



St Damian's Catholic Church

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WELCOME TO ST DAMIAN'S

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

12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 23rd JUNE 2024

THIS WEEKEND

Job 38:1,8-11

2 Cor 5:14-17

Mk 4:35-41

NEXT WEEK

Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24

2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15

Mk 5: 21-43

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon 24th June : The Nativity of St John the Baptist.

Fri 28th June : St Irenaeus

Sat 29th June : Sts Peter and Paul

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

Some sailed to the sea in ships to trade on the mighty waters.
These men have seen the Lord's deeds, the wonders he does in the deep.

For he spoke; he summoned the gale, tossing the waves of the sea up to heaven and back into the deep; their soul melted away in their distress.

Then they cried to the Lord in their need and he rescued them from their distress.
He stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed.

They rejoiced because of the calm and he led them to the haven they desired.
Let them thank the Lord for his love, the wonders he does for men.

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

Recent Deaths: Frank Biondo

Anniversaries: Trinidad Cruz, Isabella Ferrante, Clara Vangeli, Ellen & Harrison Wagg

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 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

Dear friends in Christ,

Today's readings draw us into a profound meditation on God's power, the renewal we experience in Christ, and the call to have faith even amidst life's storms. Let's delve into these passages to uncover the depth of God's message for us.

Our 1st reading from Book of Job opens with God speaking to Job out of the whirlwind. This scene is a dramatic shift in the narrative of Job, who has been questioning the reasons for his suffering. God's response isn't an explanation but a declaration of divine sovereignty: "Who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?" God speaks of laying the foundations of the earth and setting boundaries for the seas, reminding Job and us of His ultimate control over creation. This passage reminds us that, even in our suffering and confusion, God's wisdom and power are beyond our comprehension.

Moving to the New Testament, **2 Corinthians 5:14-17** presents a transformative vision of what it means to be in Christ. St. Paul writes, "The love of Christ urges us on," explaining that through Christ's death, we have all died to our old selves. He proclaims, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" This is a powerful message of renewal. Our identity and purpose are now rooted in the love of Christ, which transforms us from within and compels us to live differently.

The Gospel from **Mark 4:35-41** vividly brings these themes together in the story of Jesus calming the storm. The disciples are caught in a violent storm on the Sea of Galilee, terrified for their lives. Meanwhile, Jesus is asleep in the stern, untroubled by the chaos around Him. When the disciples wake Him, crying out, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" Jesus responds with calm authority: "Peace! Be still!" The wind ceases and there is a great calm. He then questions them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

What do these readings mean for us today?

1. Trust in God's Sovereignty: Just as God set the boundaries for the sea and laid the foundations of the earth. He is in control of the universe and our lives. We can find peace in knowing that nothing is beyond His power.

2. Faith in the Midst of Storms: Life will bring storms, both literal and metaphorical. Our response should be one of faith, trusting that Jesus is with us, capable of calming any storm we face. He calls us to peace and stillness, rooted in the assurance of His presence and care.

As we continue our journey of faith, let us remember these truths. May we trust in God's omnipotence, embrace our new identity in Christ, and hold fast to our faith, especially in times of troubles. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran P.P

ROSTER: 29th & 30th June 2024

Mass Time	Reader / Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety	Counters	Readers/ Responders
5.30pm	S. Gooneratne P. Bezzina	N. Nugent D. Mash D. Whyley	Volunteer	P. Martino V. Zappa	Eucharist / Welcomers
8.00am	Sr Nella V. Smith	Sr Candida A. Dalla-Vecchia V. Dalla Vecchia	C. Fitzgerald	Supervisor T. Frazer	Please gather together in the Sacristy about minutes prior to Mass.
10.00am	J. Capuana M. Han	N. Cardamone L. Careri C. Manabat	R. Sacco		Eucharist Ministers – please remember that you are also welcoming parishioners & visitors & handing


Ministries

PARISH FEAST DINNER DANCE AT CASA D'ABRUZZO CLUB

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

After discussions amongst the PPC team and others, I am pleased to inform you all that we will be organizing the Parish Feast Dinner Dance this year.

Venue: Casa D'Abruzzo Club

Date: Friday, 25th October

Time: From 6pm - 11pm

Address: 55 O'Herns Road, Epping 3076

I'm writing today to ask you to kindly **SAVE THIS**

DATE in your diary. Thank you for your generous support of our community.

P.S. We will be doing a little bit of fundraising for our **Church Solar Battery**.

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE



In honour of Father's Day on Sunday, September 1, we are excited to announce the start of our raffle ticket sales!

Tickets will be available at all weekend Masses for the next several weeks at \$2 each. The prizes will be covered by the Parish Feast Dinner on Friday, October 25, at Casa D'Abruzzo Club.

Prizes:

1. **First Prize:** Admission for two adults and one child over 12.
2. **Second Prize:** Admission for two adults.
3. **Third Prize:** Admission for one adult and one child under 12.

Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you!



FAITH ENRICHMENT GROUP

It was a chilly night but we were all fired up to learn and build a deeper relationship with our God. Our first session was "I Thirst" which explored God's thirst for our souls and explored different forms of prayer, along with some practical tips on how to pray.

Next week discusses what we should do when we experience struggle in prayer. All are welcome to join us at any stage for faith enrichment and fellowship.

Next meeting: Weds 26th June, 7.30pm-9pm, Dunlop Room

ACCOMODATION REQUIRED:

If you have a spare room available for rent we have two overseas students looking for place to rent in the Bundoora or neighbouring suburbs. Please contact the Parish office on 9467 2797 or 0411361081.

**Have you been thinking about coming a catholic?
Or, Have you even been thinking to invite other to
be a catholic? IF YES!**

Please feel free to contact the Parish Office on 9467 2797 for any further information. **Ellen Macmanus**

PRESENTATION OF PARISH CHILDREN FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

(After the homily and collection)

Fr Dong: Today we welcome our young parishioners who are preparing to celebrate their Confirmation on the 20th of July. Could Zoe, Thomas and Xavier please come out to the front?

With great joy, we welcome among us children of the Confirmation Class this year. As part of their preparation, they will be presented with a dove pin, which signifies the Holy Spirit's guidance and empowerment on them. They will also receive a copy of the Creed, which is the essence of our Christian faith.

We now ask God to bless these children:

As they are presented to our parish community today, let us give them our special welcome.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Lord, may these children come to a greater understanding of your great love for them. Bless them and their families in a special way at this time.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE CREED AND DOVE PINS

Fr Dong: To The Parishioners, we ask your prayerful support for these children so let us pray the Nicene Creed together.

Fr Dong: To The Children, go now in peace and confidence, knowing that we all remember you in our prayer, In Jesus' name.

Parishioners: Amen.

St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

Next weekend the 29th & 30th June weekend Masses we will be collecting for St Vincent De Paul.

Our Parish is supporting the SVPD Winter Appeal. Each year, our winter appeal plays a vital role in enabling the good work of the Society and your support, we hope to achieve a strong result so we can continue serving the community.

Over the past six months, the society has provided over \$5 million in material assistance including food, clothing, furniture and financial support, to families and households in need throughout Victoria. With the current

Homelessness crisis, the assistance we provide for people experiencing hardship this winter will be needed more than ever.

Parishioners are encouraged to donate generously to help con-

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**

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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