



# St Damian's Catholic Church

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## WEEKENDS

Saturday Evening: 5.30pm

Sunday Morning: 8am & 10am

## WEEKDAYS

Monday: no Mass

Tuesday: 9.15am

Wednesday: 9.15am

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

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## 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

# Second Sunday of Advent



# 8th December 2024

### THIS WEEKEND

Baruch: 5: 1-9

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6

### NEXT WEEK

Zeph 3:14-18

Phil 4:4-7;

Lk 3:10-18.

### FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

**Mon 9th December:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Friday 13th December:** St Lucy

**Saturday: 14th December:**

St John of the Cross.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia!**

### PSALM

**The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

**The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

**Recent Deaths:** Edward Azzopardi

**Anniversaries:** Andrea Faustina, Michael Cifone, Irma Gizzi

**Sick:** Judy Cousins, Jon Walker, Teresita Calma

## Safeguarding of children and vulnerable young people

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### REFLECTION FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C

#### Lighting the Second Candle of PEACE



Dear Friends in Christ,

As we light the second purple candle, the candle of Peace we are reminded that Advent is a season of preparation, not just for the birth of Christ but for His return in glory. The light of this candle shines as a beacon, inviting us to trust in God's promises and prepare our hearts for His coming.

In today's readings, we see a strong message of hope in transformation - God's promise to renew, guide, and lead His people into fullness of life.

In the Book of Baruch 5:1-9 invites Jerusalem to "take off your robe of sorrow and distress" and put on "the beauty of the glory of God." This powerful image of being clothed in hope reminds us that God's plan is to lift us out of despair, guiding us along a path of peace and restoration.

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 reflects Paul's joyful hope in the work God has begun in the Philippians. He assures them and us that God, who has started a good work in us, will bring it to completion. This encourages us to remain steadfast and faithful, trusting in God's timing.

The Gospel of St. Luke 3:1-6 introduces us to John the Baptist, the one preparing the way for the Lord. His call to "prepare the way of the Lord" is a reminder that hope requires action. As valleys are filled, mountains lowered, and crooked paths made straight, we, too, are invited to remove obstacles in our hearts and lives that prevent us from encountering Christ.

#### Lessons for Us Today:

- **Hope Transforms:** Like Jerusalem in Baruch, we are called to let go of the sorrow and burdens that weigh us down and trust that God's glory can shine through our lives.
- **Hope Sustains:** Paul's words remind us that even when we feel incomplete, God is working within us, and His work will bear fruit in His perfect time.
- **Hope Prepares:** John the Baptist teaches us that true hope is active it moves us to repentance, renewal, and readiness for the Lord's coming.

The candle of Hope shines brightly, reminding us that no matter the challenges we face, God is with us, guiding us towards His promise of peace and restoration. As we continue our Advent journey, let us prepare our hearts, trusting in the transformative power of God's hope and love. Amen.

**Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P**

| Roster: 14th & 15th December 2024 |                           |                                               |            |                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mass Time                         | Reader / Responder        | Eucharist / Welcome                           | Piety      | Counters               | Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers                                                                                                                                                                |
| 5.30pm                            | A. Favrin<br>N. Nugent    | D. Whyley<br>W. Fernando<br>Sr F Hardy        | Volunteer  | G. Mee<br>R. Mee       | Please gather together in the Church about 5 minutes before Mass.<br><br>Eucharistic Ministers<br>Please remember you are also welcoming parishioners & visitors & handing out the newsletter. |
| 8.00am                            | C. Love<br>T. Shebual     | V. Della Vecchia<br>M. Sweetman<br>K. Keating | A. Brammer | Supervisor<br>M. Jones |                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 10.00am                           | C. Manabat<br>K. Mangubat | N. Cardamone<br>Sr S Barler<br>P. Gill        | R. Sacco   | Ministries             |                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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.

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS



ADVENT: SEASON OF HOPE & EXPECTATION

THURSDAY: 11th December

Time: 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Venue: Dunlop Room, St Damian's Parish

Facilitator: Sr. Sue Barker SGS

@. ANNOINTING MASS FOR ALL

Wednesday 18th December at 9.15am, followed morning tea.

@. SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Rites

@. CHRISTMAS CAROLS PRAYER SERVICE

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December @ 7:00pm to 8.00pm

@. 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER: TUESDAY CHRISTMAS EVE

7:00PM CHRISTMAS CAROLS

7:30PM FAMILY MASS

9:30PM CHRISTMAS CAROLS

10:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER: WEDNESDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00AM & 10:00AM

**NOTICE:** This Christmas Eve, we warmly invite you to our Family/Children's Mass at 7:30 PM, with carols starting at 7:00 PM.

To make this celebration even more joyful, I encourage all children to dress up as their favourite Nativity characters: Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds, Donkey, Sheep, Wise Men, and more.

Let's bring the Nativity story to life through their participation and joy. Thank you for your support in making this a special and memorable evening for our parish community.

**The Piety Shop :** Many beautiful nativities both large and small are now available as are a variety of Christmas ornaments and cards. Also in stock is the 2025 Columban Calendar at only \$11.00 the Calendar makes an excellent gift for family and Friends and helps support the missionaries.

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SPECIAL CELEBRATION IN HONOUR OF  
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm Mass  
St. Damian's Church, Bundoora. All Welcome

### MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Dear Volunteers,

I warmly invite you to participate in the Christmas Masses as **Readers, Special Ministers, and Altar Servers**. Your service helps make our liturgies meaningful and spiritually enriching for all. If you are available to assist, please kindly write your name(s) on the **Christmas Mass Ministers Sheets** located on the Church Noticeboard in the Foyer. Your help and dedication are greatly appreciated. Thank you, and may God bless you abundantly this Christmas season!

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS

Thank you for all your service throughout 2024. The new roster will be prepared during January and will be emailed to you, or available for collection in the church, from Saturday January 18th. This roster will be effective from 1/2/2025 until 29/6/2025. As usual volunteers are not rostered for January. Could you please see Father Joe, or the sacristan, before mass if you wish to volunteer as a Reader or Eucharistic Minister at January masses?

Volunteers will need to let me know before Christmas if their availability has changed or if they wish to be removed from the roster. New volunteers are always welcome, especially for 8:00am mass on Sunday which only has a small list. Please contact me, or the Parish Office, if you are considering volunteering and I can talk to you about the roles and training (if required). As mandated by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, volunteers need to have a current Working With Children Check or have an application pending, to be included on the roster. Please email me by December 24th or contact Dianne at the Parish

Office. **Carmel FitzGerald (Roster Co-ordinator)**

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### ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL:



For our Christmas offering we are requesting any of the following.

the school children of St Damian's have been generous that we have enough presents for small children. We would love to receive Retail Store Gift Vouchers for teenagers, this would be much appreciated. Donations by cash & credit card would also be greatly appreciated. All donations can be delivered to the container besides the Christmas tree in the Church. The gifts will be distributed among the needy in the Parish whose parents cannot afford to buy gifts. There are many families doing it tough at present, so we will appreciate the help.

## 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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