

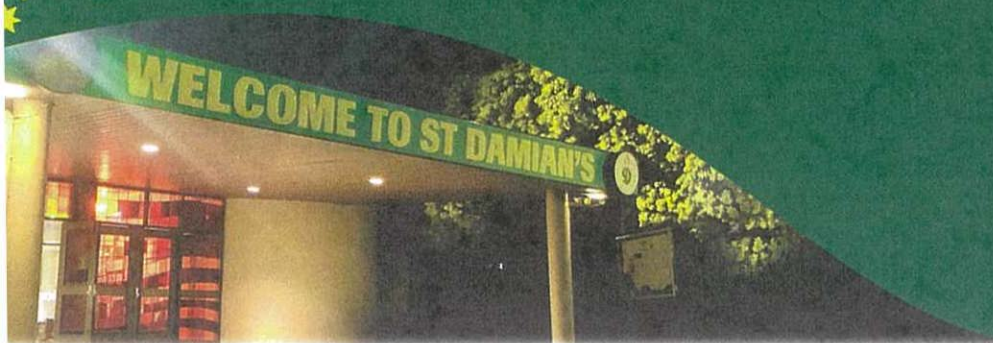


St Damian's Catholic Church

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WEEKENDS

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

WEEKDAYS

Monday: no Mass
Tuesday: 9.15am
Wednesday: 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
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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

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 7th JULY 2024

THIS WEEKEND

Ezek 2:2-5
2 Cor 12:7-10
Mk 6:1-6

NEXT WEEK

Amos 7:12-15
Eph 1:3-14
Mk 6:7-13

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Thursday 11th: St Benedict

HEALING MASS ON JULY 11

Please note that our Healing Mass will be held on Thursday, 11th July during the 9:15 am Mass, followed by a light cuppa in the Dunlop Room. All are warmly invited to attend.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

PSALM

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

We are filled with contempt.

Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain.

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Recent Deaths: Mairi Angela Lightfoot, Raymond Cabral

Anniversaries: John Crowe, Denise Vollenhoven, Spencer Jordan Rector, Giuse Kiem, Giuse Trac, Giuse Cuong, Maria Muot, Maria Gioi, Maria Hop, Anna Thay, Maria Diu, Matta Tam, Giuse Hoang, Nella & Amelia Giacotto, Marcolina Lucci, Dominic Huan, Teresa Minh, Eileen Dwan, Vittorio Gizzi, Antonio Gizzi, Irma Gizzi, Salvatore Merlino

Sick: Linda Watson, Sherry Ann Omega, Peter O'Farrell, Bernardo Cruz

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...)*

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.



REFLECTION FOR THE 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

The readings for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B invite us to reflect on the themes of God's power, compassion, and the transformative impact of faith.

In the first reading from the Book of Ezekiel 2:2-5, we encounter the prophet Ezekiel receiving his mission from God. He is called to speak God's words to the rebellious Israelites, who are obstinate and resistant. Despite the challenges and the anticipated rejection Ezekiel might face, God strengthens him, assuring him of His presence and empowering him to fulfill his prophetic mission. This reading highlights God's call to us to be courageous witnesses of His truth and love, even in difficult circumstances.

St. Paul's letter to the 2Corinthians 12: 7-10, provides insights into his personal struggles and the grace of God working in weakness. Paul speaks of a thorn in his flesh, a suffering or challenge that humbles him. Despite his prayers for its removal, God's response is to remind Paul of His sufficient grace. It is in weakness that God's power is made perfect. This reading invites us to embrace our weaknesses and difficulties, knowing that through them, God's strength, and grace shine forth.

This Gospel from St. Mark 6:1-6 highlights the painful reality that even Jesus faced rejection and disbelief, especially from those who were closest to Him. It serves as a sobering reminder that familiarity can breed contempt and that faith requires an open heart and mind. Jesus' experience calls us to examine our own attitudes toward God's presence in our lives and to cultivate a faith that recognizes and welcomes His work, even in the ordinary and familiar.

