



# 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: 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  
Email: [principal@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au)

## 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

# 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 12th November 2023

## READING

Wis 6:12-16  
1 Thess 4:13-18  
Mt 25:1-13

## NEXT WEEK

Prov 31:10-13  
1 Thess 5:1-6  
Mt 25:14-30

## PSALM

**My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary,  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
**My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

## FEAST DAY DURING THE WEEK

Fri 17th Nov: St Elizabeth of Hungary

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION!

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

**Alleluia!**

**Recent Deaths :** Anastasia Mael

**Anniversaries :** Luigi Vigilante, Antonio

**Sick::** Joven, Anita Gentile, Paul Long, Louisa, Virginia, Samuel Sughihto, Gloria Franco, Luisa Valente  
Rosa Diez

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 the need to leave the church for any reason (eg: going to toilet or car, etc...)*

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we stand, the WURUNDJERI People of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.

## Gospel Reflection for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

This Sunday, the mother church encourages us to seek the Lord and always be ready to welcome him.

In our first reading from the Book of Wisdom reminded that "wisdom is found by only those who look for her." It is personified as a woman. However, it only takes a wise man to go out in search of her. The wise man does this with patience and hope, and so, never gives up until he has found Wisdom. With wisdom, we seek, find and worship God who Himself is Wisdom. One said: "To find Wisdom is to find God."

Our second reading from the First Letter of St Paul to Thessalonians encourages the Thessalonians, as well as us, not to bother or grief too much about those who have died before the second coming of Christ, as it goes: "...Do not grief about them like other people who have no hope...God will bring them with him..."

Friends, this is based on the hope we have in the resurrection of the dead. So, instead of worrying about them, the wise thing to do is to worry about ourselves. What should bother us should be how prepared are we to receive the Lord? It is important to note that there is no specified time for the second coming of Christ. St. Paul only tells us that: "We shall see him when he appears in the sky." This means we are to be prepared at all times.

And in the today's Gospel from St Matthew, Jesus used the parable of the ten virgins to teach us how we must be prepared and vigilant. Five of the virgins waiting for the bridal train were wise, while five were foolish. What separates these two categories of waiters is that same thin line that separates wisdom and foolishness, heaven, and hell, or good and evil.

Why were the other virgins not charitable? The answer is simple. That would have been the most stupid thing to do at that moment. This is because, halfway into the party, all the oil will finish, and everyone will be in darkness. Second, there is no excuse for the foolish virgins not to have sufficient oil in their lamps because they had the time to prepare.

Dear Brethren, Jesus is on the way! His delay should not be an excuse for us not to be ready. Rather, it should be an opportunity to be prepared and wait for him. So, our song every moment and time must be: "For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God. My body pines for you like a dry weary land without water." Amen!

**Fr Joe Dong Tran PP**

### Rosters for 18th & 19th November 2023

| Mass Time | Reader/Responder          | Eucharist / Welcome                        | Piety Shop   | Counters                                                                                            | Readers/ Responders Eucharist / Welcomers... |
|-----------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 5.30pm    | J. Borg<br>A. Favrin      | J. Mercado<br>T. Garcia<br>Sr F. Hardy     | D. Whyley    | B. Keating<br>T. Garcia                                                                             | Please gather                                |
| 8.00am    | J. North<br>C. Fitzgerald | C. Love<br>S. Aldridge<br>M. Beverley      | S. Watson    | Supervisor                                                                                          | together in the                              |
| 10.00am   | J. Sobey<br>J. Venturini  | N. Cardamone<br>L. Careri<br>P. Del Popolo | J. Venturini | D. Mash                                                                                             | Sacristy about                               |
|           |                           |                                            |              | <br>Ministries | 15 Minutes prior to Mass.                    |
|           |                           |                                            |              |                                                                                                     | Eucharist Ministers—                         |
|           |                           |                                            |              |                                                                                                     | please remember that                         |

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**SAVE THE DATE**

1. Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: Annual Remembrance Mass – for those who have died this year at 7:00pm & followed by a light cuppa in the Dunlop Room.
2. Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Thanksgiving Mass for All Volunteers, 7:00pm. Please RSVP Parish Office if you are attending the refreshments after Mass for catering purposes.

**NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASS & PRAYER FOR DEPARTED**

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

As we find ourselves in the month of November, it is a time for us to remember and pray for our loved ones who have passed away before us. In the spirit of remembrance, we have set up the MEMORIAL BOOK on your right-hand side of the church. This book is made available for you to write down the names of your departed loved ones. Throughout this entire month of November, the book will be in place for this purpose.

During the celebration of Holy Mass, the priest will offer prayers for all the souls whose names have been written in the Memorial Book. This collective remembrance and prayer are a heartfelt way to honour those who have left us.

You may also have noticed the yellow envelopes that we have placed on the table. These envelopes are provided for those who wish to request a private Mass for their loved ones. If you would like the priest to offer a private Mass in memory of someone, please write down the name(s) on the envelope and either give it to the priest directly or leave it in the designated box on the table.

We thank you for your participation and for helping us remember and pray for our dearly departed. May this month of November be a time of reflection and spiritual connection as we hold our loved ones in our hearts and prayers.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Fr. Joe Dong Tran

**THE PIETY SHOP**

Many beautiful Nativities are now available as are a variety of Christmas ornaments and cards in packets of five, eight or ten. Also in stock is the 2024 Columban Calendar at only \$10.00. The calendar would make an excellent gift for family and friends, and helps to support the missionaries.

Thank you.

**COMBINED CATHOLIC RAFFLE  
TICKETS TO BE RETURNED**

We would like to thank everyone who has purchased raffle tickets this year.

It's now time to return any raffle books you may still have at home to the Parish Office.

The Raffle will be Drawn on 2nd December 2023  
Wishing you all good luck in the raffle.

Please contact the Parish Office with any enquiries on 9467 2797.

**Hiring of the Briglia or Dunlop Room**

As some of you have been asking me in regarding to hire the Parish Dunlop and Briglia Rooms. I'd like to inform you that the availability of our Parish Dunlop and Briglia Rooms can be rented for special occasions and events. If you have any upcoming gatherings or events in mind, these rooms provide a suitable and convenient space.

To inquire about renting these rooms, please feel free to contact our parish office at 9467 2797 or email us at bundoor@cam.org.au. We are here to assist you and provide the necessary information to make your event a success.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or requests related to the rental of these rooms. We are here to support you in creating a memorable and enjoyable experience for your special occasions. Thank you, and we look forward to assisting you with your event planning.

Warmest regards,

Fr. Joe Tran P.P.

**Ladies Lunch**

All Ladies of St Damian's are warmly invited to our lunch get together.

When Tue 21st Nov 2023.

Where: Watsonia Rsl

Time : 12.00pm Noon

Contact Sarita: 9467 2531 or 0434581948 to book or for any enquiries

St Luke's Parish, 1A David St, Lalor, invites you to a

**NIGHT OF EVANGELIZATION WITH  
RON HUNTLEY -**

**Intentional Parish Renewal**

Please join us in the St Luke's church on  
**Wednesday, 15th November**, at 7.00pm  
for this FREE event

Be inspired by this world-renowned speaker and author on his mission to help create fruitful parishes around the world.

For further information, please contact St Luke's Parish, (03)94652180, lalor@cam.org.au

## 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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