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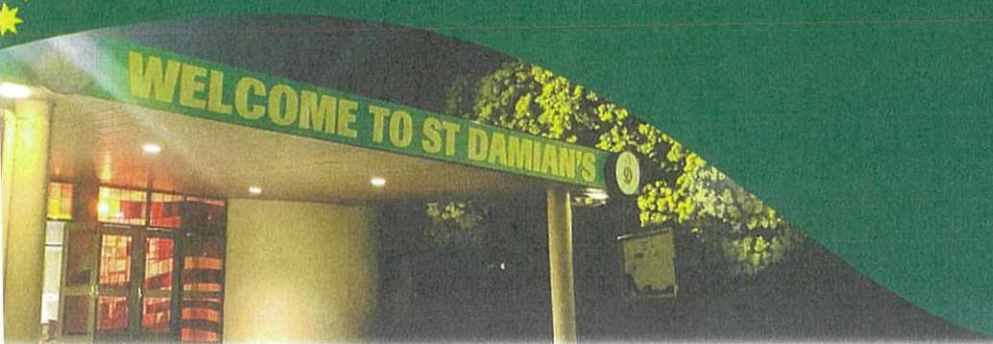
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WEEKENDS

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

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 27th APRIL 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Acts 5: 12-16;

Rev: 1:9-13, 17-19;

Jn 20:19-31.

NEXT WEEK

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

Rev: 5:11-14

Jn 21:1-19

FEAST DAYS DURING THIS WEEK

Tues 29th April— St Catherine of Siena

Fri 2nd May — St Athanasius

Sat 3rd May— Sts Philip and James

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord, grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Recent Deaths: Pope Francis, Frank Pinney

Anniversaries: Teresa Tran Thi Trinh, Menotti Camilli

Sick: Elizabeth San Martin, Manuel Paneda, Lottie Constantino, Helen Mc Kinnery, John Long, Antonio Castro

Perpetua Basada, Linda Watson

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Reflection on Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter)
 Readings: Acts 5:12–16; Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19; John 20:19–31



On this Second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, the Risen Jesus appears to His disciples in the Upper Room and says, not once but three times: “Peace be with you.” These words are not mere greetings; they are the healing balm for wounded hearts. In the Gospel, Jesus shows His wounds - not hidden, not erased - but glorified. These wounds become the doors through which mercy flows.

The other readings echo this overflowing mercy: In Acts 5, the early Church becomes a visible sign of God’s mercy bringing healing to the sick and hope to the hopeless. In Revelation, John sees the glorified Christ who proclaims, “Do not be afraid,” and reveals himself as the Living One - a merciful Lord who walks amid His people even in their suffering.

What is the Mercy of God? (According to Pope Francis)

Pope Francis has called mercy “the beating heart of the Gospel.” In his *Misericordiae Vultus*, he writes: “*Mercy is the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to a hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.*”

For Pope Francis, mercy is not just a divine attribute, it is God’s very identity. Jesus, he says, is “the face of the Father’s mercy.” God’s mercy is tenderness, compassion, forgiveness, healing, and a love that stoops down to lift up. Mercy does not eliminate justice but transcends it with love that restores. It seeks not revenge but reconciliation.

How Can We Live God’s Mercy Today?

1.Receive it first: Like Thomas, we all doubt, fear, and hide behind locked doors. But mercy meets us there. Allow Christ to enter. Open your wounds to Him. Only the touched heart can touch others.

2.Become instruments of healing: The early Christians brought healing “so that even Peter’s shadow might fall on some of them.” What does your shadow bring? Anxiety or peace? Criticism or compassion? Be a healing presence.

3.Forgive as forgiven: In today’s Gospel, Jesus gives the apostles authority to forgive sins. We, too, are called to practice mercy in relationships: forgive that offense, reach out to the estranged, break the silence.

4.Practice the works of mercy: Pope Francis reminds us of the traditional corporal and spiritual works of mercy - feeding the hungry, comforting the sorrowful, instructing the ignorant, visiting the sick. These are real ways to incarnate God’s mercy. The world today is hungry for mercy. Amid wars, divisions, and personal brokenness, the Risen Lord still comes and says: “Peace be with you.” And then He sends us: “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

Let us not keep mercy locked behind church walls or personal fears. Let mercy become the language of our lives, the song of our hearts, and the mission of our Church. “*Jesus, I trust in You.*”

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Rosters 3rd & 4th May 2025

TIME	READERS	Eucharist / Welcome	Counters	Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers
5.30pm	P. Cosgrove J. Borg	L. Robinson B. Joyce D. Mash	B. Keating T. Garcia	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.
8.00am	L. Cultrera O. Carvalho	M. Sweetman S. Aldridge Sr Nelia	Supervisor	
10.00am	J. Venturini C. Manabat	L. Careri P. Del Popolo W. Mc Eleney	M. Jones	
 Ministries				

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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,*

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sun 11th May : Mother's Day Morning Tea in Dunlop Room after 10.00am Mass.

Sat: 17th May, 5.30pm
Sacrament of Confirmation Presentation.

Sun: 18th May: 10.00am

Words of Reflection on Divine Mercy by Parish Priest

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Luke 6:36)

This simple yet profound command from Jesus reminds us that mercy is not an optional virtue - it is the very heart of Christian life. Mercy is the face of love when it encounters brokenness. It is the gentle answer to wounds, sins, and fears - in our world, in our families, and in our own hearts.

Why do we need mercy? Because we are not perfect. We fall, we fail, we hurt and are hurt. But mercy builds bridges - it heals divisions in families, brings unity in communities, and restores peace within ourselves. Without mercy, life becomes rigid and cold. With mercy, we find warmth, healing, and hope.

Divine Mercy Sunday invites us to go deeper into the heart of Christ - the One who, even in suffering, opened His heart to us. His mercy is not earned, but given freely. And He invites us to receive it, and then share it - in kindness, in forgiveness, in compassion.

Today, we take a moment to thank those who have helped us experience this mercy in a special way. A heartfelt thank you to Mary, Danuta, Loida, and Rowena for putting together today's Divine Mercy program. Your love and dedication have brought beauty and grace to our celebration. Thank you also to everyone who has attended and prayed with us - your presence makes this gathering a true community of faith.

So we pray: *Have mercy on us, O Lord. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.*

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE TICKETS – On Sale Now

Mother's Day is just around the corner on Sunday, 11 May and we're getting ready to celebrate the amazing mothers in our lives!

To help fund our special Mother's Day celebration, we are selling raffle tickets **after all weekend and weekday Masses**. Your support will go a long way in making this event truly memorable.

Where to Buy:
Church foyer or Parish Office

Ticket Prices: 

- **1 Envelope (3 tickets):** \$5
- **Single Ticket:** \$2

Prizes:

- **1st Prize:** \$150 Coles voucher
- **2nd Prize:** Gift Basket (approx. value \$120)
- **3rd Prize:** Two bottles of Penfolds 138 wine (approx. value \$110)

All proceeds will go directly towards the Mother's Day celebration.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

LENTEN PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

We would like to thank everyone, who have returned their Project Compassion Boxes.

We have raised \$1375.70 so far. We appreciate your generous support, and kindness. May I kindly ask if you can return any remaining Project Compassion boxes in the coming weeks?

These can be given to **Tony, Michael, Carlos, or Fr. Joe Dong** before or after Masses.

With sincere gratitude,

Dianne Stubbs
Parish Secretary

OPEN DAY LOYOLA COLLEGE WATSONIA

SUNDAY, 18TH MAY 2025:

1.00PM to 4.00PM

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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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