



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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 1ST JUNE 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Act 1: 1-11;

Heb 9:24-28:10:19-23

Lk 24:46-53.

NEXT WEEK

Act 2: 1-11;

Rom 8:8-17

Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Tues 3rd June—Charles Lwanga & companions

Wed 4th June—St Boniface

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

PSALM

**God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne.

**God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Caterina Carri, Agnes & John Ananadanpulle, Mallika Dias, Santha & Everesta Anandanpulle
Junzia Varalla, Vittorio Gizzi

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

Perpetuna Basada, Linda Watson

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.*

HOMILY – SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – YEAR C

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Hebrews 9:24 - 28; 10:19 - 23; Luke 24:46 - 53

Theme: "Why are you standing there looking at the sky?"

Dear brothers and sisters,
Happy and blessed Feast Day to you all!

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord - a feast not of farewell, but of mission and hope. Jesus, having completed His earthly ministry, ascends into heaven - not to leave us behind, but to lead us forward, to prepare a place for us.

In the Acts of the Apostles, the disciples stand gazing upward, watching Jesus disappear into the clouds. But suddenly two angels bring them back to reality: "Why are you standing there looking at the sky?" In other words: "Don't just stand there - go and do what He told you!"

From today's readings, we can draw three powerful lessons for our journey of faith:

1. Jesus reigns in heaven but His mission continues through us.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus sends His disciples out with these words: "You are witnesses of these things." The mission didn't end with the Resurrection or the Ascension - it continues through us, here and now. We are not called to be passive observers of the faith, but active witnesses - in our homes, in our workplaces, and in every part of our daily life.

2. He enters heaven on our behalf.

As we heard in the Letter to the Hebrews, Jesus did not enter a man-made sanctuary, but heaven itself, to appear before the Father on our behalf. His Ascension is not a retreat but a victory. He brings our humanity, with all its wounds and dreams, into the heart of God. We are not forgotten. Every time we feel weak, unseen, or unworthy, we remember: Christ brings us with Him into the presence of the Father.

3. We have access to God with confidence.

Because Jesus has gone ahead of us, the veil is torn, the way is open. As Hebrews encourages us: "Let us hold unwaveringly to our confession that gives us hope." The Ascension reminds us that heaven is not some distant dream - it is our true home, and Christ is the Way that leads us there.

So today, the message is clear and urgent: Don't just stand there looking at the sky. Live the Gospel. Be a witness. Bring the joy and hope of the Resurrection to a world in need. And always walk with confidence and courage, because where Jesus has gone, we too shall follow. Amen.

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

Rosters 7th & 8th June 2025

TIME	READERS	Eucharist / Welcome	Counters	Readers & Eucharistic Welcomers
5.30pm	S. Gooneratne D. Whyley	L. Robinson B. Joyce W. Fernando	G & R Mees	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	C. Love V. Dalla-Vecchia	A. Dalla-Vecchia C. Fitzgerald V. Smith	Supervisor	
10.00am	J. Sobey K. Mangubat	J. Tonkin J. Mercado N. Cardamone	M. Jones	



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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This weekend Masses, we welcome the students from St Damian's Primary School and Parish and their Families for the Sacrament of Confirmation.



BAPTISM : This weekend we welcome Andre Formosa into the family of St Damian's who is being baptised.



ROSTERS FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS

New rosters will be emailed and/or available for collection on Saturday June 21st. Could you please advise our roster co-ordinator, Carmel FitzGerald (carmelpatriciafitzgerald@gmail.com) or our parish secretary, Dianne Stubbs (9467 2797 or bundoora@cam.org.au) if your availability or contact details have changed by Tuesday June 10th. Please also advise us if you wish your contact information to remain private and no longer printed on the roster.

New volunteers are always welcome. Orientation and training sessions are provided. Any new volunteers should contact Fr Joe, Carmel or Dianne for information by Tuesday June 10th so that they can be included in the new roster.

All volunteers are reminded that a current Working with Children Check is required and if they haven't done so, they should start the application process. Dianne can help you with this if you are experiencing difficulties, just ring for an appointment.

Roster co-ordinator, Carmel FitzGerald

EVENT DETAILS

**Pope Leo XIV- An Australian Perspective Webinar
A Conversation with Those Who Know Him**

Join us for an engaging conversation with:

- **Fr Peter Jones OSA**, who has known **Fr Robert Prevost OSA** for many years
- **Br Mark O'Connor FMS**, who met with the then -Cardinal Robert just before the conclave
- **Host: Fr Christopher Monaghan CP**

WHEN: Tuesday, 3 June 2025

TIME: 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM (AEST*)

WHERE: Online via Zoom

COST: Free of charge

**REGISTRATION:
REGISTER HERE:**

Pope Leo XIV: An Australian Perspective Webinar
Online registration is essential. Zoom meeting details will be sent upon registration.

APPEAL FOR SUPPORT – CHURCH PROJECTOR REPLACEMENT



Dear Parishioners, I am reaching out to seek your generous support in replacing the Epson projector in our church. This projector, located on the left-hand side of the church, has faithfully served us since **January 1st, 2007**. Over the past week, I've made several attempts to repair it, but due to its age and wear, it is unfortunately beyond repair.

After researching replacement options, I found that the cost of a suitable projector ranges between **\$2,900 and \$8,000**. Thanks to your generosity, we have already received **\$1,500**. However, we still have a long way to go to meet the cost.

This projector plays an important role in our **liturgical celebrations and community events**, helping everyone participate more fully in worship and parish life. Its replacement has now become essential.

I humbly invite you to contribute to this important project. Donations can be given directly to me, or you may contact our parish office for support account details. A donation box is also available in the church foyer for your convenience.

Your continued generosity and care mean so much to our parish community. Thank you for your kind support, now and always. With gratitude and blessings,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P

ST DAMIAN'S WALL – PERMANENT PLAQUE INFORMATION

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

After careful consideration, we would like to inform you that, effective 1st June 2025, the total cost for placing a permanent plaque on the wall of St Damian's Church will be \$770. This amount includes:

- \$500 – Donation to the Church
- \$200 – Cost of the plaque
- \$70 – Labour and administrative fee

If you wish to place a rose tree and ashes in the Memorial Garden, please contact the Parish Office for further information and guidelines.

For all enquiries, please contact us at: (03) 9467 2797 – or, bundoora@cam.org.au

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Fr. Joe Dong Tran

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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