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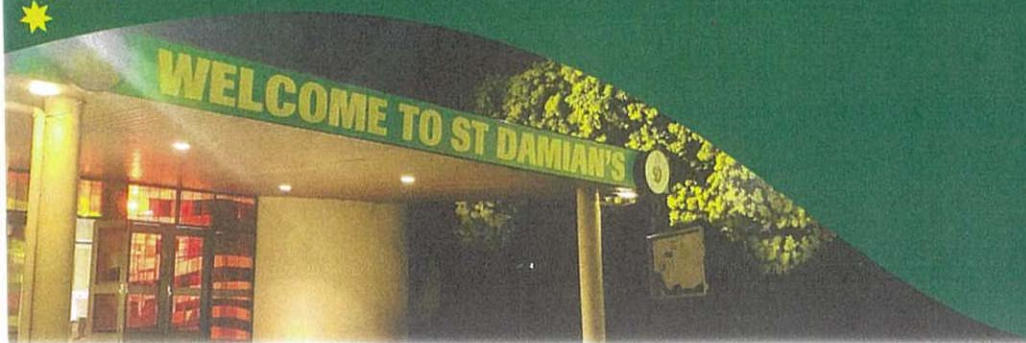
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WEEKENDS

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

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 11 TH OCTOBER 2026

THIS WEEKEND

Is 25:6-10

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Mt 22:1-14

NEXT WEEK

Is 45:1, 4-6

1 Thess 1:1-5

Mt 22:15-21

PSALM

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat 17th October: St Ignatius of Antioch

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths: Vincent & Ine

Anniversaries: Margaret Thompson, Simon, Clare, William, Emalyn, Maria, Sherman, Nandanie, Dion,

Sick: Diana Whyllay, Susie, Moding Ilanto, Vlad, Marie Lazatin, Gloria Franco, Zoe Delahunty, Clarissa Garcia

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*

Reflections on the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"How do we respond to God's invitation?"

On this Sunday, the readings, especially the first reading (Isa 25:6-10) and the Gospel (Matthew 22:1-14) remind us about the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is described as a banquet that everyone is invited to partake of. God has provided everything for us. In the Gospel, Jesus explains the Kingdom of God with a parable about a king who held a wedding banquet for his son. He distributed invitations and provided the best food for the guests. However, none of the people invited were available due to various reasons and their respective busy schedules. The king then told his servants to invite everyone they met on the road to come. During the banquet he saw someone who was not wearing a wedding garment, so he threw the person out of the banquet.

Today's Gospel teaches us three things. Firstly, **God invites all of us to participate in the joy of God's Kingdom.** The parable confirms one important thing that God's mercy is without limits. God invites everyone. The Kingdom of God is not exclusive to only those who feel they are the most worthy, but for everyone regardless of who we are. Everyone is welcome, whatever our background. People who have sinned can come. People who are struggling to improve their lives can come. People who feel far from God are called to return. The door for God's mercy is always open.

Secondly, **God's invitation requires a response from us.** The response to that invitation is up to us. We are free to choose to accept it and come, or we can ignore it. We are often so busy with work, interests, ambitions, worries, and the various affairs of life that we fail to realize that God is calling us. Like the people in the Gospel, they missed the banquet because they were busy with personal matters, tending to their fields and businesses.

There's nothing wrong with being busy. The problem is when our busy lives and work make us neglect God. We do not have time to be with God. We can be so busy working that we do not have time to pray; we can be so busy chasing income that we forget about quality time with our families; we can be so busy with social media that we no longer make time to read the Bible. As Christians, we are called to have a different attitude. We are encouraged to have a balanced life between work/personal busyness and spiritual life (spending time with God and listening to God's call).

Thirdly, **God's invitation and grace require a change in our lives (wedding garments).** At the end of the parable, the king hosting the banquet turns away a guest for not wearing a wedding garment. This incident has a powerful message: being Christ's disciple means we are willing to renew ourselves. Those of us who are willing to fulfill God's invitation are expected to put off our 'old garments' and put on 'new ones' as Christians. What are our wedding garments as followers of Christ? Our wedding garments are **love and forgiveness**. May we be able to make room for God in our hearts, answer His invitation and wear the wedding garments of Christians.

Deacon Siven

ROSTER 17th & 18th October 2026

Time	READERS	EUCCHARIST
5.30pm	A. Favrin S. Gooneratne	L. Gooneratne J. Mercado T. Garcia
8.00am	J. North C. Love	Volunteer C. Fitzgerald J. Fellowes
10.00am	J. Venturini J. Sobey	N. Cardamone R. Sacco P. Gill

COUNTERS

W. Fernando
E. Mana Lansan

SUPERVISOR

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.



DATES TO REMEMBER



EVERY THURSDAY
DIVINE MERCY
AFTER MORNING MASS.



FIRST FRIDAY
NOVENA OF SACRED HEART
AFTER MORNING MASS.



1ST SATURDAY
• PRAYERS AT 8:15AM
• MASS 9:15AM



SRI LANKAN SINHALESE MASS
EVERY 3RD SUNDAY:
• ROSARY 6:30PM
• FOLLOWED BY MASS.
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LEGION OF MARY MEETING
IN DUNLOP ROOM



EVERY FORTNIGHT
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ONCE TWO MONTHS.
ENQUIRIES: LAWRIE 0412839122

Many hands make light work. Thank you!

Farsi-Speaking Sponsor Needed

We are looking for a parishioner who speaks Farsi and would be willing to sponsor Mona. If you can help, please let Fr Joe Dong know. Thank you!

October: The Month of Our Lady of the Rosary



Dear Parishioners,

October is the month of Our Lady of the Rosary, inviting us to grow closer to Jesus through Mary and to follow her example of faith, humility and obedience to God's will. In her *Magnificat*, Mary praises the Lord and humbly accepts His plan for her life.

As your Parish Priest, I am delighted to see parishioners staying after morning Mass to pray the Rosary together. I warmly encourage you to pray the Rosary regularly, both individually and with your families, offering our prayers for peace in the world, harmony in our families and unity in our communities.

May Mary, Queen of Peace, teach us to say yes to God's will and lead us closer to Jesus.

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P.

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISH RAFFLE

This weekend tickets are available to be purchased in the Church Foyer for the Combined Catholic Raffle. Tickets are only \$2 each and \$1.50 from each ticket goes to St Damian's Parish.

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at Holy Trinity Parish Bentleigh East

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RCIA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY just a genuine desire to share the joy of your faith with others who are seeking to become Catholic. The RCIA team is in urgent need of volunteers to join this invaluable ministry.

Please contact Fr Dong, the parish office (94672797) or Ellen .

St Damian's 60th Anniversary Thankyou to our Donors

Our 60th Anniversary raffle was a highlight of the night. We appreciate all our donors and those who purchased raffle tickets.

Please support the following businesses , as without them we wouldn't have had our amazing raffle.

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Bakers Delight, Bundoora Square

Maney's Dumplings

Pinoy Plates, Uni Hill

Benvenuti, Thomastown

THANK YOU

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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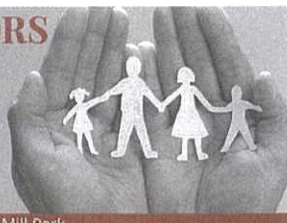
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