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WEEKENDS

Saturday Evening: 5.30pm
Sunday Morning: 8am & 10am

WEEKDAYS

Monday: no Mass
Tuesday: 9.15am
Wednesday: 7.00pm Mass & Novena
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
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HOLY HOUR

One hour of Novena and Benediction after morning Mass on 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

The BAPTISM Of The LORD 12th January 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Is 40:1-5, 9-11
Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

NEXT WEEK

Is 62: 1-5
1 Cor 12: 4-11
Jn 2:1-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths: Giuseppe Sette

Anniversaries:

Sick: Judy Cousins, Jon Walker, and Tere-sita Calma

PSALM

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

1. Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent.
2. Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants.
3. How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small.
4. All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill.
5. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

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...)*



SHORT REFLECTION ON THE FEAST OF BAPTISM OF CHRIST JESUS

Is 40: 1-5, 9-11; Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7; Lk 3: 15-16; 21-22

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The Baptism of Christ is a moment of profound revelation and significance for believers. In our readings, we are invited to reflect on themes of **God's mercy, renewal, and mission.**

Isaiah speaks of a God who comes tenderly, shepherding His people with care and restoring hope. This is fulfilled in Christ, who, in His baptism, identifies with sinners and begins His mission to bring salvation to all. Similarly, Titus reminds us that the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation and calling us to live upright lives. Through baptism, we experience this renewal, not because of our deeds, but through God's mercy.

In Luke's Gospel, we witness a remarkable moment: Jesus, though sinless, steps into the waters of baptism, showing humility and solidarity with humanity. As the heavens open and the Holy Spirit descends, the Father's voice declares, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." This is a profound affirmation of Jesus' mission and identity as the Son of God.

As believers, the Baptism of Christ teaches us:

1. **Our Identity as Beloved Children of God:** Just as the Father affirms Jesus, our own baptism reminds us that we are God's beloved, called to live in His love.
2. **The Call to Humility and Service:** Jesus' willingness to be baptized demonstrates humility and solidarity. As His followers, we are called to serve others, especially those in need.
3. **Renewal and Mission:** Baptism is not just a one-time event but a lifelong call to live in grace, renewed by the Holy Spirit, and to share the Gospel with the world.

Today, let us renew our baptismal promises and reflect on how we are living as beloved children of God, called to make His love known in the world. Amen!

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P. P

NOTICE TO VOLUNTEERS:

Minister Roasters for January -

No formal rosters for the holiday season.

Please see Fr. Joe Dong

or Sacristans prior to Mass to Volunteer.

Thank you!



Baptism this weekend

Our parish welcomes into the family of St Damian's: Lucius Wolf D'Angelos, Noah Thomas Collins; & Capri Burke, who are receiving the Sacrament of the Baptism this

Sunday. May God bless them and always hold the families in His love.

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.

What is a Jubilee?

A **Jubilee** in the Catholic Church is a special Holy Year dedicated to spiritual renewal, reconciliation, and conversion. Traditionally, a Jubilee occurs every 25 years, though extraordinary Jubilees can also be declared for significant occasions. It has roots in the biblical concept of the Jubilee found in the Book of Leviticus, where every 50th year was a time of liberation, forgiveness of debts, and restoration of land to its original owners. In the Church, a Jubilee year emphasizes God's mercy and grace, offering the faithful opportunities for pilgrimage, penance, indulgences, and a deeper encounter with God.

The Jubilee of Jesus and the Church

The **2025 Jubilee**, proclaimed by Pope Francis, carries the theme "**Pilgrims of Hope**" and marks a time for Catholics to reflect on the hope and renewal offered through faith in Jesus Christ. It focuses on:

1. **Pilgrimage:** Encouraging Catholics worldwide to journey to Rome or designated pilgrimage sites to pass through a Holy Door as a symbol of repentance and spiritual renewal.
2. **Hope:** Affirming the message that no matter life's struggles, hope in God's love and mercy is available to all.

Transformation: Calling individuals and communities to spiritual renewal and action for justice, particularly addressing care for creation, alleviation of poverty, and liberation from modern forms of slavery.



The Jubilee 2025 Logo

The **Jubilee 2025 Logo** serves as a visual symbol of the year's theme, "**Pilgrims of Hope**." It reflects the call for unity, hope, and renewal, inviting all the faithful to participate in this journey of faith. The design typically incorporates imagery such as:

- **The Cross** - Central to the Christian faith, symbolizing redemption and hope.
- **Pilgrims or Footsteps** - Representing the faithful on their spiritual journey.
- **A Globe or World Map** - Reflecting the universal nature of the Church and its mission.

Light or Rays - Symbolizing divine hope and guidance.

Opening and Closing of the Holy Door

The **Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica**, a significant feature of Jubilee years, was opened by Pope Francis on **Christmas Eve 2024**, symbolizing the start of the Holy Year. This act invites all to pass through the door as a gesture of leaving behind sin and entering into new life with Christ. The Jubilee will conclude with the closing of the same Holy Door on the **Solemnity of Epiphany (January 6, 2026)**.

The Essence of the 2025 Jubilee

In his opening message, Pope Francis described the Jubilee as a "season of hope," emphasizing its dual focus:

1. **Personal Renewal** - An invitation to rediscover joy in faith, experience God's mercy, and grow spiritually.

Global Commitment - A call to act for a better world, addressing issues like environmental care, economic justice, and human dignity.

The Pope's words encourage everyone to recognize that God offers hope to all, fostering spiritual growth and motivating action to transform the world in the spirit of Christ's love.

Continued

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P

FINANCIAL SUPPORT NEEDED

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

"To love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:30).

On behalf of Chamika, a devoted mother of two children and one of our altar servers, Surath and Nimshi, I kindly seek your support.

Chamika is currently striving with all her efforts to pass her English exam so she can secure a job to support her family. Surath is a high school student, and Nimshi is in primary school. As the new school year begins, Chamika faces the challenge of covering their educational expenses, amounting to \$1,800 or more.

While Chamika is doing her best, I appeal to your generosity to help lighten her burden. If you are able to assist financially, or if you would like to sponsor these children, please contact me or the parish office at **9467 2797**.

Thank you for your understanding and kindness. Let us extend our love and support to this family in need.

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P

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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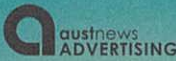
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