



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

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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 EPIPHANY of the LORD , 7th JANUARY 2024

READING

Is :60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

NEXT WEEK

1 Sam 3:3-10, 19

1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20

Jn 1:325-42

PSALM

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in Justice and your poor in right judgement.

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coast shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him.

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

FEAST DAY DURING THE WEEK

Mon 8th Jan: The Baptism of the Lord at 7.00pm Mass

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION!

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Recent Deaths

Anniversaries : Irma Gizzi, Vittorio Gizzi, Mario Camilli

Sick:: Anita Gentile, Paul Long, Louisa, Virginia, Samuel Sughihto, Emman Paneda

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...)*

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 on the Epiphany of the Lord

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Sunday we celebrate the solemnity of Epiphany, and in a most special way, the day of the three kings who brought Jesus very costly and symbolic gifts of gold, myrrh, and frankincense. Epiphany, which means "to reveal," or "to manifest."

Today Jesus has revealed himself to us and our world. These include the three events that bring to light his mission and divinity: the visitation of the three kings or Magi (Mt 2, 10-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mk 1, 9-11), and the miracle at Cana (Jn 2, 1-11).

God reveals himself to us because he is good and loving. The light that shines forth upon us today is the light of life through which we must shine. Today, the Lord Jesus Christ further extends and expands the horizon of his love to us by not being selfish. Instead, He allows himself to illumine the darkness of our lives.

The lesson from all of these is that we must also make our lives better and allow our light shine on others. We must shine our light so that others can see with it as Christ illumines our way and life this New Year with his own light and divine presences.

St. Matthew in today's Gospel is about the visitation of the three wise kings. They came to adore and offer gifts to the newborn king, Jesus Christ: **First**, the three kings came to offer Christ a genuine worship as the King of kings. Therefore, our worship must be sincere and from our hearts like that of the three wise Kings. **Second**, we must be ready to offer Jesus something precious. So, we must ask ourselves today, what do I offer the Lord for his goodness to me? The only gift we must offer God for his goodness to us is ourselves. It is the gift of good life, the gift of love, the gift of obedience, the gift of humility, the gift of peace to our families and the gift of sacrifice for one another. **Third**, we must learn to be generous to others as the three wise kings were to Jesus. **Finally**, we must continue to follow the star and light that Christ shows us. That is, we must not allow ourselves to be deceived or distracted on our journey in this world. Trusting that God will not mislead us, we must continue to look out for his star and light along the part of our journey to eternity.

So, sisters and brothers, any time we are confused or come to the crossroad of life, we must wait until the star of Christ appears to show us the way we must proceed. This is simply what is referred to as divine guidance in our lives. Therefore, let us ask God as the church prays: *Father, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ in the Eucharist and welcome him with love, for he is Lord forever and ever. Amen!*

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EPIPHANY



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Mass Program..

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15th January, Dianne will be on annual leave.
If you need anything please contact
Fr Joe Dong on 9467 2797.

Remember!

The new roster (Feb - July) 2024

All new rosters will be available to be collected on the
20th & 21st January in the Church.
We thank Carmel for Readers & Special Minister
Rosters.

If you have supplied your email address this will
be emailed to you.

Any enquiries please contact the Parish Office
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Thank you

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Andrea Groom

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Shop Coordinator here at St. Damian's Parish. We're in
need of more helping hands and would greatly appreci-
ate your consideration in joining our team of volunteers.

Volunteering at the Piety Shop is a brief commitment,
taking approximately 15 minutes after the Weekend
Mass, as per the roster. Your contribution would make a
significant difference in supporting our community.

If you feel called to assist and have some time to spare,
please don't hesitate to reach out to Anne-Marie Bram-
mer directly at (03) 94673508 or contact the Parish Office
at 94672797. Your willingness to support our parish activi-
ties is immensely valued and appreciated.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve our
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Warm regards,

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into it twice in a short of time last week.

So during this bustling season, it's crucial to priori-
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