Scan the barcode
2. St Damian's Church Bundoora will show on screen
3. Deposit containers
4. Push FINISH when completed depositing containers

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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