As we reflect on these passages, we are encouraged to:

- 1. Embrace Our Call:** Like Ezekiel, we are called to be messengers of God's truth, regardless of the reception we receive
- 2. Find Strength in Weakness:** Paul's revelation teaches us to lean on God's grace, recognizing that our limitations are avenues for His power to be revealed.
- 3. Cultivate Faith:** The response of Jesus' hometown reminds us of the importance of faith. We are invited to be open to God's presence and action in our lives, especially in the ordinary.

In our daily lives, these reflections can inspire us to remain faithful in our callings, find peace in our struggles, and nurture a faith that is receptive to God's continuous work among us. Let us pray for the grace to see God's hand at work in all circumstances, trusting in His unwavering presence and love. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

ROSTER: 13 & 14th July 2024

Mass Time	Reader / Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety	Counters	Readers/ Responders Eucharist / Welcomers
5.30pm	M. Joyce D. Whyley	M.Spiteri L. Robinson B. Joyce	D. Whyley	W. Fernando V. Zappa M. Thompson	Please gather together in the Sacristy about minutes prior to Mass.
8.00am	V. Dalla-Vecchia C. Fitzgerald	A.Dalla Vecchia V. Smith K. Keating	C. Love	Supervisor M. Jones	Eucharist Ministers— please remember that you are also welcoming parishioners & visitors & handing
10.00am	J. Venturini B. Walter	N.Cardamone L. Careri C. Manabat	J. Venturini	 Ministries	

INVITATION TO HELP ESTABLISH A YOUTH CHOIR

Dear Friends, I hope this email finds you well.

After careful consideration and some research, I have decided to set up a Youth Choir at our parish. Now I wanted to share with you the background story and my vision for this new initiative.

Virginia, our dedicated organist for St. Damian's Choir, recently shared with me that she has been unwell and is unable to continue playing and supporting the choir. I encouraged her to continue as much as she could until we could form another choir to support our liturgies. Additionally, I met with Joe Capuana, the Choir's leader, who suggested that we should prepare for alternative options.

Therefore, I believe this is the right time to establish a Youth Choir. You might be wondering what the Youth Choir will do. Primarily, I envision this choir providing the singing and liturgy for the 10 AM Sunday Mass, twice each month.

I am writing to ask if you would consider helping me set up this Youth Choir, such as – A LEADER OF THE CHOIR. Your support and input would be invaluable as we embark on this new endeavour. I am also eager to hear your thoughts and advice.

If you have any questions, please ring: 94672797

Thank you for your consideration.

Fr Joe Dong Tran

BAPTISM :

This weekend we welcome into the family of St Damian's Oliver O'Meara, Matthew Makhoul, Ted & Christopher Fletcher, Jax Trimboli who are being baptised this weekend.



NEW SERIES OF THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES



Dear Parishioners Visitors,

I am writing to request your assistance in ensuring the efficient delivery of thanksgiving envelopes to you and your loved ones. Please consider the following:

Updates or Changes: If you need to update any information or make changes, please inform us at your earliest convenience.

New Members: If you are a new member and would like to receive thanksgiving envelopes, please let us know so we can include you.

Preference for Online Donations: If you prefer to donate online and do not wish to receive thanksgiving envelopes, kindly inform us.

We have prepared forms for you to provide all necessary details in the Church Foyer. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your attention to this matter. May God bless you abundantly! Warm regards,

Fr. Joe Dong Tran P.P.

Join Our Parish Volunteers Day

Dear Volunteers,

The Parish is organizing a **Formation Day for Eucharistic and Reading Ministers** on **Saturday, 10th August** from **10:30 am - 11:30 am** in the church and the Cuppa afterward in the Dunlop Room. This event provides a great opportunity for you to meet and greet fellow volunteers and strengthen our community bonds.

In addition to fellowship, we have several important items on the agenda:

Signing the Code of Conduct: We encourage all volunteers to sign up for the Code of Conduct and update their records with our office.

Working With Children Checks (WWCC): We will be offering assistance to those who need to obtain or renew their Working With Children Checks. If your WWCC is due to expire or has already expired, please contact the parish office for renewal assistance.

Please mark this date in your diary. Your participation is highly appreciated and essential for maintaining the safety and integrity of our community. Thank you for your continued dedication and support. Much appreciated.

