

St Damian's Catholic Church

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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

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10th AUGUST 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Wis 18:6-9;

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19;

Lk 12:32-48.

NEXT WEEK

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10;

Heb 12:1-4;

Lk 12:49-53.

SRI LANKEN SINGHALESE MASS

Every Third Sunday :

Rosary 6.30pm and followed by Mass.

Enquiries : Winifred 0425880611

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Thurs 14th—St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

Fri 15th—The Assumption of the

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man
coming.

Alleluia!

PSALM

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal
hearts.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as
his own.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his
love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Recent Deaths: Bryan Mash,, Peng Lim Ang

Anniversaries: Itala Livini, John Capuana, Alphons Vandenhoven

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

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...)*
**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*

READINGS' REFLECTION ON THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today's readings weave together a beautiful theme: faithful trust and readiness for the Lord's coming.

In the *Book of Wisdom* (18:6-9), the people of Israel are shown as a community waiting in hope. Even in the dark night before the Exodus, they trusted God's promise and were prepared for His saving action. They believed not because they saw the miracle yet, but because they knew God's word was sure.

The *Psalms* sing joyfully: *"Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own."* Our greatest happiness, our deepest security, is knowing that we belong to God. That is a truth no hardship, no uncertainty, no trial can take away.

In the *Letter to the Hebrews* (11:1-2, 8-19), St Paul describes faith as "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Abraham is given as our great example. He left his homeland not knowing where he was going. He trusted in God's promise of descendants even when he and Sarah were far beyond childbearing age. His life tells us that faith is not a feeling- it is a choice to trust and obey God, even when the road ahead is unclear.

Then in the *Gospel of Luke* (12:32-48), Jesus speaks tenderly: *"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom."* But He also warns us to be ready - like servants waiting for their master's return, keeping their lamps burning. The Lord's return is certain, but the timing is unknown. So, readiness is not about trying to guess the day or hour- it is about living every day faithfully, generously, and in service to God and others.

What do we learn from today's Word of God?

1. Faith trusts in God's promises even before they are fulfilled. Like the Israelites and Abraham, we walk in hope, not by sight.
2. Belonging to God is our greatest treasure. This truth frees us from fear and gives us peace.
3. Readiness is daily faithfulness. We prepare for the Lord's coming not by waiting passively, but by living each day in prayer, service, love, and integrity.

The Lord may come at the end of time, or He may come to us today in the face of someone in need, in the call to forgive, in the invitation to serve. The question is: when He comes, will He find our hearts awake and our lamps burning?

So today, let us renew our faith in God's promises, find joy in belonging to Him, and live each day ready to welcome Christ - whether He comes at dawn, at noon, or in the quiet of the night. Amen.

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.F

Rosters 16th & 17th August 2025

Time	Readers	Eucharist/ Welcome	Counters
5.30pm	A. Groom J. Borg	S. Gooneratne E. Taylor J. Mercado	E & N Mana Lansan
8.00am	J. North C. Fitzgerald	M. Sweetman S. Aldridge M. Beverley	Supervisor
10.00am	J. Venturini P. Gill	Sr S. Barker E. Jones	D. Mash

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

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. 

ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

Dear Parishioners,

On 16th & 17th August next weekend the Archbishop Campaign will start and continue over the following weekends of 23rd & 24th August and also 30th & 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

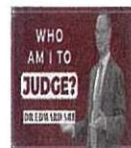
St Vincent de Paul Collection

On the weekend of the 24th August, 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 on the Church pews 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

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

Thursday, 14th 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!

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>



Parish Pastoral Council

Ladies Lunch:



The next lunch at Watsonia RSL is on Tuesday, 19th August at 12 O'clock. All are welcome to join us for lunch and a chat. Bookings or enquires to Sarita, on 0434581948 or 9467 2531.

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
* 1.25ltr Auto * Wireless Apple CarPlay & Android Auto
* Rear parking sensors * 7 Year Unlimited km warranty
* Cruise control * Reverse Camera

2nd Prize – Gift Card to the value of \$5,000
3rd Prize – Gift Card to the value of \$3,000
4th Prize & 5th Prize - Gift Card to the value of \$1000
6th & 7th Prizes - Gift Cards to the value of @ \$500 each

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.

St Damian's Church Bundoora



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

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

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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