



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

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6TH JULY 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Is 66:10-14

Ga 6:14-18

Lk 10:1-12

NEXT WEEK

Duet 30:10-14;

Col 1:15-20;

Lk 1-12, 17-20

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Fri 11th July : St Benedict

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

PSALM

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!'

'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men.

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. Come and hear, all who fear God.

I will tell what he did for my soul. Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Recent Deaths: Linda Watson

Anniversaries: John Crowe, Nella & Amlia Giaccotto, Marcolina Lucci, Vittorio Gizzi, Antonio Gizzi, Salvatore Merlino

Sick : Helen Mc Kinnery, 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.*

Reflection by Fr. Joe Dong for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

There's a beautiful African proverb that says: "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." Today's Gospel reminds us that mission is not a solo act. Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples in pairs. It is not just the Twelve apostles, but a wider group. It's a clear message: mission is not just for the ordained, but for all the baptized – everybody.

St Luke, in today's Gospel, tells that Jesus sends the disciples ahead of Him, to every town and place He Himself intends to visit. They are to carry no money, no bag, no sandals. Why? Because the success of the mission does not depend on human preparation, but on faithful obedience.

Jesus says, "The harvest is rich, but the labourers are few." That remains true today. The world is hungry, not just for food, but for truth, for hope, for meaning. And the Lord is still sending us into our families, our workplaces, our schools, our streets to share the peace and healing of God's Kingdom.

St Paul, in the second reading, gives us a spiritual compass. He writes, "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." For Paul, the cross is not a symbol of shame but of victory. It marks the turning point of history. In Christ crucified, we see God's love poured out completely - a love that redeems, transforms, and makes all things new.

We live in a world that loves to boast in appearance, status, achievements. But the Christian boast is different. We do not point to ourselves, but to Jesus crucified and risen. To be marked by the Cross, as Paul says, is to live a life of sacrifice, humility, and love.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah gives us a tender image of Jerusalem as a mother who feeds and comforts her children. It's a promise of consolation after a time of suffering and exile. God says: "As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you."

This is who our God is. He is not distant or cold, but intimate, gentle, nurturing. Whether we are burdened by grief, guilt, exhaustion, or fear, God offers us peace like a river and joy like a flowing stream.

What Do We Learn Today?

1. We are all missionaries. God sends every one of us - not necessarily across the world, but across the street.
2. Our deepest joy is not in our success, but in belonging to God.
3. The cross is our identity. Through it, we become a new creation.
4. God's love is maternal. He comforts us and calls us to do the same for others.

Dear friends, God comforts us, transforms us, and sends us. Let us walk forward like the 72 disciples: with trust, with humility, and with joy. And may we never forget that our true reward is not earthly success, but heavenly citizenship - our names written in the heart of God. Amen.

Rosters 12th & 13th July 2025

Time	Readers
5.30pm	P. Bezzina A. Favrin
8.00am	V. Dalla-Vecchia C. Love
10.00am	P. Gill J. Capuana

Eucharist / Welcome

E. Taylor
M. Spiteri
D. Mash

A. Dalla-Vecchia
V. Smith
M. Sweetman

W. Mc Eleney
R. Sacco
J. Tonkin

Counters

W. Fernando
M. Thompson

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.

FR JOE DONG TRAN – 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Dear St Damian's Parishioners and Visitors,

On behalf of our parish team, I warmly invite you to **SAVE THE DATE** for a very special occasion:

Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr Joe Dong Tran's 10th Anniversary of Ordination
@. Friday, 12th September
@. 6:00 pm Mass, followed by a Joyful celebration in the hall.

To help make this celebration a success, we kindly ask for your support. If you are able to volunteer, Please add your name to the sign-up sheets available in the church foyer.

Volunteers are needed for:
Set-Up and Cleaning Committee, led by Paul Bezzina
Food and Drinks Committee, led by Marie Jones and Shay Gooneratne

Thank you sincerely for your generosity and support. We look forward to celebrating this joyful milestone with you. Any enquiries please contact the Parish Office on 9467 2797.
More details to come soon!

Dianne Stubbs, Parish Secretary

BAPTISM: This weekend we welcome James and Lachlan Hesse, Amaya Paril, Lucy & Mitchell King, Georgia & Patrick Duggan who are being baptised.



FORMATION SESSION MORNING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS



Dear Volunteers, as your parish priest, I warmly invite you to attend our **Formation Session Morning on Saturday, July 26 at 10:30am** in the church. Following the session, please join us for a light cuppa in the **Dunlop Room**.

This is a valuable opportunity to reflect on our ministry, refresh our understanding, and stay updated on what's needed for our service. Your presence and participation are truly appreciated as we continue this Journey of faith together. I look forward to seeing you there!

Co-ordinator Carmel & Fr. Joe Dong P.P

10¢ CANS & BOTTLES DONATIONS



Our community is now collecting recyclable cans and bottles (each worth 10¢) to raise funds for the St. Damian's Youth Fund. A green bin has been placed to the right of the church where you can drop off your donations at any time

FUNERAL FOR LINDA WATSON

Dear Parishioners,

The funeral for Linda Watson will be held at St Damian's Parish on Friday the 18th July 2025. Rosary 11.00am then followed by the Mass at 11.15am.

MORNING MASS & ANOINTING



Join us for **Morning Mass on Tuesday, July 8th**, which will include the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**. After Mass, all are warmly invited to share a light cuppa in the **Dunlop Room**.
Everyone is welcome!

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



Thursday, June 26 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!

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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