The Child Safety Team
Chairperson: Daniella Zinni

WELCOME



FAITH ENRICHMENT GROUP

We welcomed a lot of new faces to our last meeting and we all enjoyed some lively discussion on the difficulties encountered when trying to pray.

Come along on Weds 10th July @ 7.30pm in the Dunlop Room and join us in fellowship for the next session .

ROSTERS FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS

New rosters will be emailed and/or available for collection on Saturday July 20th.

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) on your availability or if your contact details have changed by Monday July 8th.

Please also advise us if you wish your contact information to remain private and not 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 Monday July 8th so that you 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.

Carmel FitzGerald

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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ST DAMIAN'S PARISH FEAST DINNER DANCE

WHEN:

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2024

6:00pm – 11:00pm

WHERE:

CASA D'ABRUZZO CLUB

55 O'HERNS ROAD, EPPING,

VIC 3076

• SMART ATTIRE

- MUSIC: COUPLES FOR CHRIST
BAND - (Live Music), plus DJ

- ADULT: \$ 75
- CHILD UNDER 12: \$ 40
- CHILD UNDER 5: \$ 5

**Proceeds will go to the Parish
Solar Battery Installation.**

TICKETS AVAILABLE

AFTER WEEKEND MASSES OR AT THE
PARISH OFFICE ON (03) 94672797 OR
EMAIL: BUNDOORA@CAM.ORG.AU

ENTRÉE:

- *SPAGHETTI CARBONARA OR
RIGATONI BOLOGNESE

MAIN:

- *CHICKEN PARMIGIANA OR
ROAST LAMB - WITH ROAST
POTATOES, VEGETABLES & A
BOWL OF SALAD PER TABLE

DESSERT:

- *CASSATA OR TIRAMISU

ICE CREAM

- *SOFT DRINK - UNLIMITED

- *TEA & COFFEE – SERVED

- *MEALS WILL BE AN
ALTERNATE SERVE

Please advise of any Dietary
Requirements when booking
your ticket.

ST. DAMIAN'S PARISH FEAST DINNER DANCE

Dear Friends and Visitors,

This year, our parish will celebrate our Feast Day on **Friday, October 25th** at the **Casa D'Abruzzo Club**, located at **55 O'Herns Road, Epping, VIC 3076**. The event will run from **6:00 pm to 11:00 pm**.

Ticket sales start now and will be available until the end of September 2024. Prices are as follows:

- **Adults: \$75**
- **Children (12 and under): \$40**
- **Children (5 and under): \$5**

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the Church Solar Battery project.

As your parish priest, I warmly welcome and encourage you to join us and bring your family and friends along. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to support and befriend each other, and to reflect on our sense of belonging. This Feast Day allows us to look back and give thanks for the vision and loving service of our parish community. It is also a time to pause, reflect on the struggles and joys of the past, and look forward with hope.

At St. Damian's Parish, with the grace of God and through the generosity and support of our parishioners and visitors, we are sustained on our journey. Together, as a community, we step forward and embrace the journey of faith as authentic missionaries.

We often say, "Life is full of grace." Whether you are a parishioner, a visitor, or simply looking for a spiritual home, I am confident that you will find St. Damian's Parish to be an inspirational place where you can enrich your Christian life and grow in your Catholic faith. The faith of our Parish community today is sustained through the experience of many humble and faith-filled witnesses who, through their generosity and financial support, shine a light in many different ministries, helping us feel the warmth of Christ Jesus. The Sacraments we celebrate at St. Damian's Parish and the ministries we offer are signs of a gracious God who never stops revealing Himself among us.

I pray that St. Damian, our patron saint, intercedes for us and our loved ones, aiding us to follow his faithful example of serving one another selflessly. Like St. Damian, each one of us is called to do the same. May God bless us on this Feast Day as we continue to build bridges that unite us all in Christ, and may we reach out to serve one another in our daily lives with the same mission.

I look forward to seeing you all on our Feast Day. Let us celebrate together.

St. Damian, pray for us!

Fr. Joe Dong Tran
Parish Priest